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Newsletter Friday 17th November 2023



Dates for your diary:

- Friday 17th November** Children in Need Day – spots or yellow for Pudsey!
- Friday 24th November** – Own Clothes – Bring chocolate for the Christmas Fayre
- Friday 24th November** – Nasal Flu immunisations
- Friday 1st December** – Christmas Fayre – **NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**
- Tuesday 5th December** Choir performing at Festival of Choirs 7.30pm
- Tuesday 19th December** – Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am
- Tuesday 19th December** – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 20th December** – KS1 Christmas performance 9.15am
- Monday 18th December** - Year 5 Air Raid Shelters
- Thursday 21st December** Year 6 Air Raid Shelters
- Thursday 21st December** Christmas parties
- Friday 22nd December** – Finish for Christmas
 - Christmas jumper day/outfit/accessories
 - **NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB**

Another week has flown by in school. The days are definitely shorter and winter is just round the corner. Can we please ask you to send your child(ren) in with coats now. There are still a few children who haven't brought a coat to school.

This week's assembly launched our anti-bullying week and challenged each class to produce an anti-bullying video, which we will be sharing in this afternoon's assembly.

Please if your child attends any clubs, or has any interests outside of school, and receives an award, please let us know, we love celebrating everything about our children.

Next week Y6 will be visiting Reddish Vale High School to take part in a science lesson. Hawks will be visiting on Monday and Ospreys on Tuesday. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to see how lessons work at high school.

Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:

As I keep mentioning, the weather is definitely starting to turn on us. This week all my suggestions involve getting cosy!

- Leave work on time (and get straight into your pyjamas when home!)
- Have a lie-in at the weekend
- Eat breakfast in bed
- Enjoy a hot bubble bath
- Make seasonal soup
- Bake cookies
- Spend the day in your comfies
- Create a winter song playlist
- Curl up on the sofa with a blanket and either your favourite book or film. Or just listen to music!



Children In Need

Thank you for all the donations to Children In Need this Year. It was lovely to see all the children in their spots, yellow and Pudsey ears! This year, we have raised £95, we will keep School Spider open if you would like to donate, but not have had time yet.

Antibullying Week

This week has been National Antibullying Week. The children have been learning about how to speak out against bullying and to raise awareness if they think that someone is being bullied. The theme this year is 'Make a noise' – encouraging bystanders to speak out against bullying. On Monday children and staff wore odd socks, and throughout the week the children have been doing different activities in class to promote anti-bullying, including making posters and videos. We have some budding actors and directors out there!



Parking!

Reddish Vale Start well Nursery next door have politely asked us to remind parents about not parking in their car park. The car park attached the to nursery is for their employees and visitors, and on occasions, there are no

parking spaces for them at critical times. They will be closing and locking their gates between 8.30 and 9.00 am and 2.30 and 3.20 pm.

Henshaws' Carols by Candlelight

Henshaws' Carols by Candlelight is taking place at the Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday 6th December 2023.

Henshaws is 186 years old this year, and they support anyone of any age who has a sight impairment, sight loss, and often additional disabilities. This year the incredible Henshaws' Children and Young People Choir will be performing, they are absolutely amazing. Often disabilities are very scary for children to understand, and this event demonstrates that no matter what your disability, anything is possible with the right support.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL **WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2023**

Doors open at 7pm | Concert starts at 7.20pm

ADULTS	CONCESSIONS	Concessions = those with visual impairments, disabilities, students, children and OAP
£10/£14	£5/£10	
GUIDES/CARERS	FAMILIES	Family tickets = 1 adult and 3 children or 2 adults and 2 children
FREE	£25/£30	

*Early bird pricing will end 6th November

FEATURING

- Dave Steele - The Blind Poet
- Denise Leigh & Stefan Andrusyschyn
- Svitoch Ukrainian Choir
- Leo Hicks
- Henshaws Children & Young People Choir

BOOK NOW:

henshaws.org.uk **0300 222 5555**

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Henshaws society for blind people, charity number 221808 **FR** Registered with REGULATORY

Save the Date

Our Annual Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 1st December at 3.30 – 5pm. We do ask for donations – today was bring a bottle for the tombola (we can accept any time before the 24th November!) and Friday 24th is a donation chocolate for the chocolate tombola. If any families have business or know anyone that would like to donate a prize for our raffle, we would very much appreciate that too. If you would like a stall, to sell small business items please speak to the office. And lastly if you would like to volunteer to run a game/activity/refreshments on the day – (even if it is for a half hour!) we would also be very grateful! (please contact:

angela.kerrigan@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk)



Jumpers

We are seeing a bit of an increase in hoodies and other non-uniform jumpers, particularly on PE days. Please refer to the uniform list below. Teachers will offer spare uniform jumpers to children who come wearing different jumpers. Please also put your child's name on their jumper, we have another big pile of unnamed jumpers forming- which will be disposed of at the end of the term.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations.

