



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 9th December 2022

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Performance 9.30

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 performance 9.30

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – LKS2 Singalong 9.30

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December - UKS2 singalong 9.30

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner day

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Attendance treat

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas parties

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Christmas jumper day

-Finish for Christmas (No Afterschool Club on the last day of term)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – return to school**



**Don't forget to pick up your 2 tickets for the Christmas performances at the office.**



**Head teacher's greeting!**

The weeks are flying by!! We are closer to the winter holidays, and the weather is beginning to turn colder! We have had another amazing week in school and the children are producing some beautiful work in classes. This week's assembly was about the Jewish festival of light 'Hannukah'. The children learned about the story of the Maccabee's; why it is celebrated and about some traditional customs and foods that are shared during this festival.

The KS1 children took part in a virtual Art workshop (see below for further details) and produced some beautiful pieces of artwork!

Next week sees the commencement of our Christmas performances, times and dates are above. Our Year 5 children have been invited to Reddish Vale High School to watch their performance of 'Matilda', this is a wonderful opportunity for the children to see the opportunities offered at high school!

Next Tuesday we are offering catch-up flu vaccinations for children who have not received them yet. Please see the link in the email that was sent out on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, if you wish to book.

Also next Tuesday, the school choir will be visiting Spey House to spread Christmas cheers with the residents.

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## Christmas fayre

Thank to all who attended our Christmas Fayre! It was a huge success and we managed to raise an amazing £1511.19 in total. There were some lovely stalls and prizes available. Thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend time with the children. We were even visited by The Grinch, who did his best to cause mayhem and chaos (even scaring a few members of staff!!). Thank you to all our staff and volunteers for making it possible!



## KS1 virtual Art workshops

Our week started with our KS1 children taking part in a virtual Art workshop. The chosen artist was LS Lowry, who grew up in Salford and has based a lot of his distinctive artwork on the North West of England. The children then produced their own Lowry inspired artwork, and I have to say, there were so many beautiful creations. The children loved the opportunity to show their creative talents.



## Christmas Dinner orders

School Spider is now open to order a school Christmas dinner. Our Christmas dinner day is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is in KS2 and normally has a packed lunch, but would like to join us for Christmas dinner, you can order via School Spider.

## **Christmas parties day**

Our Christmas parties day will be Thursday 22nd December. The children are able to come to school in their party clothes, but please remember that they still need to wear sensible shoes, as they will still be going out at break time.

Class teachers will be sending out requests for things to bring next week. Please take care when sending food in, taking into account that some children may have allergies.

## **Mrs Murray's Christmas stall**

Mrs Murray is still running her Christmas stall to allow children to buy small gifts for loved ones. Items are priced between £1 and £1.50. The children get to choose an item and pay for it there and then. Mrs Murray will label the gift with your child's name and will then take the gift and wrap it ready for Christmas Day. The gifts will be returned to the children on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December to go home to put under the tree!

## **Christmas performances**

We are almost into the festive season (it isn't Christmas until December!!!) and all the children are getting very excited to show their performances to their adults. All the dates for the performances are listed above. Just a quick reminder that due to spacing in the school hall we can only allow **2 tickets per child**. Tickets can be collected from midday, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December from the school office. If you struggle to get to school, you can contact the class teacher via Dojo and the tickets will be sent home with your child. We can not accept responsibility for lost tickets. Please remember to bring your ticket on the day.

## **Attendance**

The national expectation for school attendance is 97%. Abingdon Primary School's attendance currently is 93.7% this is falling short of the target set by the Government. This continues to be a concern of the school. I know that this time of year brings out the seasonal colds and viruses, but please try to send your child in to school. Trust that if they are truly poorly we will contact you to collect them. There has been many a time where we have woken feeling under the weather, but once we have moved around a bit and gotten some fresh air, we have felt much better. This is often the case with children. Once here and engrossed with learning and friends they feel much better.

## **Attendance treat**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December we will be having our attendance treat for those children whose cumulative attendance is over 97%, and those children who have significantly improved their attendance since September. Further details will be given in next week's newsletter

## **Public Health Information**

As I mentioned above, we are truly in the winter season, and with the cold weather, comes viruses and colds. We are aware of the media coverage of a rise in a number of viruses across the country. As a school, we have had no reported cases of Strep A, but we are attaching a letter from the local authority regarding different viruses that are prevalent this time of year, and what to look out for.

