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Newsletter Friday 16th July 2021

Dates for your diary:

Friday 16th July – end of year reports emailed out to parents/carers

Monday 26th July – school fayre - **no visitors to site – for children only**

Tuesday 27th July – attendance treat for ALL children with over 97% or improved attendance at the Headteacher's discretion

Tues 27th July – school closes for summer (usual of day time)

Due to government restrictions still being in place, this half term, classes will remain in their bubbles and visits to site are still by appointment only

Please continue to socially distance whilst on site and wear a face covering. Thank you.



Final half term attendance recognition arrangements:

- ★ The class with the highest overall attendance each week will have an extra 'big play', where we get out the bubbles, big games and have 15 minutes of extra fun!
- ★ Each class who achieves 97% or higher each week, or who show great improvement, will have an own clothes day the following week.
- ★ **ALL children who have over 97% attendance for the year since 8th March return date, or who show good improvement of attendance, will have an end of year treat before we finish for the summer holiday. Attendance monitoring includes broken weeks and lateness.**

A huge 'well done' to all of our children who are coming in every day, on time. This week's Attendance Trophy was jointly won by **Reception Otters** who had an attendance of 99%! They will be recognised with an **own clothes day on Friday 23rd July**, as well as their separate 'big play' sessions!



The following classes will also have an **own clothes day on Friday 23rd July**:

Year 1/2 Foxes 97.8%

Year 2 Rabbits 97%

*****Please make sure your child is in school every day, on time*****

Sports Days

The children all had a wonderful time in their classes completing sports day activities. Although it was a little different this year, each class had the opportunity to participate in some sporting activities and lots of stickers were awarded!



Free Holiday Club for Children Accessing Free School Meals

Applications are now open to enrol your child in a free holiday clubs programme over the summer.

There are free places available for children and young people eligible for means tested free school meals. This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Stockport. To find participating clubs in your area visit the website <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/information-for-parents-and-carers>

The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Children will be able to access up to 16, 4 hour sessions throughout the summer holidays, including specific provisions available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

To find out if your child is eligible for a place this summer, and how to book a place, please visit <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/information-for-parents-and-carers>

If you have any queries regarding the HAF programme, please email the HAF Team on HAF@stockport.gov.uk In addition to this programme, families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs. Please visit Help With Childcare Costs (<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit>) to find out more.

Stockport Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The free places are funded by the Department for Education. Visit the government website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2021>) for more information on the national programme.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals> This means that more money is given to school to provide children with additional opportunities, such as free school trips and additional academic support. You will be helping school if your child is eligible for Free School Meals so please do look and apply if you think you may be eligible.

Y6 End of Year Activities

The Y6 children really enjoyed their special end of year treat inflatable obstacle course. They haven't been able to go on a residential this year, so we organised a few special days instead, to celebrate the end of their time at Abingdon. Their faces say it all! Well done for showing fantastic behaviours Y6.



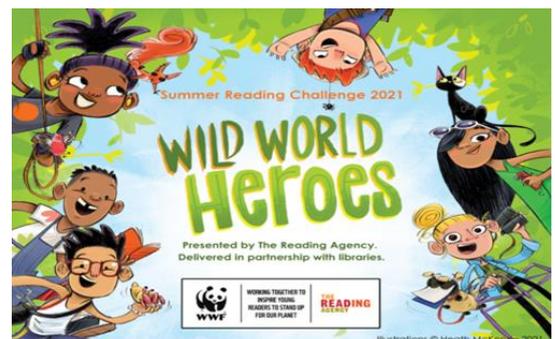
Summer Reading Challenge

Many of our children enjoy participating in the summer reading challenge and we are aiming to have as many children as possible from Abingdon taking part this year. [You will need to sign up for the challenge – details are below.](#)

The 2021 Summer Reading Challenge will be a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment. Developed in partnership with WWF, the world's leading independent conservation organisation, Wild World Heroes will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.

Children will be able to join six fictional characters- "wild heroes"- to help solve some of the threats to the environment, while helping to restore nature levels in the neighbourhood of "Wilderville".

The characters and landscape will be illustrated by children's author Heath McKenzie.



Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

The digital challenge will be FREE to access, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading related activities at home.

www.wildworldheroes.org.uk/

The Reading Agency have provided lots of information for parents/carers about signing up for the challenge and this can be accessed from the Summer Reading Challenge website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

The **Video Trailers** can be found [here](#) or you can access them through [YouTube](#).

Certificates and prizes will be awarded for children in the autumn term.

Abingdon Advocates



Our Abingdon Advocates certificate recipients are:

Lyla, Zahra, Daisy B, Aleena, Mia M, Olivia T, Harry, Charlotte G, Mannal, Jake W, Pixie and Kianna.

A huge well-done and thank you to these children for representing our school so wonderfully. You were spotted embodying our core values of

'Respect, Responsibility, Resilience'.



Our Abingdon Advocates wear their special grey jumpers (or fleece/cardigan), so you can spot them around school setting an excellent example for other children.

School Lottery

This week's lottery winner was a Y4 parent who won £17.10. Congratulations and thank you to all who participate! The latest competition ends on 17th July. A lucky winner will receive 12 months' supply of fresh fruit and veg delivered to their door!

If you would like to support our school by buying tickets for the weekly draw please go to:

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



Finally, well done to **Y3 Falcons** who 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 in Friday assembly.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clark
Headteacher

Covid 19 advice

The isolation period for COVID-19 is 10 days. See the link below for more information

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

Stockport is still in **full lockdown** <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/coronavirus-in-stockport>

The current government 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

You should:

1) Keep your child off school, inform the school office and book a test.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

2) Siblings or members of a childcare bubble must remain off school until test results are back -The whole family should self-isolate until the test results are returned.

3) If test is negative, your child/children can return to school (as long as they are well)

4) **If test is positive, keep your child at home for 10 days, other family members need to isolate for 10 days.**

Please contact school **immediately** so we can track and trace within the schools bubbles.

If you need medical advice the 111 website does have a symptom checker and will explain what to do.

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

Lateral Flow Testing

If you wish to participate in lateral Flow testing for your child and family, you can find out further information here:

Information for Parents/Carers

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>