Just a reminder that next Friday the children will be receiving their Nasal Flu Vaccinations.

Snacks

After Christmas, we will be rolling out a healthy snack initiative in school. We wanted to give you plenty of warning as we have seen an increase in unhealthy snacks at playtime. Our local authority advisors tell us that there is a huge increase in dental decay and obesity in children and as a community we should all work together to tackle it. This is what we want it to look like:

In the morning, the children will continue to have bagels – these are from the National Schools breakfast programme and are nutritionally balanced. They are served with a small amount of margarine.

At snack time, the children will be able to bring a *normal sized* snack, but please ensure that it is fruit, or low sugar snack. Examples might be food like – cheddars, sreen, raisins, crackers etc (crisps, sweets, chocolate will not be allowed)

At lunch time Taylor Shaw provide us with nutritionally balanced low sugar hot meals, if you are bringing a packed lunch please look at the sugar content and the amount of food within the lunchbox.

Afternoons – KS1/Rec children have free fruit (national scheme)

Water should be in all bottles.

We will sometimes have rewards that are food/sweets – however, these are very occasional, which models the idea of everything in moderation.

Some children bring in sweets for their birthday and we will be asking parents not to do this after Christmas. It also relieves the pressure on other families who feel they have to do the same. Their birthday will still be celebrated in the class of course - as all children's birthdays are.

Please also remember that we are a nut free school – no nuts or nut products should be brought in as snacks/lunch including snacks like peanut butter.



As a school, many of us are parents ourselves and understand the frustrations around snacks. However, we want the best for the children in the school and if everyone works towards following this after Christmas, the children will take to it very quickly and smoothly.

Free School Meals

A reminder that families can apply for Free School Meals via this link: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals> - all you need is your NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER. If your child has just gone into year 3 they will no longer be on Universal Free School Meals, so if you think you might qualify please apply as soon as possible.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is beneficial to apply for Free School Meals as your child can also access a range of other benefits and school help supplement some additional provision for you and your child(ren).

If you would prefer to apply using a school computer/internet, that is no problem and we can arrange a private area with a computer for you to apply. Just ask at the office, call 0161 480 4531 or email admin@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk.

School Uniform

Thank you all for your support with uniforms, looking smart and being ready with all the right things make such a difference to learning.

Please make sure **names are in all items of clothes** – especially cardigans/jumpers and coats! It is impossible to find lost items without this.

White polo shirt
Red cardigan/jumper – with or without logo (**NO other jumpers**)
Black/dark grey trousers/shorts/skirts/pinafores
Black shoes or all black trainers (no colour variations accepted)

PE Kits for PE days

White t-shirt and black shorts/joggers with school jumper. (**NO other jumpers/PE kits!**)

School Lottery

For those families new to school, we have a school lottery that is run by the website below. Every ticket sold provides much needed funding for our school.

If you would like to take part please do sign up using the link below. Thank you.

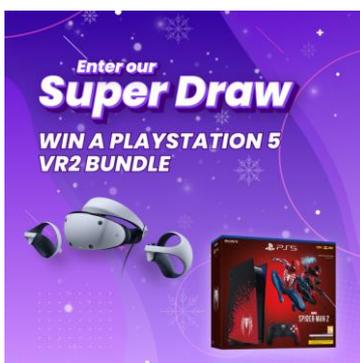
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

Last week, one of our parents won £8.70, and kindly donated it back to the school fund. Thank you!

Win a PS5/VR2 prize bundle!

We are thrilled to introduce our biggest EVER Super Draw prize: A HUGE PlayStation bundle, consisting of not only a Limited Edition Spider-Man 2 PS5 console (disc edition, of course) – undeniably the hottest console of the year – but also the BRAND NEW PlayStation VR2 Virtual Reality headset, which ALSO comes bundled with Horizon: Call of the Mountain, for an unforgettable Virtual Reality gaming experience! With our new Super Draw, there are exciting new flexible way to play – so get your tickets now ready for the big draw on November 25th!

