

# **Abingdon Primary School**

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# Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

### Dates for your diary:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school transition day, including Y6 to high school Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Summer fayre 3:30pm – 5:30pm (No After School Club) Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Transition day 2 (Abingdon only, Y6 children attend school as usual) Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Annual reports to parents sent out Weds 20<sup>th</sup> July – Open evening: see children's learning in books and meet their next teacher 3:30pm – 5:00pm Tues 26<sup>th</sup> July – School closes at the end of the day for summer break (3:15 – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB)

\*\*\*Y6 parents have been sent a separate list of end of year events for Y6 only but please see the bottom of the newsletter for a reminder of dates and times\*\*\*

<u>Parents/carers are not permitted to drive into the school car park unless by prior</u> <u>special arrangement with the headteacher.</u> If collecting from clubs or after school club, parents must park on the road and walk in.

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 95% 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 Falcons with a super 98%. Well done! They have won musical instruments in class treat from spinning the wheel, as well as an own clothes day. The class teacher will contact parents/carers to let them know what day will be.

# Parent/carer appointments

Please remember that in order to meet with a member of staff, parents/carers MUST book an appointment. Unfortunately, staff are unable to meet with parents/carers if they arrive on site without a meeting scheduled. If you wish to book an appointment, please do so via email, class dojo or by calling the school office on 0161 480 4531. Members of staff will always be happy to meet, but cannot do so on an ad hoc basis. Thank you for your support in this matter.

# Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme Over Summer

Families on means tested free school meals will be able to access UP TO 16 **FREE** HAF sessions over the summer holidays. Stockport Local Authority have a range of activities available for children aged 5-16 (4 if in school but turning 5 over the summer holidays) and **ALL WILL INCLUDE A MEAL**.



Clubs will generally start in August and run throughout August. Further information can be found here (activities

are still being arranged so keep checking the website!): https://www.stockport.gov.uk/information-for-parentsand-carers

A reminder that families can apply for Free School Meals via this link: https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-schoolmeals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals - all you need is your NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is beneficial to apply for Free School Meals as your child can also access a range of other benefits and school help supplement some additional provision for you and your child(ren).

If you would prefer to apply using a school computer/internet, that is no problem and we can arrange a private area with a computer for you to apply. Just ask at the office, call 0161 480 4531 or email admin@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk.

#### Summer Reading Challenge

Stockport Libraries are again running their annual reading challenge. We hope that our Abingdon children get involved!

The Summer Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff support the children, helping them to discover new

authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

#### How the Challenge works:

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a Gadgeteers collector poster. ٠
- Children read books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.
- Library staff are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

#### **Rocksteady Music Group**

Our Rocksteady music group is now up and running. The children taking part are thoroughly enjoying it and learning music skills as well as collaborative skills by working as part of a team in their band. Well done to all involved.

If you want your child to participate, please liaise with the company directly via: www.rocksteadymusicschool.com



#### Summer Fayre!

A reminder that our summer is being held at school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. The fayre will run after school from 3:30pm to 5:30pm and there will be a host of stalls ranging from selling refreshments to playing games. We hope that you are able to join us. If you would like to have a stall at the fayre, please contact the school office on 0161 480 4531 / joanne.goodwin@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk. Stalls are £10 each.



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Presented by The Reading Agency Delivered in partnership with libraries.



Further information will be sent out soon.

#### End of Year Bouncy Castle Attendance Treat

We will be holding our annual whole school treat for good/improved attendance at the end of the academic year on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. We have booked bouncy castles for the children to enjoy throughout the morning.



This is available to children whose attendance is 95% or over, **or** children whose attendance has shown improvement. This means that EVERY child in school has the opportunity to take part. Parents/carers of children whose attendance is currently under

95% have received a letter explaining how this treat is open to everyone in school who attends regularly and on time, and shows improvement over the summer term. Reminder letters will also be sent out before half term. Please contact school on 0161 480 4531, or via your child's class teacher, if we can support you with your child's attendance. We want your child to be in school every day, so we will gladly help with any aspect of attendance.

#### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit <u>https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals</u> 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 length of time – even if only for a few minutes. 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:

Lara in Reception Otters, Heidi in Reception Badgers, Lola in Y1 Squirrels, Joanne in Y1/2 Foxes, Lillie-Mae D in Y2 Rabbits, Bradley in Y3/4 Falcons, Sarah in Y3/4 Owls, Zach in Y3/4 Kites, Ellie in Y5 Kestrels, Haily in Y5/6 Merlins and Jessica in Y6 Ospreys.

Thank you for acting as super role models for everyone in school.

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

Year 6 key dates/times: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – Y6 Production Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – Y6 Production Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm – 3:00pm – Y6 disco (please ensure you child brings their disco clothes to school in a bag that day) Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Leavers' assembly 9:00am



# Covid-19 advice

- Children with mild symptoms of a respiratory infection include covid-19 but are otherwise well should continue to attend school. They should stay home if they have a high temperature and are unwell, and can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature/feel well enough.
- It is not recommended that children should have a covid-19 test unless directed to by a health professional, but if a child under 18 does test positive, they should stay off school for 3 days after the day they took the test. They can return to school after the 3 days if they are well enough.

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-andwhat-to-do/