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Newsletter Friday 23rd June 2023

Dates for your diary Summer 2:

Monday 26th June -New Reception parents meeting (September 2023)

Thursday 29th June - **UKS2 Sports Day 2.15 – 3.00pm**

Friday 30th June – Summer Fayre 3.30 – 5pm – **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Monday 3rd July – Year 6 trip to RobinWood

Thursday 6th July – Transition day – move to new teacher for the day!

Friday 14th July – Transition afternoon

Thursday 20th Year 6 performance (info to follow)

Friday 21st Year 6 leavers treat

Monday 24th July - Children's assembly

– Yr 6 Disco (info to follow)

Wednesday 26th July Year 6 leaver assembly – Year 6 parents invited 9.15am

Year 6 leavers parade 3.25pm KS2 playground all welcome

Wednesday 26th July **Finish for Summer 3.15pm No after school club**

These dates are different to the original dates





Head teacher's greeting!

What a busy, fun-packed week this has been. We have had three of our four sports days, The Year 6s are in full performance mode, preparing for their end of year performance, and we have also had visits from some of the secondary schools to visit the Year 6 children who will be joining them in September. As exciting as this week has been, it is cloaked in an air of sadness, as each day creeps towards the end of the school year and the end of another era in the children's learning and lives.

As we speak of the end of eras, we are very sad to say goodbye to a member of staff who has been with the school for many years! Mrs Hanif is leaving us today to work closer to home as she currently has a long commute each day. I am sure that you will all join me and the staff in wishing Mrs Hanif all the luck in her new role, we will miss her tremendously!

Sports Days

On Thursday, we had our EYFS, KS1 and LKS2 sports days. We had glorious weather and the children were absolutely amazing, coping with the heat and showing true Abingdon resilience! I would like to personally thank all the parents for there support and coming out to watch your children, they were all so proud to show you their skills.





Summer Fayre



Raffle tickets are now on sale!!!!
Prizes include some fantastic summer themed hampers and lots more! £1 per strip.
Available on School Spider, in the office or on the day! 😊

We are still quite low on donations of bottles and coloured gifts. Any other donations would be greatly appreciated next week.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help set up and run a stall we would very much appreciate it! We have a number of stalls that do not have an adult to run them at the moment- even if you can offer half an hour we would be very glad! Please email angela.kerrigan@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk

Also, if you have a small business and would like a stall yourself please contact the office.

If you know any local businesses or own a business that would like to donate a raffle prize we would very much appreciate it!

Attendance

The national expectation for school attendance is 97.5%. Abingdon Primary School's attendance currently is **93.2%** 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, viruses and hay fever 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!

Parking

Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking and do not block driveways during drop off and pick up.

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:

Continuing on from Mr Sander's speech at the end of the sports days, it is wonderful to see the children active and enjoying different activities. Keep it up over the weekend, maybe have your own mini Olympics at home with your families!!



School Lottery

This week, one of our parents won £6 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

<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 Rec/Y1 Hedgehogs with 99.3% attendance - Well done!

As well as the additional playtime they have won a musical instruments session.

Other classes that achieved over 97% and have earned an extra play are Yr 5 Kestrels, Yr 2 Rabbits and Yr 6 Hawks

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.





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'.

Our winners were Kye (Badgers), Kobe (Hedgehogs), Aria (Squirrels), Cassidy(Foxes), Esme(Rabbits), Sofia(Falcons), Faith (Owls), Mia (Kites), Naima (Kestrels), Ayana (Merlins), Jake(Hawks), Freya (Ospreys)



'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: Tommy
Year 1 /Rec Hedgehogs: Sudaysah
Year 1 Squirrels : Junior
Year 2 Foxes: Harley
Year 2 Rabbits: Anna
Year 3 Falcons: Dana
Year 4 Owls: Ella
Year 4 Kites: Danica

Year 5 Kestrels: Whole Class
Year 5 Merlins: Whole Class
Year 6 Ospreys: Sarah
Year 6 Hawks: Miley

Golden Broom

Year 2 Foxes 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.

Staff email addresses:

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