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Newsletter Friday 24th November 2023



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 29th November – DEAR (Drop everything and read! (8.45 – 9.10am)

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**

It has been yet another busy week here at Abingdon; especially for our Y6 children who had a taster of high school life this week, and a visit from Stockport Lamplight Rotary, introducing a speaking competition that will take place in February between local schools.

Our KS1 children took a virtual tour of London, visiting some of the main attractions and points of interest including Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, London Bridge and The Houses of Parliament. They purchased their own bus tickets, sat back and took in the wondrous views of our Capital.

A huge congratulations to Alfred in Y5 Kestrels, who, last week took part in a two-day swimming competition in Blackpool with his club, City of Manchester Aquatics Swim Team (COMAST). He entered 9 different races, and

got 7 new personal bests, no disqualifications and a gold medal in the 100M butterfly! He was the only 9-year brave enough to enter that event - there weren't even any 10-year olds competing in it, and some of the older swimmers competing in the competition swim at national level! We are so proud of you Alfie!!

Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:

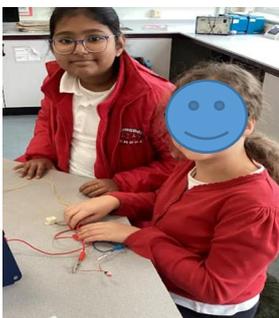
To help us through the winter months we often need ideas that are not reliant on good weather. This week all my suggestions involve getting creative!

- Write a poem.
- Raid the fruit bowl and sketch a still life drawing.
- Make a decorative display in your window (this could be themed to any autumn/ winter events or festivities you celebrate).
- Draw what makes you happy.
- Do some leaf rubbings.
- Build a bug hotel.
- Sing your favourite song.
- Start a scrapbook.
- Create a dance routine!



Year 6 Science at Reddish Vale

On Monday and Tuesday our Y6 children visited Reddish Vale High School for a science lesson on electricity. They talked about different circuit components as well as conductors and insulators. Conductors let electricity pass through them, like metal, and insulators don't let electricity pass through them, like plastic. Insulators keep us safe. They then made our own circuits with bulbs and buzzers.



Nasal Flu Vaccinations.

Just to let you know that the children (who had signed consent letters) received their nasal flu vaccinations today.

Dogs on School Property

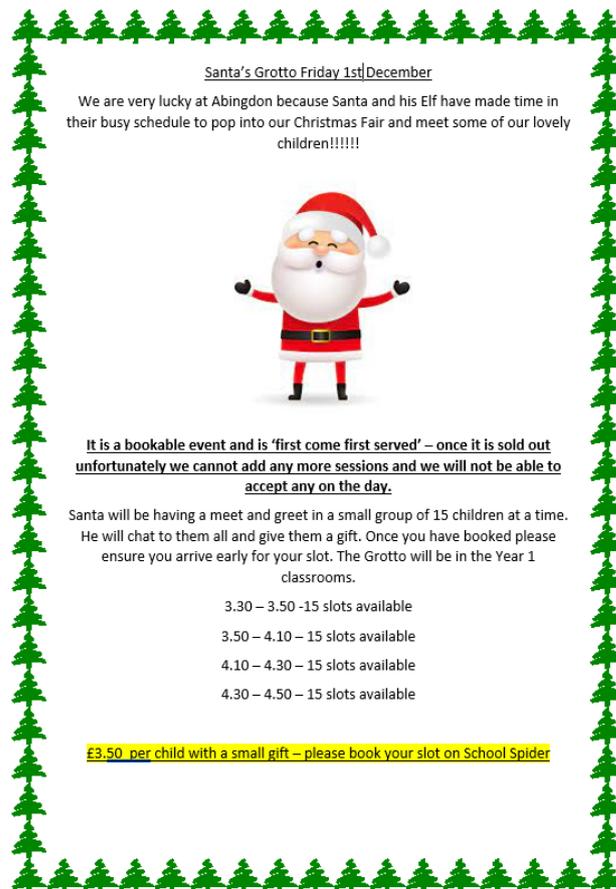
We would like to remind all parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on school premises. This includes dogs on leads, dogs being carried, or even in a buggy. Thank you for your support in this matter

Breakfast Club Timings

Just a reminder that breakfast club does not open until 07.45am. We are beginning to see children arriving earlier than this. The staff are not responsible for the children until 07.45am, therefore the children are not supervised before this time and are still the responsibility of parents.