Our new Super Draw gives people new and exciting ways to play – instead of committing to weekly tickets, supporters can choose to just buy tickets for the Super Draw week, meaning more flexibility and less commitment, whilst still supporting ABINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL. Existing supporters can even choose to TOP-UP their tickets just for this weekend's draw!



How the lottery works

£1 per ticket



That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.

Help us do more

For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.



£25,000 grand prize



Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!



Attendance:



- ★ The class with the highest overall attendance each week will have the opportunity to 'spin the wheel'! The wheel has lots of different choices on – some of these have been updated this year by the children.
 - ★ Each class who achieves 97% or higher each week, or who show great improvement, will have an extra playtime the following week.
 - ★ **ALL children who have over 95% attendance for the year, or who show good improvement of attendance, will receive an end of term certificate and treat.**
- Attendance monitoring includes broken weeks and lateness. You **MUST** contact school if your child is late or absent.

The class with the highest attendance this week was: **Y6 Ospreys with 97.2%**

They have won '**Golden Time!!!**' as a special treat from the wheel, as well as an extra play. The class teacher will let you know when this will be.

Y2 Foxes also had over 97% this week, 97.1%. They will also get an extra play.

Hot chocolate

Each week we invite a child from each class (who is chosen for being a role model for behaviour) to come and have hot chocolate and marshmallows with the headteacher. It is definitely my favourite time of the week! It was lovely to hear today why the children were chosen.



Gold Table

Children are chosen by their midday supervisors for their lunchtime behaviour. Each Friday we have a 'Gold table' in the hall where the children have their lunch, they also receive a prize from the 'Gold Box'.
 Otters – Lexie-Rose, Badgers – Remaya, Hedgehogs – Bradley, Squirrels – Heidi, Foxes – Preston, Falcons – Marley, Kites – Harreem, Owls – Cain, Kestrels - Ewan, Merlins – Harry H, Hawks –Fatoumata, Ospreys – Sienna

Class Stars of the Week

Each week children are chosen for showing our core values. We award certificates in Celebration Time each Friday. Well done to all our stars:



Reception Badgers: Saandriya
 Reception Otters: Tyler
 Year 1 Hedgehogs: Millen
 Year 1/2 Squirrels: Summer
 Year 2 Foxes: Myles
 Year 3 Falcons: Anna

Year 3/4 Kites: Elsie
 Year 4 Owls: Lucas
 Year 5 Kestrels: Damian
 Year 5 Merlins: Emily
 Year 6 Ospreys: Jayce
 Year 6 Hawks: Laura

Golden Broom

Year 6 Ospreys won the Golden Broom this week for having the tidiest classroom. Well done for setting a fantastic example to others.

The Golden Broom is awarded by Mr Bosson (Site supervisor) .



Finally, I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend, and thank you for all your support.

Ms Spendlow
 Headteacher

Holiday Dates 2023-2024

Autumn term

Monday 4th September	INSET
Tuesday 5th September	INSET
Wednesday 6th September	Back to School
Friday 20th October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 30th October	School returns
Friday 22nd December	Finish for Christmas

Spring term

Monday 8th January 2024	INSET
Tuesday 9th January	School returns
Friday 9th February	Finish for half term holiday

Monday 19th February
Thursday 28th March

School returns
Finish for Easter

Summer term

Monday 15th April
Monday 6th May
Friday 24th May

School returns
May Day Holiday
Finish for Whit holiday

Monday 10th June
Friday 26th July
Monday 29th July
Tuesday 30th July

School returns
Finish for summer holidays
INSET
INSET

Covid-19 advice

- Children with mild symptoms of a respiratory infection include covid-19 but are otherwise well should continue to attend school. They should stay home if they have a high temperature and are unwell, and can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature/feel well enough.
- It is not recommended that children should have a covid-19 test unless directed to by a health professional, but if a child under 18 does test positive, **they should stay off school for 3 days after the day they took the test. They can return to school after the 3 days if they are well enough.**

The isolation period for COVID-19 is 6 days with a negative LFD test (24 hours apart on day 5 and day 6). See the link below for more information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

School advice is still:

If your child is displaying any of these COVID related symptoms

-a high temperature

-a new, continuous cough

-a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

or

if your child receives a positive lateral flow test, **they should remain at home until they are feeling well again.**

Please inform school if anyone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19.