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Dates for your diary:

Monday 8th January – INSET DAY – Children NOT in school
Tuesday 9th January – Children return to school
Tuesday 23rd January – Dental Toolbox visiting Reception
Friday 26th January – RSPB bird watch weekend (home activity)
Friday 2nd February – Thumbs up Friday and Abingdon Café
Monday 5th February – Children’s mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
Friday 9th February - Chinese new Year celebrations
– Finish for half term

Monday 19th February – back to school
Tuesday 5th March – DEAR for parents 8.50 – 9.10

A very happy new year to all of our Abingdon Family. We hope you have had a restful Christmas holidays. We have only had a four day week this week, but it has still been very busy and great start to the 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a new member of staff to the team. Mrs Marsden has taken over Y2 Foxes and is our KS1 lead teacher. I know you will join me in welcoming her to Abingdon!

Healthy Snacks

We are beginning our New Healthy Eating initiative in school. We had shared it in the newsletter throughout the last half term.

-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 if they wish too, 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 and of course we are a nut-free school)

-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. (no glass bottles please)

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.

We know it can be hard especially if the children are used to having certain foods, but it is so important and talking to the children this week – they are very excited and enthusiastic about it, but some pupil voice did come back with concerns that not everyone would follow the new rules. So, we ask for your support with this- change can be difficult, but overwhelmingly the majority of the children want to do this.

If children bring in snack that we are trying to eliminate – we will not take them off them at the moment as we don’t want them to be hungry throughout the morning, but we will talk to the child about the new initiative and we will do you to remind you too. Again, we ask for your support in this – but we are also understanding to family life.

Weather Watch

There are lots of warnings regarding snow for next week. Hopefully we will not be affected, but if we need to correspond with you urgently due to the weather conditions or school grounds/road conditions we will do so via class dojo, so please keep an eye on your app if we have any large amounts of snow fall.

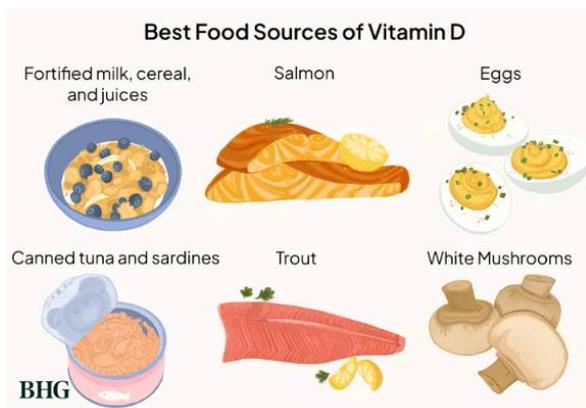
Well done to Lily in Y3 who won player of the match in her Reddish North End football team this week!



And another well done to Damian in Y5 for being awarded the Samurai of the Year at his Karate club. We were all blown away by the trophy today – he wowed the school with it in celebration time!

Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:

In winter and cold weather, eating well, getting enough Vitamin D and getting a good sleep can also all be helpful for your mood. Here are some ideas for getting vitamin D into your diet.





Crime Scene investigates....

KS1 have all become police detectives this week! Some terrible crimes had been committed in one of our classrooms (not really!) and the children had to look at the clues and work out 'who dunnit'! They have started to look at the Supertato books this term and the clues led the children to the conclusion that Evil Pea was behind it! I hope they catch him, before he causes any more trouble!



Stockport County

Year 5 have started a 6 week block of work with Stockport County today. They are complete a PE session first of all, followed by a mental health and wellbeing sessions to look at self help strategies when they are feeling low and how to improve their mental health. They had a great first week!



Respect Policy

We have a Respect Charter in our school as do all schools in Stockport, this comes from the local authority and is agreed by our Governors. I am aware that it has not been shared for a while, so I am just taking this opportunity to share it with you – it is attached to the email sent with this newsletter.





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.

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.

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

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.

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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 eating healthily supports this.

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

We have a lot of lost property – mainly jumpers with no names in. 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 £7.50!

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.

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: **Y3/4 Kites with 95.2%** They have won 'Sweet Treat Friday' in class. This will be the first Friday back in the new term.

Unfortunately, no other classes got over 97% this week. I know we have had lots of illness and seasonal bugs over the last few weeks. Hopefully this will settle down next 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 – Rory, Badgers – Archie B, Hedgehogs –Melody, Squirrels – Reuben B, Foxes – Lara, Falcons – Kirana, Kites – Haris, Owls – Sofia, Kestrels - Jaydon, Merlins – Saskia, Hawks – Lacey K, Ospreys – Finley

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: Sienna

Reception Otters: Edith

Year 1 Hedgehogs: Melody

Year 1/2 Squirrels: Reuben B

Year 2 Foxes: Ollie

Year 3 Falcons: Rosie-Lou

Year 3/4 Kites: Lola B

Year 4 Owls: Colton

Year 5 Kestrels: Kevin

Year 5 Merlins: Zach

Year 6 Ospreys: Alannah

Year 6 Hawks: Lacey

Golden Broom

Year 2 Foxes 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 hope you have a lovely restful weekend.

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.