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Dates for your diary:

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

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

Wednesday 1st September – INSET day staff only on site (school closed to children)

Thursday 2nd September – Children start back after summer

Friday 1st October – INSET Day (school closed to children)

A separate letter has been sent out detailing arrangements for September



A huge 'well done' to all of our children who are coming in every day, on time. This week's Attendance Trophy was won by **Y1 Squirrels** who had an attendance of **97.7%**! They will be recognised with an **own clothes day on Tuesday 27th July**, as well as their 'big play' session!

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



Y6 Leavers Disco and Picnic

Our Y6 children have had a busy week with a disco on Tuesday and their Leavers' Picnic this afternoon. We are incredibly proud of them all, and the DJ actually commented that they were the best Y6 class he has ever run a disco for! High praise indeed and very well deserved.



Myro back in school!

This week our artist – the fabulous Myro Doodles (@Myrodoodles) – was back to create more fantastic art work. She has drawn a mural in school to share children's opinions on who inspires them. We have some well-known pioneers from the past: Rosa Parks, Alan Turin and Emmeline Pankhurst, as well as emerging trailblazers Joe Wicks, Marcus Rashford, Greta Thunberg, NHS workers, Malala Yousafzai, David Attenborough and Barack and Michelle Obama. At the heart of the mural is a representation of our Abingdon Advocates, who set the example for everyone in school. Who inspires you?





Y6 Stall at the Summer Fayre

Y6 will be selling items to raise funds for their end of year treats. If you would like your child to purchase any of the items for sale, please make sure your child's **money is in a named envelope**. Teachers cannot take cash at the classroom door.

New Parent Governor

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Emma Broad to the governing body in her elected role as parent governor. We are always excited to have new governing board members and I look forward to working together with Emma over the coming terms to ensure school's continued progress.

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.

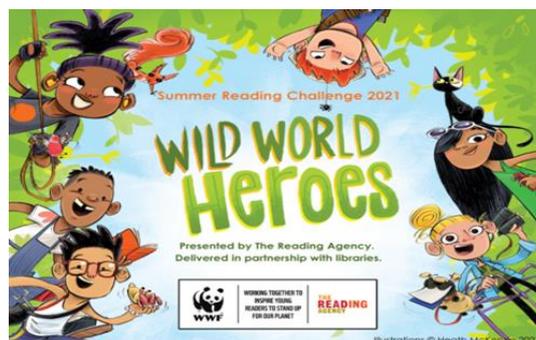
Free School Meals

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.

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 Advocate certificate recipients are:

Skye H, Holly G, Faye, Angel, Darcy, Molly H, Lacey K, Oliver L, Ruby-Jai, Quinn, Sophie H, Quinn, Chloe A-B, Alex P, Shanelle

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 our Chair of Governors Mr Bryan Archer who won £17.10. Again, he has kindly donated funds back to school. Congratulations and thank you to all who participate! The school lottery is a fantastic way of [raising additional funds for school](#) to be spent on resources for the children. You are also in with a chance of winning the jackpot of £25,000!



Win £250 Of LEGO with School Lottery!

Help Us To Build Up School Funds!

Everyone loves LEGO...unless they stand on it! Support your local school lottery this summer, and you'll be in with a chance of winning an amazing **£250 Lego Voucher**. Even though school is closed for summer, the lottery will still take place every week, so please keep supporting us for your chance to win this great prize.

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

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

How the lottery works

<p>£1 per ticket</p> <p>That’s right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p>	<p>Help us do more</p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p>	<p>£25,000 grand prize</p> <p>Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!</p>
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Finally, well done to **Reception Otters** 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.

This is my last newsletter of the year. I wish you a safe and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.
Enjoy the break.

Very best wishes,

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>