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Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May – Y6 Statutory testing week (SATS)

Friday 17th May – Thumbs Up Friday

Friday 24th May – Finish for Half term

Monday 10th June- back to school

Monday 17th June – Year 6 Residential

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

Tuesday 9th July – Year 3/4 visit to Bolton Museum (more information to follow!)



Dear All,

Dare I say it, but it is beginning to feel a bit like summer! The nights are definitely drawing out, and we have almost had a whole week of dry weather! We have a four day week next week, so it will be very busy in school, fitting the learning in, but I know that both the staff and children are focused and raring to go!



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.

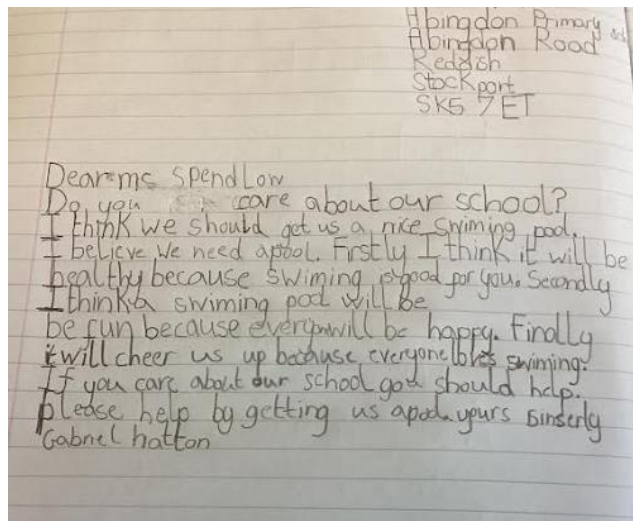
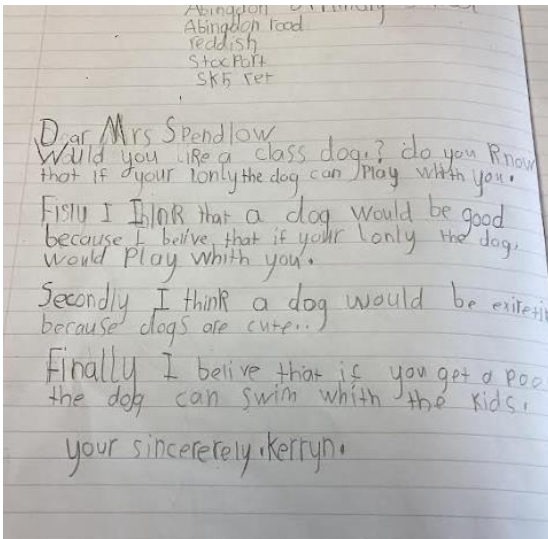
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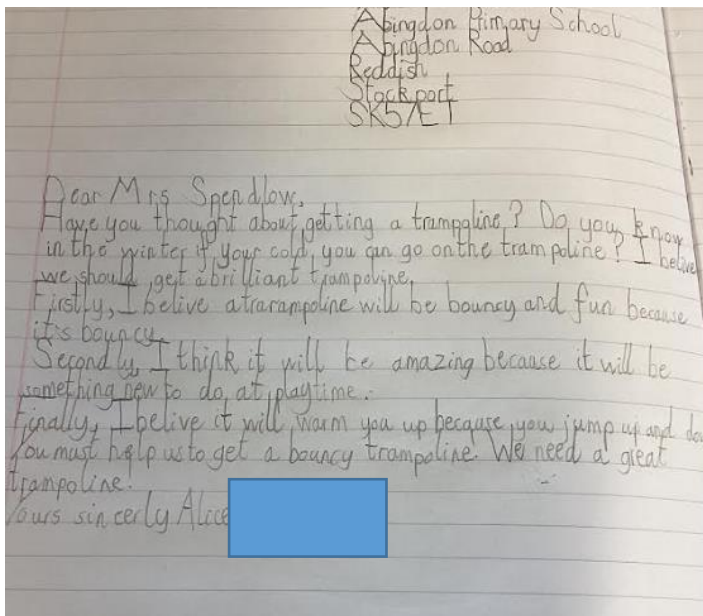
Sometimes a big clear out helps to lift your mood. One room at a time (or even one cupboard at a time!!) works a treat! Donate old toys to charity and if you have any sets of recent popular chapter books (e.g. Wimpy kid, Harry Potter, Percy Jackson etc) we would love them for our library! Happy Spring Cleaning!



Year 2 persuasive writing

Year 2 have been writing letters to me this week, to persuade me to get certain things for our school. Pet Alligators, a trampoline and a swimming pool are on the list! Here are a few lovely examples:





Silent Disco

We were luckily enough to be rewarded with a silent disco from Stockport libraries for taking part in the Stockport Children's book awards and today was the day! Great fun was had by all!



Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre is fast approaching! We are holding it on **Friday 28th June 3.30 – 5pm**. We will be having a raffle as usual and we are looking for prizes! If anyone has a business that would like to donate a prize we would very much appreciate it, or if anyone has links to shops/business that they think would like to be involved by donating.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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 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 our 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/>



Get ready to pack your bags and embark on the adventure of a lifetime! We're thrilled to announce our latest Super Draw prize, and trust us, it's one you won't want to miss out on.

On Saturday 25th May, one lucky winner will walk away with a £1,000 holiday voucher, opening the doors to endless possibilities for your dream getaway. Already got your summer escape booked? Take the £1,000 cash alternative! Treat yourself to a little taste of luxury, or spend it your way at home!

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: Y2 Foxes 97.1%. They will spin the wheel on Tuesday to see what they win.

Sadly, no other classes achieved over 97% this week, fingers crossed for next week!

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.





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: Edith, Badgers: Hunter-Cole, Hedgehogs: Georgia, Squirrels: Asal, Foxes: Bobby-Charles Falcons: Skye, Kites: Ethan, Owls: Lucas, Kestrels: Bradley, Merlins: Emily, Hawks: Ava, Ospreys: Maggi-May, Eagles: Lillie-Anne

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: Jaxon

Reception Otters: Jack

Year 1 Hedgehogs: Archie

Year 1/2 Squirrels: Hasnain

Year 2 Foxes: Gabriel

Year 3 Falcons: Lexi-Leigh

Year 3/4 Kites: Kyra-Rose

Year 4 Owls: Aisha

Year 5 Kestrels: Danica

Year 5 Merlins: Jack

Year 6 Ospreys: Ayana

Year 6 Hawks: Ruvindi

Year 6 Eagles: Max



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).

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 5th September	INSET
Wednesday 6th September	Back to School
Friday 20th October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 30th October	School returns
Friday 22nd December	Finish for Christmas

Spring term

Monday 8th January 2024	INSET
Tuesday 9th January	School returns
Friday 9th February	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 19th February	School returns
Thursday 28th March	Finish for Easter

Summer term

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

