



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Dates for your diary:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – RSPB bird watch weekend (home activity)  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Thumbs up Friday and Abingdon Café  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Children’s Mental Health Week  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Chinese New Year celebrations in classes  
– Finish for half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – back to school  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – DEAR for parents 8.50 – 9.10



Dear All,

I wanted to start today’s newsletter with some very happy news. Miss Hammond gave birth to a healthy baby boy at 2.28am this morning! We welcome Zachary into the Abingdon family, and wish Miss Hammond and her family all of our best wishes!



### Police visit to Reception

Reception had a very exciting morning today! They had a visit from the local police team. They talked to the children about keeping safe, stranger danger, road safety and even let them all investigate the police van and turn the siren on- It was a noisy morning in the office! The children all had a wonderful time.



### NumBots and Time Table RockStars



There are two brilliant apps, which school purchase each year. – Numbots and TTRS. Both can be used at home and we would love them to be used more! Numbots is for our KS1 children (Reception will get a log in in the Spring term) and is a great way to practise fluency of numbers. Times Table Rockstars is a great way for Y2 onwards to practise their times tables. All the children should have logins – the login is the same for both apps. Even just 10 minutes a day on an app like this can really boost children's confidence, number recognition and fluency with numbers – and although it is screen time, you know they are doing something worthwhile and educational.

### Dogs on School Property

We would like to remind all parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on school premises. This includes dogs on leads, dogs being carried, or even in a buggy. Thank you for your support in this matter

### **Breakfast Club Timings**

Just a reminder that breakfast club does not open until 07.45am. We are beginning to see children arriving earlier than this. The staff are not responsible for the children until 07.45am, therefore the children are not supervised before this time and are still the responsibility of parents.

### **Parking**

Reddish Vale Start Well Nursery next door have politely asked us to remind parents about not parking in their car park. The car park attached to the nursery is for their employees and visitors, and on occasions, there are no parking spaces for them at critical times. They will be closing and locking their gates between 8.30 and 9.00 am and 2.30 and 3.20 pm.

### **Jumpers**

We are seeing a bit of an increase in hoodies and other non-uniform jumpers, particularly on PE days. Please refer to the uniform list below. Teachers will offer spare uniform jumpers to children who come wearing different jumpers. Please also put your child's name on their jumper, we have another big pile of unnamed jumpers forming- which will be disposed of at the end of the term.

### **Snacks**

Our local authority advisors tell us that there is a huge increase in dental decay and obesity in children and as a community we should all work together to tackle it.

In the morning, the children have bagels – these are from the National Schools breakfast programme and are nutritionally balanced. They are served with a small amount of margarine.

At snack time, the children are able to bring a *normal sized* snack if they wish, but please ensure that it is fruit, or low sugar snack. Examples might be food like – cheddars, sreen, raisins, crackers etc (crisps, sweets, chocolate will not be allowed)

At lunch time Taylor Shaw provide us with nutritionally balanced low sugar hot meals, if you are bringing a packed lunch please look at the sugar content and the amount of food within the lunchbox.

Afternoons – KS1/Rec children have free fruit (national scheme)

Water should be in all bottles.

We will sometimes have rewards that are food/sweets – however, these are very occasional, which models the idea of everything in moderation.

Some children bring in sweets for their birthday and we will be asking parents to only do this on a Friday after Christmas. Their birthday will still be celebrated in the class on the day of the birthday of course - as all children's birthdays are.

**Please also remember that we are a nut free school – no nuts or nut products should be brought in as snacks/lunch including snacks like peanut butter.**



As a school, many of us are parents ourselves and understand the frustrations around snacks. However, we want the best for the children in the school and eating healthily supports this.

### **Free School Meals**

A reminder that families can apply for Free School Meals via this link: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals> - all you need is your NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER. If your child has just gone into year 3 they will no longer be on Universal Free School Meals, so if you think you might qualify please apply as soon as possible.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is beneficial to apply for Free School Meals as your child can also access a range of other benefits and school help supplement some additional provision for you and your child(ren).

If you would prefer to apply using a school computer/internet, that is no problem and we can arrange a private area with a computer for you to apply. Just ask at the office, call 0161 480 4531 or email [admin@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk).

### **School Uniform**

We have a lot of lost property – mainly jumpers with no names in. Please make sure **names are in all items of clothes** – especially cardigans/jumpers and coats! It is impossible to find lost items without this.

White polo shirt

Red cardigan/jumper – with or without logo (**NO other jumpers**)

Black/dark grey trousers/shorts/skirts/pinafores

Black shoes or all black trainers (no colour variations accepted)

### **PE Kits for PE days**

White t-shirt and black shorts/joggers with school jumper. (**NO other jumpers/PE kits!**)

### **School Lottery**




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/>

Last week, one of our parents won £7.50!

#### 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.

**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 was: **Y3/4 Kites with 96.9%** They have won 'a pyjama day' in class. Mr Amesbury will let parents know which day it will be.

Unfortunately, no classes got over 97% 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! It was lovely to hear today why the children were chosen.







### **Gold Table**

Children are chosen by their midday supervisors for their lunchtime behaviour. Each Friday we have a 'Gold table' in the hall where the children have their lunch, they also receive a prize from the 'Gold Box'.

Otters – Elliott, Badgers – Aysha, Hedgehogs – Theo D, Squirrels – Sabrina, Foxes – Bobby, Falcons – Ellie, Kites – Kyra -Rose, Owls – Lea, Kestrels - Damian, Merlins – Angel, Hawks – Sophie B, Ospreys – Ben

### **Class Stars of the Week**

Each week children are chosen for showing our core values. We award certificates in Celebration Time each Friday. Well done to all our stars:



Reception Badgers: Lucas  
Reception Otters: Jack  
Year 1 Hedgehogs: Lexi  
Year 1/2 Squirrels: Renae  
Year 2 Foxes: Phoebe  
Year 3 Falcons: Daisy-Mae

Year 3/4 Kites: Henry  
Year 4 Owls: Honey-Leigh  
Year 5 Kestrels: Ewan  
Year 5 Merlins: Harry  
Year 6 Ospreys: Riley  
Year 6 Hawks: Izzy

### **Golden Broom**

Year 1 hedgehogs 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 hope you have a lovely restful weekend.

Ms Spendlow  
Headteacher

## **Holiday Dates 2023-2024**

### **Autumn term**

Monday 4th September	INSET
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School returns
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Finish for Christmas

## Spring term

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	INSET
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School returns
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School returns
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish for Easter

## Summer term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School returns
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Finish for Whit holiday
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School returns
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for summer holidays
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET
Tuesday 30 <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.**