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Newsletter Friday 19th November 2021

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 22nd – Friday 26th Nov** – Reading Festival Week
- Tuesday 30th Nov** – Y6 at 'Crucial Crew' in Stockport
- Wednesday 1st Dec** – Virtual Christmas Fayre and Raffle tickets go on sale
- Friday 3rd Dec** – Own clothes day CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATION
- Thursday 9th Dec** – Christmas cookies and drink £1 DONATION
- Friday 10th Dec** – INSET DAY school closed to pupils
- Friday 17th Dec** – Fancy dress day £1 DONATION/ Class Christmas assemblies video link emailed out
- Monday 20th Dec** – Christmas raffle drawn
- Tuesday 21st Dec** – Christmas dinner day
- Wednesday 22nd Dec** – School closes for Christmas break

*****SCHOOL REOPENS ON THURSDAY 6th JANUARY 2022*****

Please remember that the KS2 gate 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: Y5 Kestrels with an attendance of 98%! Their treat from spinning the wheel is music in class one day next week, as well as an own clothes day.

The other classes who achieved 97%+ are: Y2 Rabbits and Y3/4 Falcons.

For the following weeks leading up to Christmas, class teachers will tell you the day for own clothes via Class Dojo as most Fridays are all taken up with fundraising events.

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.

Children in Need

A big 'thank you' for your kind donations today. We raised over £200 thanks to your generosity! A special mention goes to Colton in Y2. He donated £5 of his own money to Children in Need. It is wonderful to see our Abingdon children living our core values – we are very lucky to have such special children in our Abingdon Family. Thank you again to our school community for all your support.



Cool to be Kind Week (One Kind Word anti-bullying week)

What a wonderful week we have had in school celebrating Anti-Bullying Week – or 'Cool to be Kind Week', as we called it. All week, children across the whole school have been sending messages of kindness through various activities such as giving out special kindness notes, singing songs about kindness and embodying our core values. All children received a special wristband to show that they were all involved and the Y6 children also handed some out to parents/carers too.

A highlight of the week was some of our Y6 children going out to Houldsworth Square to hand out messages of kindness and positivity. The Y6 children had prepared special cards to hand out to members of the public. I am so proud of our Abingdon children and the way they represented our school family out in public. The kindness cards were very well received, with one person stating that it 'had made his day'. What a fantastic week and we will be out again soon delivering messages of kindness to our local community.

We are going to continue our kindness drive and make sure our kind actions continue well beyond this week!





Young Carers

Sometimes, children live with adults who require additional support in managing day to day tasks. This may be due to adults having a health issue or for other reasons.

In school, our Young Carer contact is Mr Cumberbatch. If you think that your child might be a young carer – that is, they help with jobs or assist a parent/carer with day to day tasks that otherwise another adult might do – please make contact with school via sylvan.cumberbatch@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk or through your child's class teacher.

In Stockport, we have a voluntary sector Young Carers Service who often offer trips, activities, one to one support such as mentoring, and whole family support such as signposting to Adults' services and advocacy. This means that children who are Young Carers can also receive support and additional opportunities/activities to help support them in their role.



Virtual Christmas Fair

This year we will be holding our Christmas fair virtually again. Whilst we would love to hold an in person fair, we are still living with Covid-19 and feel that this is the safest way to manage public health and safety by not having large numbers of people on site together for a sustained period of time. Classes will be creating items to sell and a brochure will be published on 1st December.



Parent/Carer Readers in school – we need your support please

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already volunteered to come in to hear children read.

If you are available to give some time to hear children read each week, we would be grateful for any support you can offer. Basic training on how we listen to children read will be provided and you will be under the teacher's direction so help is always on hand.

If you are interested in coming into school to hear some children read, please contact the school office either via telephone on 0161 480 4531 or email admin@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk . Please note that it will not necessarily be with your child or their class. Thank you for your support.



**17th March
2022**

SAVE THE DATE

Parents and Carers Together Stockport (PACTS)

Please see the information below if you are interested in accessing the SEND Information day. For any support, information or advice, you can visit the website <https://pactstockport.co.uk/>

**PACTS Annual
Special Educational
Needs and Disabilities
Information Day**

**Alma Lodge Hotel
149 Buxton Road
Stockport SK2 6EL**

All you need to know for the Stockport area and is **FREE** for Parents, Carers, Family Members and Professionals who have or work with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.
More information coming soon.

WHO?

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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/>



School Lottery



This week's lottery winner was a **Y5 parent who won £15.60.**

Congratulations!

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!**

This really helps support our school so, if you can, please do sign up for a weekly ticket. Thank you.

<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!

Finally, well done to Y3/4 Owls 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>