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Newsletter Friday 1st December 2023



TODAY!!!!!!3.30 – 5.00pm

Dates for your diary:

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**

Monday 8th January – INSET DAY – Children NOT in school

Tuesday 9th January – Children return to school

The festive season is upon us, the season of goodwill to all men! We have a busy few weeks ahead of us, with lots of fun events and activities, starting this afternoon with our Winter Fayre! I would like to thank all the staff for their help in the preparations and the decorating of the school, with a special mention to our very own Christmas Fairy Godmother Mrs Kerrigan, who organises this event with military precision.

Although the Christmas break is in sight, things do not slow down here at Abingdon. The children have been busy working hard and completing mid-year assessments over the past two weeks. They were amazing and tried their very best.

Year 6 visited Crucial Crew this week, where they learned about keeping safe in lots of different environments, including online!



Next week sees our choir perform at St. George's Church on Tuesday evening at the Festival of Carols. This will be 7.30pm – 9pm, having listened to them practice this week, I think that parents may want to take tissues with them (slightly emotional!)



Well done to one of our budding actresses this year! Anna in Year 4 was in her theatre group's production of Cinderella last weekend. She played Stan Duh, one of the palace messengers and did a fantastic job!

And a big well done to Lily in Y3 who started in a new swimming group this week and was awarded this lovely certificate!

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 moving!

- Put on your favourite playlist and dance around your living room.
- Create your own 20-minute indoor workout.
- Enjoy a frosty morning walk.
- Create a simple daily exercise routine to suit your body.
- Stretch for 20 minutes.
- Put your wellies on and splash in puddles.
- Go to your local park and play on the swings.
- Go for a bike ride.
- Try skipping!



DEAR

Thank you to all the parents, carers and other family members who dropped everything to read on Wednesday! It was lovely to see so many people across school sharing a book. Here are a few pictures from the morning.



NumBots and Time Table RockStars



There are two brilliant apps, which school purchase each year. – Numbots and TTRS. Both can be used at home and we would love them to be used more! Numbots is for our KS1 children (Reception will get a log in in the Spring term) and is a great way to practise fluency of numbers. Times Table Rockstars is a great way for Y2 onwards to practise their times tables. All the children should have logins – the login is the same for both apps.

Even just 10 minutes a day on an app like this can really boost children's confidence, number recognition and fluency with numbers – and although it is screen time, you know they are doing something worthwhile and educational.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you for all your donations, and thank you to all the staff who have been making things and helping with organising the fayre. The day is finally here! Our Christmas Fayre is happening today 3.30 – 5pm We would love to see you all there! Please come and support us. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the fayre until 4.30pm 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.

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	CONCESSIONS	Concessions = those with visual impairments, disabilities, students, children and OAP
£10/£14	£6/£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 221068 | FR Regulator

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 to only do this on a Friday after Christmas. Their birthday will still be celebrated in the class on the day of the birthday 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.

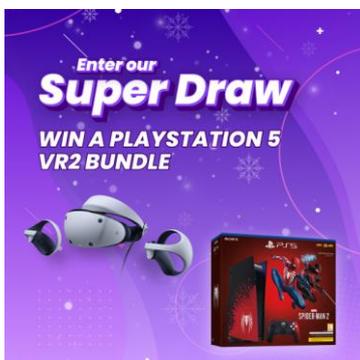
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

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 96.9%**

They have won '**Sweet treat Friday!**' 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.

Unfortunately, due to the setting up for the Fayre today, we have not been able to do Hot Chocolate (believe me when I say, I know what I rather had been doing!!) Normal service will resume next week!



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 – Tyler, Badgers – Stanley, Hedgehogs – Willow, Squirrels – Ahmed, Foxes – Myles, Falcons – Hamza, Kites – Mitchell, Owls – Daisy, Kestrels - Kevin, Merlins – Regan, Hawks – Laura, Ospreys – Willow

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: James

Reception Otters: Ava

Year 1 Hedgehogs: Scarlett

Year 1/2 Squirrels: Stefan

Year 2 Foxes: Joseph

Year 3 Falcons: Ellie

Year 3/4 Kites: Holly

Year 4 Owls: Faye P

Year 5 Kestrels: Danica

Year 5 Merlins: Will

Year 6 Ospreys: Maggi-May

Year 6 Hawks: Lillie

Golden Broom

Year 5 Merlins 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. Have fun at the fayre!!

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	School returns
Thursday 28th March	Finish for Easter

Summer term

Monday 15th April	School returns
Monday 6th May	May Day Holiday

Friday 24th May

Finish for Whit holiday

Monday 10th June

School returns

Friday 26th July

Finish for summer holidays

Monday 29th July

INSET

Tuesday 30th July

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.