

# **Abingdon Primary School**

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# **Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

## **Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 13**<sup>th</sup> **Sept** – drama workshop for LKS2 (afternoon)

Friday 1st Oct – INSET Day – school closed for children

**Thursday 7**th **Oct** – favourites school lunch (more info to follow)

Wednesday 20th Oct – Year 2 Step Outside road awareness workshop am / Y4 Headsmart workshop pm

**Thursday 21**st Oct – Y6 Speedwatch workshop **Friday 22**nd Oct – School closes for half term

\*\*\*Updated system from Monday 13th September for drop off\*\*\*

Please stick to your specific drop off time in the morning.

Reception and KS1 drop off time is from 8:45am, and KS2 drop off time is from 8:50am

As of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, the entry gate will open from 8:35am until 9:00am.

Reception and KS1 will continue to enter school through their classroom door.

KS2 will walk past the stairwell entrance used previously, and walk round by the hall to enter school THROUGH THE HALL as they did last year.

Reception and KS1 classroom doors will open at 8:45am

The Hall door for KS2 children will open at 8:50am.

Please make sure you drop off your child(ren) at the eldest child's allocated time. Thank you.

Please do not enter school through the KS2 gate as this is an EXIT point. The one-way system around school is to prevent congestion around the pathways of the school building. Please adhere to this system as a health and safety measure.



# Attendance recognition arrangements:

- ★ The class with the highest overall attendance each week will have the opportunity to 'spin the wheel'. The wheel has many options of fantastic activities children can enjoy, such as wear your slippers day, extra play time and many more!
- ★ Each class who achieves 97% or higher each week, or who show great improvement, will have an own clothes day the following week.
- ★ ALL children who have over 97% attendance for the year, or who show good improvement of attendance, will have an end of year treat. Attendance monitoring

includes broken weeks and lateness. You MUST contact school if your child is late or absent.

The classes with the highest attendance this week are: Y2 Rabbits and Y5 Kestrels BOTH with a fantastic attendance of 98.8%! Their treat from spinning the wheel is

Other classes who achieve 97%+ are: Reception Otters, Reception Badgers and Y3/4 Kites. They will have an own clothes day next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

# **Healthy Lunch Boxes**

At Abingdon, we encourage children to have healthy lifestyles. This includes having healthy lunch boxes containing a balanced selection of the following:

Protein – e.g. cheese, meat, hummus, tuna

Carbohydrate – bread and pasta (preferably wholemeal), potatoes, rice The NHS encourages use of low-fat spreads and a high proportion of fruit and vegetables in lunch boxes too.

Further ideas for healthy lunch boxes can be found here:

https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes



#### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit <a href="https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals">https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals</a> 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.

We have a varied menu which changes weekly, so your child will always enjoy a healthy, filling lunch.

## Class Dojo messaging

We appreciate parents/carers using Class Dojo to communicate any pertinent information about your child. Please remember that teachers will reply to messages **outside** of direct teaching time and only between the hours of 8am and 5pm. Outside of these hours, teachers are not able to respond and will reply to any messages as soon as they can, within their working hours. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.



# Read-a-thon and Love Reading Club

Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to join us for the Read-a-thon sessions this week. It was wonderful to see you in school reading with your child (and any others who joined you!). We are looking forward to holding more of these sessions throughout the year.

Next week we launch our 'Love Reading Club' – any child in the school can join and receive awards and prizes as they progress

through books they choose to read. A separate letter will be sent out detailing logistics but please do encourage your child to join and enjoy the breadth of books we have on offer.

#### Go Read app

We have introduced out fantastic new reading record app 'Go Read'. This allows parents/carers, teachers and children to all view your child's reading record — and it also means no more books getting lost or damaged so the record remains intact throughout your child's time here at Abingdon. Children can earn gems for reading and 'spend' them within the app. You can find out more about the app here https://go-read.co.uk/parents/



#### School Lottery



This week's lottery winner was Mrs Hilditch - again! - who won £14.10. AGAIN, she has kindly donated funds back to school. A huge thank you to Mrs Hilditch for being so kind and supportive of school. Also, thank you to all who participate!

The school lottery is a fantastic way of <u>raising additional funds for school</u> to be spent on resources for the children. You are also in with a chance of winning the jackpot of £25,000!

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

#### £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!



#### Hot Chocolate with the Head

A huge well done to Archie, Hallie M and Hamzah from KS1 and Loredana, Lucas N, Alice and Molly M from KS2. We all enjoyed a catch up and a hot chocolate together. We are very proud of the children being chosen for making good choices and for embodying the Abingdon core values of: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



Finally, well done to Y3/4 Falcons 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.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clark Headteacher

## Covid-19 advice

# Please refer to our Parent/Carer Q&A guide for queries about Covid-19 in school.

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/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/

Stockport rates of coronavirus are still rising <a href="https://www.stockport.gov.uk/coronavirus-in-stockport/coronavirus-cases-in-stockport">https://www.stockport.gov.uk/coronavirus-in-stockport/coronavirus-cases-in-stockport</a>

#### 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

or

if your child receives a positive lateral flow test/PCR test, <u>they should remain at home</u>. NHS track and trace will inform all close contacts and advise them to also take a PCR test.

If your child receives a positive lateral flow test, they should take a PCR test as soon as possible to confirm.

Please inform school if anyone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19.

## **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