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Newsletter Friday 1st March 2024

Dates for your diary:

Friday 1st March – Freddy Fit

Friday 1st March – KS1 visit to St Elizabeth's Church

Monday 4th March – Parents Evening booking open (parents will receive a link via email)

Tuesday 5th March – DEAR for parents 8.50 – 9.10

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day and Author visit

Monday 11th March – British Science Week

Monday 11th March – Choir performance at Disney Junior Choir concert(6.30pm)

Friday 22nd March – Holi celebration day (for 25th March)

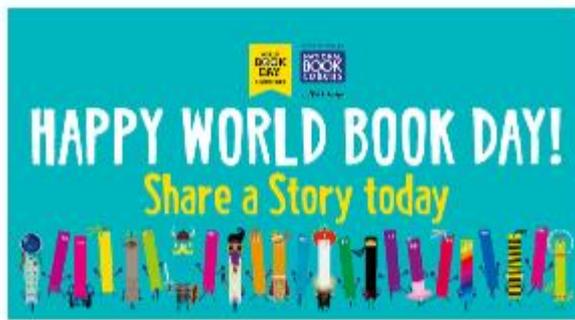
Thursday 28th March – Finish for Easter **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Monday 15th April – Return to School

Dear All,

Time is flying by and we are already in March! No signs of spring today though, just lots of rain. We have had another busy week in school ending with another visit from Freddy Fit to finish off the week. KS1 have got a very busy day planned with a visit to St Elizabeth's Church this afternoon.

A reminder that next Thursday 7th March is annual World Book Day. We have 3 events (see below) on the day that the children can take part in – They can decorate a potato at home as their favourite book character and bring it in (Prizes for the best in each key stage; They can dress up as their favourite character on the day as usual; and all the children will be meeting an author on the day too



Thursday 7th March

As world book day is fast approaching, we wanted to let you know what will be happening.

- 1) Decorate a potato as your favourite book character. There will be a prize for the best entry in each Key Stage.



- 2) There will be an author visit from Ben Andrews. He is a disability rights activist and has been on Granada Reports. He will be coming in talk to all the children about his book, Better Places.



He will also be doing book signings on the day.
Please return the attached pre-order form and money to school if you would like to buy a copy.

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- 3) All children, and teachers, are also very welcome to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. They can also bring in one of their favourite books from home to talk about.



Wellbeing Challenge

It's a well known fact that exercise makes us feel better. It not only helps with our physical health but also our mental health. So this weeks Wellbeing challenge is to do some exercie as a family. Go for a bike ride, take the dog for a long walk, go trampoling, go for a swim. The good thing is lots of forms of exercise are also free so it doesn't have to cost a fortune. Letb us know what activities you get up to this weekend.



Year 4 at Manchester United!

This week eight lucky Year 4 boys had the opportunity to go Manchester United's training ground, The Cliff, to take part in a football tournament against other schools. It was very exciting and all the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They also came second! All eight children were beautifully behaved and were excellent role models for Abingdon – well done!



Next week some children from Year 5 will be representing school in a football tournament at Cheadle Hulme High School.

Freddy Fit.

Today Freddy Fit was in school to do an exercise session with each class. The children had a great time and enjoyed exercising to the music. Freddy Fit also talks to the children about keeping healthy and what happens to their body when they exercise. It's great to see the staff getting involved too and joining in!



Year 6 Speakers

Well done to three of our Year 6 children who took part in a speaking competition. Although they didn't win, they spoke wonderfully and the judges were impressed with their passionate speech about wildfires. Here are the fantastic trio in action!



Smoking, mobile phones and dogs on school property

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on council property this includes vaping.

Mobile phones should not be used anywhere on the premises – this includes the playgrounds. Children in year 5 and 6 who bring phones because they walk to or from school alone must turn them off before coming in the playground. Please remind them of this when they leave the house in the morning.

Dogs are also not allowed on school premises. This includes dogs on leads, dogs being carried, or even in a buggy.

Thank you for your support in these three areas.

Contacting staff

Please remember your first port of call is your class teacher. 😊 KS1/Reception staff are always on their classroom doors to meet and greet. KS2 staff are always available at the end of the day. Class Dojos are picked up by teachers during 'office hours' and they do endeavour to reply as timely as possible.



ClassDojo

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 it 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.

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 in our area and as a community we should all work together to tackle it.

Here is our plan for a healthier day at school:

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 - this is not an expectation, but if you choose do to we ask parents to only do this on a Friday. Their birthday will still be celebrated in the class on the day of the birthday of course - as all children's birthdays are special.

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/>

| How the lottery works | | |
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| <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>  |



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: **Year 5 Kestrels with 97.3%** They have won 'a Teddy/Toy day in class! The class teacher will let you know what day it will be on.

Reception Otters also had an overall attendance of 97% so will get an extra play! No other classes had an attendance over 97%.

Golden Broom

Reception Badgers 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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/>

