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Newsletter Friday 26th January 2024

Dates for your diary:

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 in classes
– Finish for half term

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



Dear All,

This weekend is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. It is the world’s largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. Click on the link or have a look at how to take part below. You can do it from your window if the weather is bad or your local park and it’s a great calm activity for an hour or so! We have attached a printable sheet with all the birds on if you want to use it.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

How to take part

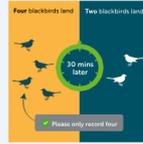
- 1 Get your free guide and stock up on supplies, with 15% off and free delivery on food and feeders at the RSPB shop.
- 2 Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 26 and 28 January, and record the birds that land.
- 3 Tell us what you saw (even if that's nothing at all!) You can submit your results online or by post.



Choose an hour between 26 and 28 January



Only record the birds that land in your patch



Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time

Wellbeing Challenge

Linking in with the Big Garden Birdwatch, why don't you take a moment to look around you and notice the signs of springtime arriving. Sometimes, we become so busy with everyday life that we forget to stop and appreciate the beauty of the nature around us. We are very fortunate in Reddish that we have a beautiful country park on our doorstep. Why not get wrapped up and take a walk through Reddish Vale Country Park. How many signs of spring can you see? What wildlife is on our doorstep? And obviously what birds are around?



Dance Club performance at Reddish Vale

Our dance club had the opportunity to perform at Reddish Vale High School. They had a fantastic time and did a brilliant job!

Contacting staff

The teachers would like me to remind you that they are always your first port of call if you need anything. They ask that you do not bypass them by speaking to other members of staff about any issues as they can probably solve the problem immediately for you!! 😊 They are available on class dojo during work hours and they do check it when not teaching. If you need to meet with a member of staff please contact the office to book an appointment (or message them on dojo if you are linked to them) as staff might be teaching or in meetings etc and are not always available. -This also includes Mr Cumberbatch, Ms Flanders, Mrs Spendlow and Mrs Lamb.

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.

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.

In the morning, the children 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 are able to bring a *normal sized* snack if they wish, 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 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 £6.00!

Our **first Super Draw of '24** is just around the corner, and guess what? This weekend one of our supporters could be the lucky winner of a **£1,000 luxury holiday!**

But hold on, we get it – everyone's got their own idea of the perfect getaway. So, we're spicing things up a bit. If travelling isn't your cup of tea, no worries! The winner can also opt for a **£1,000 cash alternative**. Yep, we're all about making dreams come true, your way.

A cabin in the Lakes, a luxury spa break, a West-End musical weekend, or jump on the Eurostar for a European escape: the choice is yours – so make 2024 the start of your next great adventure!

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: **Y2 Foxes with 98.6%** They have won 'a teddy/toy day' in class. Mrs Marsden will let you know what day it will be on.

Both Reception Badgers and Y2 Foxes had over 97% attendance this week, and both classes have earned extra play!

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 – Mason, Badgers – Lucas, Hedgehogs –Teddy, Squirrels – Stefan, Foxes – Kerryn, Falcons – Jan, Kites – Roman, Owls – Faye, Kestrels - Alfred, Merlins – Emily, Hawks – Rosi, Ospreys – Lacey W

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: Rem
Reception Otters: Pearl
Year 1 Hedgehogs: Thea
Year 1/2 Squirrels: Laiba
Year 2 Foxes: Alice W
Year 3 Falcons: Lexi

Year 3/4 Kites: Hallie M
Year 4 Owls: Alisha
Year 5 Kestrels: Amara
Year 5 Merlins: James
Year 6 Ospreys: Sarah
Year 6 Hawks: Charlotte

Golden Broom

Year 3/4 Kites 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 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 19 th February	School returns
Thursday 28 th March	Finish for Easter

Summer term

Monday 15 th April	School returns
Monday 6 th May	May Day Holiday
Friday 24 th May	Finish for Whit holiday
Monday 10 th June	School returns
Friday 26 th July	Finish for summer holidays
Monday 29 th July	INSET
Tuesday 30 th 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.