## **Cold Weather**

The weather is getting much colder now. Please make sure your child comes to school with **a coat** and as the weather cools even more – hats and gloves. When they go out into the playground it is very cold, even when they are running around! If you are struggling financially and need help to provide winter wear, please have a chat with Mr Cumberbatch.

## Car Parking

We have been asked by The Reddish Vale Start Well Centre to politely remind our parents to not use their car park when dropping off/picking up children. Their car park is for their parents and children. Please be considerate of our neighbours and other drivers when parking outside school. Thank you all!

## Collection of Children

Children in Years 5 & 6 are allowed to walk home on their own if we have permission from parents. All other children need to be collected by a responsible adult. We cannot release children to any child who is younger than 16 years of age.

## Volunteer Readers

Are you or any grandparents free for an hour or two on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday? We would love some volunteers to hear some of our younger children read. We will be able to conduct DBS checks if you require it. If you are free and would like to help please contact our Key stage 1 lead teacher:

[valerie.gray@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:valerie.gray@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk)

## Universal Free School Meals

Just for the information of Reception and KS1 parents: The government provides a universal offer for free school meals to **all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. Our school dinners are prepared on site by Taylor Shaw employees – who are amazing! They are delicious. If you are not accessing this and wish to, please let your class teacher know.

**Well-being Challenge:** This week's challenge is pretty simple. Have a pyjama day and watch festive films on TV!!



## School Lottery

This week, one of our parents won £9.30 on the school lottery- Well done to them! They have been kind enough to donate it back to the school

There is currently the chance to win a PS5 Bundle on the school lottery, worth over £1,000, so if you would like a chance to win this amazing prize, please sign up using the link below.






For those families new to school, we have a school lottery that is run by the website below. Every ticket sold provides much needed funding for our school.

If you would like to take part please do sign up using the link below. Thank you.

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

### How the lottery works

<p><b>£1 per ticket</b></p> <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p> 	<p><b>Help us do more</b></p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p> 	<p><b>£25,000 grand prize</b></p> <p>Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!</p> 
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### Attendance:



- ★ The class with the highest overall attendance each week will have the opportunity to 'spin the wheel'! The wheel has lots of different choices on – some of these have been updated this year by the children.
  - ★ Each class who achieves 97% or higher each week, or who show great improvement, will have an extra playtime the following week.
  - ★ **ALL children who have over 95% attendance for the year, or who show good improvement of attendance, will receive an end of term certificate and 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: Year 6 Ospreys, with 97.5%. - Well done!**

They have won 'Music in the class day!' as a special treat from the wheel, as well their extra playtime next week!!

**Unfortunately, no other classes achieved over 97% attendance this week.**

### Hot chocolate

Each week we invite a child from each class (who is chosen for being a role model for behaviour) to come and have hot chocolate and marshmallows with the headteacher. It is definitely my favourite time of the week!





### Gold Table

Children are chosen by their midday supervisors for their lunchtime behaviour. Each Friday we have a 'Gold table' in the hall and the children sit with me and have their lunch, they also receive a prize from the 'Gold Box'. Our winners were Asal (Badgers), Norris (Hedgehogs), Laiba (Squirrels), Joanna (Foxes), Ellie (Rabbits), Colton (Falcons), Harry L (Owls), Jonathan (Kites) Finley (Kestrels), Sophie SH (Merlins), Harry (Hawks), Natalya (Ospreys)

### Class Stars of the Week

Each week children are chosen for showing our core values. We award certificates in Celebration Time each Friday.



Year 1 /Rec Hedgehogs: Norris  
Year 1 Squirrels : Junior  
Year 2 Foxes: Skylar  
Year 2 Rabbits: Jacob  
Year 3 Falcons: Faye  
Year 4 Owls: Regan  
Year 4 Kites: Jonathan

Year 5 Kestrels: Naima  
Year 5 Merlins: Sophie DP  
Year 6 Ospreys: Mayabate  
Year 6 Hawks: Brooke

### Golden Broom

**Year 5 Merlins** have 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 (Site supervisor).



Finally, I would like to wish you a lovely weekend, and thank you for all your support.

Mrs Spendlow  
Headteacher

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### 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-and-what-to-do/>

### **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 until they are feeling well again.**

**Please inform school if anyone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19.**

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