Santa's Grotto

Tickets are on sale from today to book to see Father Christmas at the Fayre next Friday. Please see the flyer below.



Santa's Grotto Friday 1st December

We are very lucky at Abingdon because Santa and his Elf have made time in their busy schedule to pop into our Christmas Fair and meet some of our lovely children!!!!



It is a bookable event and is 'first come first served' – once it is sold out unfortunately we cannot add any more sessions and we will not be able to accept any on the day.

Santa will be having a meet and greet in a small group of 15 children at a time. He will chat to them all and give them a gift. Once you have booked please ensure you arrive early for your slot. The Grotto will be in the Year 1 classrooms.

3.30 – 3.50 -15 slots available
3.50 – 4.10 – 15 slots available
4.10 – 4.30 – 15 slots available
4.30 – 4.50 – 15 slots available

£3.50 per child with a small gift – please book your slot on School Spider

Christmas Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets will be on sale from 3.30 today alongside Santa's Grotto tickets. You can buy them on school spider, send the money in or buy on the day. £1 per strip. We have got lots of lovely prizes as usual including some fantastic Christmas hampers.

Christmas Fayre



Our Annual Christmas Fayre will be next Friday 1st December at 3.30 – 5pm. Today was bring chocolate for the tombola. Thank you for any donations you brought. If anyone would still like to donate – we do still need chocolate, bottles and raffle prizes. Please bring on Monday 27th November at the latest so we can get them all ready.

If any families have businesses 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)

Pottery club

This half term KS1 have had the opportunity to take part in pottery club. I know there were some spaces left for LKS2. It is 4 weeks and costs £26 (If your child receives Pupil Premium funding, then there is a 50% discount) There is a letter on Class Dojo posted by Mrs Whitehead with all the information. Here are some of Year 1 and 2s finished products:



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 to the 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 £10*/£14	CONCESSIONS £6*/£10	Concessions = those with visual impairments, disabilities, students, children and OAP
GUIDES/CARERS FREE!	FAMILIES £25*/£30	Family tickets = 1 adult and 3 children or 2 adults and 2 children

*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

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:

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Henshaws society for blind people, charity number 221808 **FR** REGISTERED WITH THE REGULATORY

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.

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.

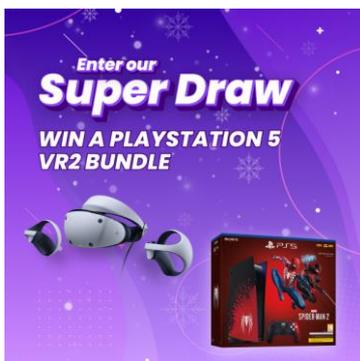
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

Last week, one of our parents won £8.10!

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: **Y1/2 Squirrels with 96.2%**

They have won 'Pyjama Day!!!' as a special treat from the wheel. The class teacher will let you know when this will be.

No classes had over 97% this week.

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 – Jack, Badgers – Ben, Hedgehogs – Lottie, Squirrels – Laiba, Foxes – Essie, Falcons – Skye, Kites – Conor, Owls – Rory, Kestrels - Teddy, Merlins – Saskia, Hawks –Charlotte, Ospreys – Molly

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: Grayson
 Reception Otters: Hareem
 Year 1 Hedgehogs: Jacob
 Year 1/2 Squirrels: Sabrina
 Year 2 Foxes: Kobe
 Year 3 Falcons: Marley

Year 3/4 Kites: Elsie
 Year 4 Owls: Hallie
 Year 5 Kestrels: Bradley
 Year 5 Merlins: Regan
 Year 6 Ospreys: Sami
 Year 6 Hawks: Tristan

Golden Broom

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

Spring term

Monday 8 th January 2024	INSET
Tuesday 9 th January	School returns
Friday 9 th 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.