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Dates for your diary:

Friday 3rd February – NSPCC Numbers Day (more info to follow)

Monday 6th February – Children's Mental Health week

Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February – Thumbs up Friday and Abingdon Cafe

Friday 17th February – Finish for Half term

Monday 27th February – INSET day

Tuesday 28th February – Children return to school





Head teacher's greeting!

Happy New Year, and welcome back to everyone!!! I hope that you all had a peaceful and relaxing break. The children have settled straight back into school and have been amazing this week!

Over the Christmas period, two of our highly talented children performed in Robin Hood: The 80's Panto at The Contact Theatre. A number of staff went to watch to show our support and were blown away by their talent! We love to celebrate all of our children and this includes any achievements they have outside of school. If your child is involved in extra-curricular activities, and you would like to share their achievements, please email the school office and we will include them in our newsletter. Well done Kirana (Yr2 Foxes) and Amara (Yr 4 Owls).



Our week started with an assembly about New Year's resolutions, and setting ourselves goals for the rest of the year. I set the children a challenge to think of 3 goals they wanted to either try or aim for this year. One school goal, one home goal and a goal for the wider community/environment.

A huge 'Thank you!' to Year 6 Ospreys, who met my challenge with enthusiasm and gusto! They have all written their individual goals onto snowflakes and have decorated their 'Resolution Tree' in class! It was lovely to read all the resolutions set and, as a school, we will work with you to help you achieve them!



Attendance

The national expectation for school attendance is 97%. Abingdon Primary School's attendance currently is 93.0% 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 engaged with learning and friends they feel much better.

This term, we are looking at our attendance award system. We will be continuing to do our weekly extra play for any class that has a collective attendance of over 97% for the week, and the prize wheel for the class with the highest weekly attendance; but for the end of term award, we will be putting the names of all children with a cumulative attendance of over 97% into a raffle. The parents of the child whose name is pulled out of the raffle will receive vouchers for a meal for two at a local eating establishment.

Cold Weather

It has been a dark and dismal start to the year weather-wise. Please make sure your child comes to school with a **coat** and 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, if they are below Year 5. No child in Years Reception to Year 4 should be walking home alone, this is a safeguarding concern.

Also, when dropping your child off in the morning, you need to walk your child to the door that they go in through, so that you know that they have been securely handed over to a member of school staff. We do not take responsibility for children below Year 5 until they have been handed over by a parent. It is not secure to leave them at the gates and expect them to walk themselves to their classes. We do not know that they are on school premises and they may leave the premises, without us knowing that they were ever here! Please take those extra few steps to ensure your child has been handed over safely!

PE Kits

We are very proud of the children at Abingdon and they look so smart in their uniforms! The expectation to wear the uniform extends to the PE kits, and we are starting to see, some non-regulation sports clothing sneak into PE lessons. Just a gentle reminder that we would ask that children wear the following for PE:

- Black joggers/shorts
- White T Shirt
- School jumper
- Black trainers

If children do not come wearing the correct PE kit, they will be provided with a spare kit from our lost property.

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

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: I know that many children received high-tec gifts for Christmas, but this week I am recommending you switch off the gadgets and go back to basics. One of the most important gifts we can give our children is the skill of reading. Reading is foundation of all learning, the more a child reads, the more creative they become with their ideas and vocabulary. So put down the gaming console and the TV remote and share a book, or your favourite story from when you were a child! Maybe play a board game and encourage your child to read out the instructions and rules! But most importantly, have fun!!



School Lottery

This week, one of our parents won £7.50 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 whole year of Hello Fresh! 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.yourschoolottery.co.uk/>

How the lottery works

<p>£1 per ticket</p>  <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p>	<p>Help us do more</p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p> 	<p>£25,000 grand prize</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 5 Kestrels, with 95%. - Well done!
 They have won 'Extra Play' as a special treat from the wheel, as well their extra playtime next week!!

Unfortunately, no 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!

Annoyingly, the technology failed us today and we could not get a photograph but well done to Hermione, Myles, Summer-Lee, Linkon, Hamzah, Isla, Amara, Damien, Alannah A, Mason, Connor M and Sarah P



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 Viola (Badgers) Myles (Hedgehogs), Lola (Squirrels), Holly G (Foxes), Skye H (Rabbits), Matthew (Falcons), Olly (Owls), Danica (Kites) Lacey (Kestrels), Sophie D (Merlins), Abbie N (Hawks), Madeline (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: Leah
Year 1 Squirrels : Aria
Year 2 Foxes: Lyla
Year 2 Rabbits: Poppy
Year 3 Falcons: Rory H
Year 4 Owls: Angel
Year 4 Kites: Ewan

Year 5 Kestrels: Peter
Year 5 Merlins: Ryan
Year 6 Ospreys: Michael
Year 6 Hawks: Aditi

Golden Broom

Reception Badgers 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).



Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Spendlow
Headteacher

Holiday Dates 2022-2023

Autumn term

Thursday 1 st September	INSET
Friday 2 nd September	INSET
Monday 5 th September	Back to School
Friday 23 rd September	INSET
Friday 21 st October	Finish for half term holiday

Monday 31 st October	School returns
Friday 23 rd December	Finish for Christmas

Spring term

Monday 9 th January 2023	School returns
Friday 17 th February	Finish for half term holiday

Monday 27 th February	INSET
Tuesday 28 th February	School returns
Friday 31 st March	Finish for Easter

Summer term

Monday 17 th April	School returns
Monday 1 st May	May Day holiday
Friday 26 th May	Finish for Whit holiday

Monday 12 th June	School returns
Wednesday 26 th July	Finish for summer holidays
Thursday 27 th July	INSET

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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