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Dates for your diary:

Friday 5th May Coronation Celebrations

Monday 8th May – Kings Coronation bank holiday

Tuesday 9th May – Year 6 SATS week

Thursday 11th May – LKS2 Hat Works visit 1st Group (information to follow!)

Friday 12th May - LKS2 Hat Works visit 2nd Group (information to follow!)

Monday 15th May – Chance to Shine Cricket day (information to follow!)

Friday 19th May – Thumbs up Friday and Abingdon Cafe

Friday 26th May – Cake Sale to raise money for the Dance World Cup

Friday 26th May – Finish for Whit



HERE'S THE NEWS

Head teacher's greeting!

Although this has been a short week in school, thanks to the Bank Holiday, it has by no means been quiet!! We have had our annual visit from The Dog's Trust, talking to the children about safety around pets and dogs. Year 1 had a visit from PC Smith to talk about one of our values 'Respect'. Today we had our own coronation celebrations in the school hall, with each key stage holding their own street parties.



Year 1 – Visit from PC Smith



The Dogs Trust

Coronation celebrations

We have had two treasure hunts in the playground this week. The children have had to either find pictures of different important images linked to the coronation, or find and read the clues all about King Charles III - the children had a lovely time doing it! All the children who completed it got a special Union Jack sticker!



We also had street parties today in the hall – the children waved their flags and listened to traditional British music whilst enjoying a cake and biscuit! We even had a special guest – His Majesty himself! We were so lucky he took time out his busy schedule this weekend!!!



Eshaal in Year 1 Hedgehogs even baked some cakes at home, and brought them in share with her classmates!



SATs Week

Next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their end of key stage government assessments. The children have worked so hard throughout their time here at Abingdon and we are so proud of each and everyone of them. Children, please remember that these assessments tell us nothing of who you are as a person, they don't show our amazing artists, or our superb athletes/footballers/swimmers. They don't show the kindness and respect that you show to each other. All they show is a snapshot of knowledge evidenced in a contrived situation. Seven years of education, life experiences, friendships and wellbeing can not be captured in a 45-minute test. All we have ever asked is for you to come in with a positive attitude, and to try your best. We are proud of you all already!!

We will be holding a special breakfast each morning for the Year 6 children in their classrooms, to make sure that everyone is in school in plenty of time and that everyone is relaxed. The children will be able to enter the school building from 08.30 to enjoy the breakfast. Can we ask that all parents ensure that their children are in on time each day next week, and are present every day.

Attendance

The national expectation for school attendance is 97.5%. Abingdon Primary School's attendance currently is **93%** 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 97.5% 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 97.5% 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.

Smartwatches – with games and photo facilities

We are seeing an increase in children wearing smart watches that either have the facility to take photos, play games or both on them. Can we please remind parents that these types of watches are not permitted in school.

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 - no other hoodies or jumpers please

- Black trainers

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

Healthy Snacks

Can we please remind parents that children should be bringing healthy snacks into school for breaktimes. Recently, we have seen an increase in unhealthy snacks being brought into school such as Doritos, chocolate biscuits, etc.

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:

Obviously, there will be plenty of parties and celebrations taking place this weekend; and again, we have an extra day to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. Whatever your plans are for the coronation, take time to relax and switch off from the stresses of life. Have a lie in, go for a walk (in between the rain showers!!), visit family and friends. For our Year 6 children, you have worked so hard this year. This weekend, just take some time to do something you love to do. You have earned it!!



School Lottery

This week, one of our parents won £5.10 on the school lottery- Well done to them!!!

There is currently the chance to **win a Meta Quest 2 VR headset bundle!**

Step into a world of virtual reality with this top-of-the-range VR headset – play standalone games with no need for a PC or games console, watch blockbuster movies from a new perspective, keep fit with active experiences, collaborate with workers in new and innovative ways – the choice is yours! The bundle also includes a charging dock and a carry case, worth over £150!



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

£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!



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 a fantastic 100%! - Well done!
They have won a 'Slippers in class' as a special treat from the wheel!!

Hawks also got over 97% so will enjoy an extra playtime next week!

Hot chocolate

Due to the Coronation celebrations 'Hot Chocolate' did not take place this 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 chosen have their lunch there with Ms Flanders, they also receive a prize from the 'Gold Box'. We didn't have the Gold table this week as the children had a special coronation picnic lunch – here are some photos of the fabulous spread that the team put on today! – A huge thank you to Sharon, Jenny and Kody!!!



'Child of the week' award

Each week children are chosen for showing our core values (Respect, Resilience and Responsibility). We award certificates in Celebration Time each Friday.



Rec Badgers: Theo D
Year 1 /Rec Hedgehogs: Ahmed
Year 1 Squirrels : Summer-Lee
Year 2 Foxes: Lyla
Year 2 Rabbits: Skye
Year 3 Falcons: Logan
Year 4 Owls: Jonathan
Year 4 Kites: Molly

Year 5 Kestrels: Ed
Year 5 Merlins: Fatoumata
Year 6 Ospreys: Jayden C
Year 6 Hawks: Alfy

Golden Broom

Reception/Year 1 Hedgehogs 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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