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Dates for your diary:

Thursday 24th – Thursday 31st March – Book Fair in hall after school

Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th March – Y6 residential to Robinwood Todmorden

Friday 1st April – Thumbs Up Friday/ Parent Café / Non-uniform day for Walk or Cycle to School week

Friday 1st April – School closes for Easter break (reopens Tuesday 19th April)

Please do not bring dogs into the playground or onto the school premises.

Please also remember that bikes and scooters are NOT to be ridden by parents or children on the school grounds.

Thank you for your support in these site safety measures.



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**

They will have also won Popcorn as treat one day next week from spinning the wheel, as well as an own clothes day.

The class teacher will contact parents to let them know what day will be.

KS1 Skipton castle trip

We waved off some very excited children this morning! Our Year 1 and 2 children have been to Skipton Castle for the day to support their learning with their topic 'Dungeons and Dragons'. It sounds as though they have had a wonderful day. Photos to follow next week!

Lost property

We have lots of lost property again in school. Next Wednesday we will put it all out in the playground on the benches in the KS2 playground. On Friday we will be clearing anything that is left. Please come and take a look.

Healthy Eating and Lunchboxes

This is a reminder that children at Abingdon are encouraged to eat healthily throughout the school day. All children in school start the day with a bagel (or are offered this as a breakfast option) and fruit is provided for all Reception and KS1 children.

Break snacks should be a piece of fruit or veg. Crisps, chocolate bars and sweets should not be sent into school. Likewise, at lunch time, if your child is on packed lunches, please send in as healthy an option as possible. Sweets are not permitted, nor are sugary or fizzy drinks.

As I am sure you are aware, children's diets can have a huge impact on their school day, in terms of their behaviour and their overall performance. Please help support us on this and we will be launching a healthy eating project in the near future. Thank you. If you would benefit from support with school meals, click on the link in the red box below to see if you are eligible for free school meals.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

Don't forget that we are promoting Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel' competition until Friday 1st April. Please try to walk/scoot/cycle to school over the next week as we are collecting in the data – with the hope of winning prizes for school!

And on Friday 1st April we will have an own clothes day to celebrate our achievements and to raise money for the charity. (Please pay £1 on School Spider)..



Cake Sale

Just a reminder about the cake sale on Friday 1st April after school to raise funds for Abbie, Pixie, Abigail, Freya, Amara and Kirana's trip to the Dance World Cup this year. Please come along and support them if you can.

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.

Cars idling outside school

An issue of great concern has been reported to me this week: cars have been idling (leaving your vehicle engine running while stationary) outside school when waiting by the fence area.

Please switch off your car engine if you are waiting outside school, for any period of time. The fumes alone are extremely hazardous to everyone's health – especially young children – and it is made even worse in the winter months.

In doing so, any drivers who are choosing to idle either at drop off or pick up, are breaking rule 123 of the Highway Code and putting other people's health at risk.

I am sure you join me in wanting to keep the school a healthy and safe environment so please support this campaign.

Class Stars

A big well done to the following children who have impressed their class teacher this week by following our core values in and around school:

Gabriel in Reception Otters, Leah in Reception Badgers, EVERYONE in KS1!

The Whole Class in Y3/4 Falcons, Aleena in Y3/4 Owls, Olly in Y3/4 Kites, Abby-Leigh in Y5 Kestrels, Jaiden in Y5/6 Merlins and Loredana in Y6 Ospreys.

Thank you for acting as super role models for everyone in school and out of school this week!



School Lottery

Congratulations to our winner this week: **Mrs Reeves!** A huge thank you and 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 **Reception Otters** 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.



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 6 days with a negative LFD test (24 hours apart on day 5 and day 6). 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/>

While you're no longer required by law to self-isolate if you have COVID-19, you should still stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This helps reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 on to others.

This advice will be updated on 1 April 2022.

School 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, **they should remain at home**. NHS track and trace will inform all close contacts and advise them to also take a LFD test.

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>