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Newsletter Friday 17th September 2021

Dates for your diary:

Friday 24th Sept – Macmillan Milkshake Morning (*details below*)

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

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

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

Thursday 21st Oct – Y6 Speedwatch workshop

Friday 22nd 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.

The entry gate is open from 8:35am until 9:00am.

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

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

KS2 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 open at 8:45am

The Hall door for KS2 children 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 class with the highest attendance this week is: Y3/4 Kites with a fantastic attendance of 99%! Their treat from spinning the wheel is extra play.

Other classes who achieve 97%+ are: Y6 Ospreys and Y5 Kestrels. They will all have an own clothes day next Friday 24th September.

Railway Line Safety

We have been contacted by network Rail with the message below, regarding the high number of incidents in our local area. I urge all of our community to continue to share the importance of never trespassing on railway lines. There are video links for KS2 children. Videos have been shown in classes this week so please continue to reinforce this at home as well.

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

We urgently need you to please share the relevant safety videos with your teachers to show in class or send the link to parents who can watch it at home.

The session is less than 15 minutes and explains why it is important to stay safe near the tracks.

Over 12 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of trespasses in their area through watching the safety videos.

If you enter railsafety@learnliveuk.com into the email field, you can watch the videos without registering.

Primary school version: Age 7- 11

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

<https://learnliveuk.com/i-am-train-safe/>

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 <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals> 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.



Macmillan Milkshake Morning Friday 24th September

Due to the high number of Covid cases presenting in Stockport, we have decided to hold our usual MacMillan coffee morning as a 'Macmillan Milkshake Morning' just for children instead!

Parents/carers can pre-order a milkshake and/or cake for your child using School Spider (or log into the desktop school website).

Milkshakes are 50p and cakes are £1.

You MUST pre-order as we will need to know specific orders so that they can be delivered to each classroom.

*****We are asking for donations of cake and milkshake powder please***** to be sent into school with your child on Thursday 23rd September. Thank you in advance for your support.

Favourites Lunch Day

On Thursday 7th October, we will be holding a special 'favourites day' lunch. A separate letter has been emailed to all parents/carers. If your child does not already have a school lunch and would like to that day, please book it via School Spider app or the school desktop website.



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.



Love Reading Club

This week we launched our 'Love Reading Club' and we were astounded at the number of children who have joined! We look forward to seeing your child enjoying reading our wide variety of books. Any child in the school can join and receive awards and prizes as they progress through books they choose to read. A separate letter has been 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

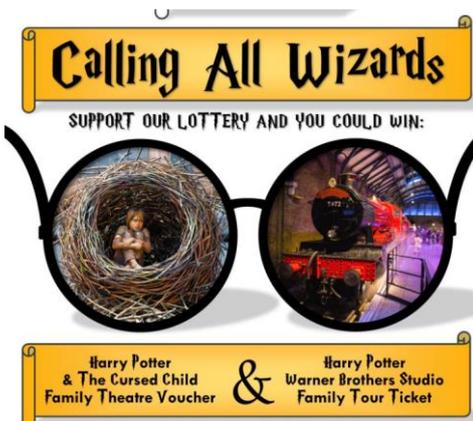
We have introduced our fantastic new reading record app 'Go Read'. This allows parents/carers, teachers and children to all view your child's reading record – and it also means no more books getting lost or damaged so the record remains intact throughout your child's time here at Abingdon. Children can 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/>



Times Table Rockstars Tournament

Mrs Hunt, our maths lead, has organised our first TT Rock Stars tournament of the year. It will be for KS2 children only this early in the term and children's scores will **only contribute to the battle between 7am and 8pm**. It starts today and the battle is as follows:

Ospreys vs. Merlins ----- **Kestrels vs. Owls** ----- **Falcons vs. Kites**



School Lottery

This week's lottery winner was me! I won £14.10 and donated it back to school. Thank you to all who participate and please share the link with wider friends and family – every ticket **helps us receive more funding for school!**

<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!

After School Clubs

From Monday at 7:00am, parents/carers can sign their child up for an extra-curricular club on offer this half term. Places are on a first come, first served basis via our School Spider app or the school desktop website (parent sign in section).



Hot Chocolate with the Head

A huge well done to Haris, Olivia B and Jessica from KS1 and Amna, Lillie-Anne, Erin, Rose-Anne and Bella 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 **Y1 Squirrels** 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. [Click here](#) to access it online

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 <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/coronavirus-in-stockport/coronavirus-cases-in-stockport>

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, **they should remain at home**. 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>