

# **Abingdon Primary School**

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# Newsletter Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### **Dates for your diary:**

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Favourites school lunch last day for ordering is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Friday 15**<sup>th</sup> **Oct** – Freddy Fit workshops (children only)

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

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: Rec Badgers with a fantastic attendance of 99%! Their treat from spinning the wheel is popcorn next Thursday!

Other classes who achieve 97%+ are: Y3/4 Kites and Y5 Kestrels. They will both have their own clothes day on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> this week -because of their PE lessons, swimming and the INSET day on Friday!

#### **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.



# Macmillan Milkshake Morning Friday 24th September

A huge thank you to all those who supported us in raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. The children had a fantastic time and we truly appreciate all the kind donations too. We raised over £150! I know this will be gratefully received by Macmillan so thank you again.

#### **SEND Newsletter**

The latest publication of the Stockport SEND newsletter can be found here https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSMBC/bulletins/2f04f65



#### **Favourites Lunch Day**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Last day for ordering is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October



#### **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**

We have had a FANTASTIC response to the start of our Love Reading club, with many of our children taking on the challenge. 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. Your child can still join, if they haven't already!

#### 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 <a href="https://go-read.co.uk/parents/">https://go-read.co.uk/parents/</a>





#### **Times Table Rockstars Tournament**

Mrs Hunt, our maths lead, organised our first TT Rock Stars tournament of the year. It was a well fought battle, and here are the winners:



#### **School Lottery**

This week's lottery winner was Miss Murphy. 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/

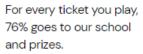
# How the lottery works

# £1 per ticket



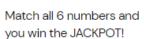
That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.

#### Help us do more





# £25,000 grand prize



Finally, well done to Y6 Ospreys 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
<a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/</a>

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

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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