



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 7th July 2023

### Dates for your diary Summer 2:

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Friday 14th July – Transition afternoon

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Year 6 performance (info to follow)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Year 6 leavers treat

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Children's assembly

– Yr 6 Disco (info to follow)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 leaver assembly – Year 6 parents invited 9.15am

Year 6 leavers parade 3.25pm KS2 playground all welcome

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July **Finish for Summer 3.15pm No after school club**

**These dates are different to the original dates**



### Head teacher's greeting

The word of the week for me this week is "PROUD". I am so proud of the children in our school, they are an absolute credit to you all! I had the honour of joining the Year 6 children on their residential to Robinwood at the beginning of the week where the children tried a huge selection of activities that tested their resilience, teamwork and communication skills and both mental and physical abilities.

This week has also been about looking to the future, with our children taking part in transition days, either meeting their new teachers here in school; or for some of our Yr6 pupils going to their new schools.

Life hasn't stopped for the rest of the school either, and the other year groups have also had a very busy week, visiting new teachers and enjoying the weather.



Well done to Anna in Year 2, who was part of a production of Peter Pan last month! She is in another show this weekend so we look forward to seeing how she does!



Well done to Abi who took part in the Dance World Cup this year in Portugal.



Bobby in year 1 had his first Beaver sleepover last weekend! And has achieved lots of badges.

Robinwood



As I mentioned earlier, I had the pleasure of going on the Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood. The behaviour, attitudes, resilience, support and team spirit from all the children was inspiring. They tried a lot of new activities, some of which were very daunting; and I know that a lot of children faced individual fears to try these activities (myself included!!). I was inspired by the children in my group to try things out of my comfort zone and the camaraderie shown by the groups made me so proud of our children. The children had a lovely time!

**Transition Days**

On Thursday, the children spent the day with their new teachers. They took part in lots of fun activities, that helped them get to know their new teacher better, and to share some of their own interests and personalities. The children were all smiling throughout the day and the teachers were all very enamoured with their new classes.

Many of our Yr 6 children visited their new schools for the day, and, again I was so proud to see the children return to us this morning with awards and certificates from this visit. It is lovely to see the children of Abingdon making such a good first impression.

### **Summer Fayre**

Thank you for all your support with the Sumer fair. The grand total was : £1063. It was lovely to see everyone attending and the children having such a fun time.

### **Attendance**

The national expectation for school attendance is 97.5%. Abingdon Primary School's attendance currently is **93.1%** 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 you 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:

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## 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:

Staying with the mindfulness theme from last week. When was the last time, as adults, you stopped everything and just indulged in some simple colouring. Why don't you put everything to one side for an hour and sit with your child and do some colouring. It may be a simple picture, or a mandala. You will be surprised at how relaxing it can be!



## 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

<b>£1 per ticket</b> That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.	<b>Help us do more</b> For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.	<b>£25,000 grand prize</b> Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!
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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 4 Kites with 96.9% attendance - Well done!**

As well as the additional playtime they have won popcorn in class.

No classes achieved over 97% earning an extra play.

### 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. We did not have it this week due to interviews taking place in school.



### 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 Scarlett Mc (Badgers), Leah (Hedgehogs), Blake (Squirrels), Lyla (Foxes), Anna (Rabbits), Xiao Xia (Falcons), Jack (Owls), Alanah (Kites), Finley (Kestrels), Sophie B (Merlins), Habiba (Hawks), Jaiden B (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: Anthony

Year 1 /Rec Hedgehogs: Violet

Year 1 Squirrels : Gabriel

Year 2 Foxes: Joanna

Year 2 Rabbits: Poppy

Year 3 Falcons: Ahmed

Year 4 Owls: Angel

Year 5 Kestrels: Finley

Year 5 Merlins: Sophie Da Cunha-Pearce

Year 6 Ospreys: Harry & Ellei

Year 6 Hawks: Rose-Anne

### Golden Broom

Year 2 Rabbits 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 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to School
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School returns
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Finish for Christmas

### Spring term

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	School returns
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School returns
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Finish for Easter

### Summer term

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School returns
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Finish for Whit holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	School returns
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for summer holidays
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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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