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Newsletter Friday 28th March 2024

Dates for your diary:

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

Monday 15th April – Return to School

Friday 17th May – Thumbs Up Friday

Tuesday 25th June – DEAR (Drop Everything and Read!)



Dear All,

Well, here we are at the end of another busy term. This past term is our shortest, but it definitely hasn't been our quietest. We have had educational visits, visitors into school, sporting competitions, charitable celebrations, and of course lots of learning! The children (and staff!) fully deserve the spring break and I hope that you all find time to relax and recharge for the final term.

This morning we held our Children's Assembly, where each class nominates their star pupil. It always fills me with pride to see the wonderful things written about our children from their peers, and all of our recipients today were worthy winners.



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!) or if there are grandparents out there who would love to get involved please let them know too. 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.

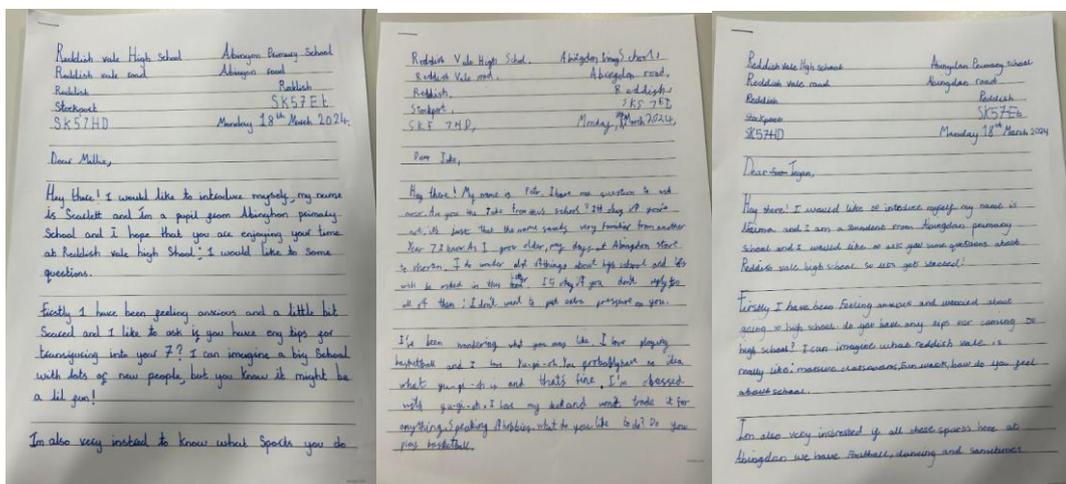
Wellbeing Challenge

My challenge this week is to just enjoy the break. Spend time with family and friends. Catch up with people you may not have seen in a way. Turn off the morning alarm and have a sleep-in. Have a pyjama day. Eat lots of chocolate. Relax, rewind and recharge.



Year 6 Penpals

Year 6 are taking part in a project with Reddish Vale High School this year to help with the transition for the pupils joining them in September. They have been writing letters to the students in Year 7 to find out as much as they can. The high school students will be writing back to them. So - they will have a penpal over the next few months! It is also great practise in formal letter writing too!



Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the Easter Egg Raffle. We managed to raise £156 for our school libraries, and lots of children started their Easter Egg collection early. Thank you also to all the staff who kindly donated the chocolate eggs to raffle for this cause.



Easter chicks!

Thank you again to those people who were able to buy the beautiful knitted Easter chicks with crème eggs inside. We managed to raise over £300 for Francis House.



Other 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

<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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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 2 Foxes with 98.2 %** They have won 'Teddy/Toy Day'
 The class teacher will let you know what day it will be on.

Yr 6 Hawks also had an attendance over 97%, with 98.1% and will get an extra playtime after the break

Whilst we appreciate that we all get ill at times (me included this half-term!) we strive to have high attendance in school. The following children are to be recognised for having 100% attendance in school year to date!

Evie – Y1/2 Squirrels

Omar – Y1 Hedgehogs

Fatoumata – Y6 Ospreys

Jaden – Y5 Merlins

Poppy – Y3/4 Kites

Preston – Y2 Foxes

Athena – Y2 Foxes

Faye – Y4 Owls

For all the children who still have over 97% attendance at this stage in the year, we have put all the names in a lottery draw. The winning family will win a £50 voucher to spend on a family meal at any Greene King establishment. The winning child drawn was Linkon in Y3 Falcons!

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. Unfortunately, due to meetings taking place in school today, we could not do 'Hot Chocolate'.



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'.

Unfortunately, due to the Bank Holiday being on Friday, we haven't managed to do the 'Gold Table' this week. We will be back to normal service after the break!

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: Remaya

Reception Otters: Ava

Year 1 Hedgehogs: Freddie

Year 1/2 Squirrels: Evie

Year 2 Foxes: Leah

Year 3 Falcons: Rosie-Lou

Year 3/4 Kites: Haris

Year 4 Owls: Cain

Year 5 Kestrels: James

Year 5 Merlins: Jaden

Year 6 Ospreys: Edward

Year 6 Hawks: Sienna

Year 6 Eagles: Olivia

Golden Broom

Year 6 Ospreys 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) .



Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all back for the final term!!

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.