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Newsletter Friday 15th March 2024

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 19th March – Y5 dance show RVHS
Wednesday 20th March – Y2 Foxes trip to Stockport
Wednesday 20th March – Parent Consultation meetings
Thursday 21st March – Y1 Hedgehogs trip to Stockport
Thursday 21st March – parent consultation meeting
Friday 22nd March – Y1/2 Squirrels trip to Stockport
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,

This is another short, but fulfilled half-term, and this week has been no exception! On Monday, our choir proudly represented us at a concert dedicated to Disney! I was so disappointed that I could not attend, Miss Hall told me how wonderful the children behaved and sang. Thank you all! Our Upper Key Stage 2 children have had a very busy end to the week, with a number of visits to the local area and the local high school. Today has been wonderful to see all the children dressed in red supporting Comic Relief. Thank you for your contributions. We have also celebrated science week in classes, with the children taking part in lots of activities.



Spring interim reports will be sent out via email at 3.30pm today so that you can see your child's progress before our parent/carer consultations next week. If you have not received it please let your class teacher know on Monday.

Wellbeing Challenge

Our senses play a big part in how we feel. One exercise that has been known to help is to walk around barefooted. Take off your shoes and socks and try walking around on different surfaces. Do you like the hardness and pressure of walking on concrete or floor tiles? Does the sense of grass between your toes help you to relax, or scrunching your toes into the carpet? Obviously, please make sure that any are you are walking barefoot on is safe, and that there aren't any items on the floor that could hurt you!



Easter Raffle

Our Reading Ambassadors are keen to raise some money for our libraries in school. They running an Easter raffle over the next 2 weeks and will be selling tickets at playtime and lunchtime (they will also be on school Spider to purchase) and hopefully in the days running up to the draw (Thursday 28th) Tickets are £1 per strip.



Easter chicks!

We have some beautiful knitted Easter chicks with crème eggs inside that are available to purchase at the office. Mrs Murray will also be selling them at playtimes (children can bring the money in). They are £2 each and the proceeds all go to Francis House.



Science week and Rollercoaster engineer visit

This week was British Science week, we started the week with an assembly to introduce the theme 'Time' and throughout the week classes have had experiments and investigations linked to that to complete.

John Shilling spoke to UKS2 about his job as a chartered engineer, who tests rollercoasters to make sure that they are safe. He showed us lots of videos and photos of different ways roller coasters are tested, including through using x-rays and sound waves. The children were enthralled by his job and the rigorous ways the rollercoasters were tested.



Year 5 and 6 visits to Reddish Vale Country Park

Year 5 and 6 have visited Reddish Vale Country park this week as part of their Geography field work. They have been comparing our area to another European area (Innsbruck in Switzerland) They were looking at different geographical features such as vegetation, land use, transport and leisure.



Year 5 visit to Reddish Vale High School

Year 5 went to Reddish Vale for a science lesson. They learned about how pollution can impact the food chain over time by playing games, watching videos, and listening to an expert Reddish Vale science teacher.





We would love some volunteers to hear readers in our Key Stage 1 classes. If you have some time to spare in the week (even if it is just half an hour after drop off!) Our KS1 teachers would love to hear from you! Please email our reading and KS1 lead rachel.marsden@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk or speak to her at the Y2 Foxes door.

Reminders

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 and everyone should bring their bottle each day.

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/>



Imagine the possibilities – a thousand pounds to spend on groceries, treats, household essentials, and more.

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: **Year 6 Hawks with 95.4 %** They have won 'teddy/toy day'
The class teacher will let you know what day it will be on.

No other classes had an attendance over 97%.

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. Here's this week's winners enjoying their special treat.



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 – Estee, Badgers – Evie, Hedgehogs – Willow, Squirrels – Summer, Foxes – Myles, Falcons – Anna, Kites – Cooper, Owls – Charlie, Kestrels -Ewan, Merlins – Angel, Hawks – Charlie, Ospreys – Peter, Y6 Eagles - Ryan

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: Stanley
 Reception Otters: Mason
 Year 1 Hedgehogs: Tommy
 Year 1/2 Squirrels: Azaan
 Year 2 Foxes: Essie
 Year 3 Falcons: Jacob

Year 3/4 Kites: Sebastian
 Year 4 Owls: Leah
 Year 5 Kestrels: Malcom
 Year 5 Merlins: Jaden
 Year 6 Ospreys: Sarah
 Year 6 Hawks: Willow
 Year 6 Eagles: Tristan

Golden Broom

Year 4 Owls 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) .



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.