



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Dates for your diary:

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

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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Y6 Speedwatch workshop ----- Halloween Film Night at school (*see separate letter*)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** – School closes for half term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – School reopens

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parent/carer consultations (*more details to follow*)

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Diwali Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** – Christmas Fair (to be confirmed)

**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

**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 super attendance of 100%! Their treat from spinning the wheel is **a dance party** next week!**

**The other classes who achieved 97%+ are: Y2 Rabbits, Y6 Ospreys and Y5/6 Merlins!** They will all have their own clothes day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Well done!

### **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.



### Harvest – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

We look forward to celebrating Harvest in school on the last Thursday of half term. Unfortunately, we are still unable to invite all parents into school to watch assemblies. However, the children will be performing class poems, raps, and songs and sharing their learning about Harvest and the importance of food and water around the world. We are also collecting goods for The Wellspring, a charity in Stockport who provide free meals to those in need, mainly people who are homeless.

If you can provide any of the following gifts, we will gratefully donate to Wellspring:

Coffee, sugar, biscuits, cereal, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables, including tinned potatoes, tinned meats, UHT long life milk, cereal bars, crisps, small bottled water and any other long life items.

### Have Your Say – Stockport Central Library move to ‘Stockroom’

Stockport Council has been awarded £14.5 million Future High Streets Funding by the government to spend on Stockroom, a new Learning and Discovery space in Merseyway. The rules governing how this money can be spent mean investing the money into refurbishing Central Library is not possible. Stockroom will be a place to learn, play and relax, providing a new café and meeting point as well as high-quality children’s library and research and study spaces for people of all ages to inspire lifelong learning. Stockroom will provide better access to digital services and technology and adult learning opportunities to help people to achieve their full potential, allowing them to learn new skills and secure better jobs and good business growth. It will also be a place for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together and celebrate our heritage.

Stockport Council are asking people to complete a short questionnaire via [www.stockport.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/haveyoursay) to understand people’s views on the proposed move of library services from the Central Library building, into Stockroom.

Whatever the result of this formal consultation process there is no intent from the council to demolish or abandon the Central Library building – it is a Grade II listed building and is a much loved and important part of our town’s heritage which we want to preserve. As such, Stockport Council has agreed some clear pledges for the future of the Central Library Building.

- The building will not be abandoned or demolished
- The Council will seek future uses that would be sensitive to the historic nature of the building and would retain public access to the building
- The Council will not sell the freehold or allow the building to be developed for residential use that would mean the public losing access to this heritage asset



### SEND Newsletter

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



### Inclusion Team

As you will be aware, the pandemic has had a significant impact on our school community and, for this reason, I have further developed our Inclusion Team in school to. Below are the details of our team in school provide bespoke, specialised support for our children and their families:

**Mrs Pearson** – SENDCo – Special Educational Needs Coordinator (Mon and Weds)

**Mr Cumberbatch** – Pastoral Lead (full time) supporting parents/carers with all matters relating to any difficulty they may be experiencing

**Mrs Lamb** – Child Advocate Virtual Class Teacher (full time including some teaching responsibilities) – supporting children who are experiencing Social, Emotional or Mental Health needs in school. Mrs Lamb also works with parents in supporting their child at home.

**Mr Wilcock** – Lead Teacher for Culture and Behaviours (Weds and Thurs) supporting staff in developing effective behaviour and relationship strategies, staff training and further developing the school’s promotion of diversity and inclusion.



### Favourites Lunch Day

On Thursday we all enjoyed a special 'favourites' lunch. Thank you to Shaily and our kitchen staff for providing this. Our children enjoyed a delicious lunch and were spoilt for choice!

### National Poetry Day Competition

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October was National Poetry Day and to celebrate we have initiated a competition. To enter, your child will need to write their own poem in any format, about anything they choose. To enter, your child should complete their poem by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and hand to their class teacher. There will be 1 winner chosen from each year group. The winner will receive a special certificate in assembly and the winning entry will be put on display in school and on our website! Please encourage your child to participate.



### Class Dojo messaging

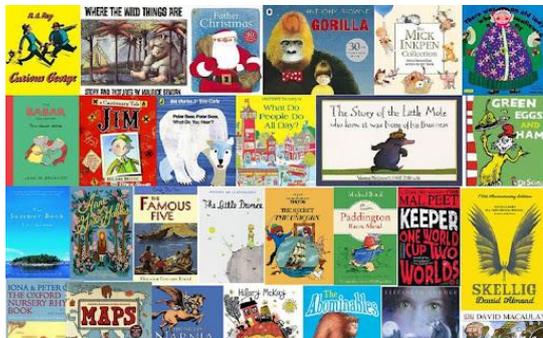


\*Please note that school only use the FREE dojo app. School would never expect parents/carers to pay for any additional services and also as these are available in the USA\* If you have any queries please contact school.

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.

### Sports Tournament

A big 'well done' to the Y6 children who took part in a competition at SportsCity this week. They were recognised for their excellent attitude and acted as wonderful ambassadors for Abingdon. They were given the 'Be Proud' award for their efforts and fantastic attitude. Thank you for representing our school so well. We are all very proud of you.



### Love Reading Club

Some of our children are fast approaching their first certificate for reading books as part of the club. We look forward to sharing their success in assembly.

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. Please do encourage your child to 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 <https://go-read.co.uk/parents/>



**Miss Riley will also be releasing a help video to share how the app work and how to start using it in school. Your child can collect 'gems' and points the more they read so please do start using it.**



### Times Table Rockstars Tournament

Mrs Hunt, our maths lead, organised our first TT Rock Stars tournament of the year. The results are in and the winners are highlighted below:

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

Mrs Hunt has organised the next tournament, the winner of which will play THE TEACHERS in a final battle. I will pre-warn you that the staff are incredibly competitive (we won last time!), so please encourage your child to spend time practising times tables using this fantastic resource.



## School Lottery

This week's lottery winner was a **Y5 parent who won £13.20**. Well done! 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/)

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## 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!

Finally, well done to **Y5/6 Merlins** 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>