



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

### Dates for your diary:

29<sup>th</sup> January – Backwards Day

31<sup>st</sup> January – 6<sup>th</sup> February – National Storytelling Week

9<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term holiday

W/C 10<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> March – Parent/Carer consultations (video consultation)

### **National Handwriting Day**

Today the children enjoyed a day celebrating handwriting. We saw some fantastic examples and the children really enjoyed taking time over their presentation. This is what we call 'behaviour for learning' in school; children showing that they take care and pride over their learning. We are very proud of the children's efforts and know that this will continue in all aspects of their learning.

### **Remote Learning Feedback**

Thank you to all those parents and carers who took part in the survey. From this we can share the following excellent news:

- 95% of families who responded to the survey are accessing home learning
- Everyone is enjoying the zoom lessons and families were particularly pleased with the zoom check-ins each day with class teachers
- Families commented that they are grateful the teachers are there for anything, not just learning related queries
- Children are enjoying the zoom lessons with examples shown
- 'The quick feedback is a real positive'

When we asked what we could do to make home learning even better, families responded that they generally were pleased as the learning is focused, differentiated between classes and the examples shown were effective. Some families asked if the topics could be shared before the lesson so that any pre-teaching or research could be done, so we will try to work on that over the coming weeks.

To quote one parent/carer: *"Nothing - you are trying so hard and doing everything you can. Thank you so much to all of the teachers for everything they are doing I can't thank you enough."*

The entire Abingdon staff team want to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your kind words. We can always rely on our Abingdon Family to look after each other and we truly appreciate your support. We will continue to do our utmost for the children and if there is anything you need then please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Assembly**

Last week I set the challenge of working out where in the world I was – well, many of you were correct: I was at Chichen Itza in Mexico! This fabulous place is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. The area was the main city during the time of the Mayans and is the site of a huge Mayan pyramid! Many brutal games were also played here by competing families and tribes. More info can be found here [https://kids.kiddle.co/Chichen\\_Itza](https://kids.kiddle.co/Chichen_Itza) if you are interested in sharing this with your family.



Celebration assemblies are available on the school website under the 'Virtual Connections' tab. Each week I will post a video with a different background setting. Thank you to Y5 Kestrels for choosing this week's location. Details about this week's setting will be shared with children in next week's video, the background for which will be chosen by Y4 Owls – I wonder where I will be?! A big 'well done' to the children nominated by their class teacher this week for all their effort, hard work and positive attitude.

### Miss Hammond's exciting news

You will be thrilled to know that Miss Hammond is expecting her first baby! We are all very excited for her and we will be recruiting a teacher to cover her maternity leave from June this year. More information will follow after we have completed our recruitment process. Congratulations Miss Hammond!



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### Backwards Day

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January Abingdon will be celebrating Backwards Day! All children – whether learning remotely or on site – are invited to wear an item/items of clothing backwards. We will see how inventive they can be! Teachers will also be sharing their 'backwards' day and we will have photographs of fun activities planned that day.

### School Lottery

This week one of our school governors, Mr Peter Egerton, won £16.80 – congratulations and a big thank you to Mr Egerton as he donated the funds to school! Thank you to all who participate. If you would like to support our school by buying tickets for the weekly draw please go to:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

There is currently a competition on School Lottery. When you buy tickets before the 20th Feb you are automatically entered into the prize draw! Go to the website above and search for our school to enter.

I wish you a lovely weekend; stay safe.

Mrs Clark  
Headteacher

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Sweep The Floors With This Prize!

ROBOT BUNNY

WIN

Landscaper Robotic Lawnmower + Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner

- Support your school this term
- Weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Ticket cost just £1 a week
- Help boost school funds when we need it most

Buy A Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

### Covid 19 advice

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/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

Stockport is still in **full lockdown** <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/coronavirus-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

You should:

1) Keep your child off school, inform the school office and book a test.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

2) Siblings or members of a childcare bubble must remain off school until test results are back -The whole family should self-isolate until the test results are returned.

3) If test is negative, your child/children can return to school (as long as they are well)

4) **If test is positive, keep your child at home for 10 days, other family members need to isolate for 10 days.**

Please contact school **immediately** so we can track and trace within the schools bubbles.

If you need medical advice the 111 website does have a symptom checker and will explain what to do.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>