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Dates for your diary:

Monday 11th March – British Science Week

Monday 11th March – Rollercoaster Engineer to visit year 5 &6

Monday 11th March – Choir performance at Disney Junior Choir concert(6.30pm)

Tuesday 12th March – Merlins and hawks visit to Reddish Vale Country Park

Thursday 14th March – Eagles, Ospreys and Kestrels visit to Reddish Vale Country Park

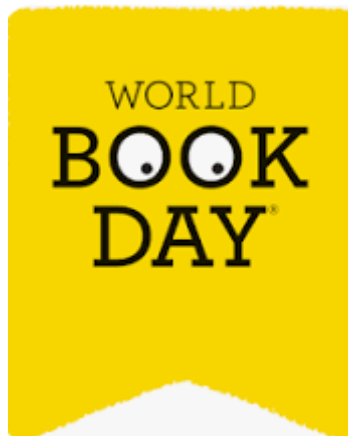
Friday 15th March – Y5 visit to RVHS for science week

Friday 22nd March – Holi celebration day (for 25th March)

Thursday 28th March – Finish for Easter **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Monday 15th April – Return to School

Dear All,



This week of the year is always fantastic, especially for us book lovers, and this year it has again been brilliant. Thursday in particular, was the pinnacle of our week with an author visit, trips outs to Reddish Vale High School for Year 6 and costumes and potatoes everywhere! To top it off we also had a football tournament at Cheadle Hulme Primary School. Have a look at the pictures below in the the news section! A huge thank you to all our parents and teachers who really support World Book Day and take part in whatever form that is. Lots of our children showed this year that you don't have to spend lots of money to make a costume – its all about imagination and the right book! I also have to say the potato entries were fantastic. Our author Ben (with his amazing assistant Ms Flanders) judged the potatoes during assembly on Thursday and he was blown away by the creativity! He said it was very hard to choose and mentioned us on his X (twitter) page too!



Ben Andrews @BenAndrewsINC · 4h
For #WorldBookDay, I spent the morning with Abingdon Primary School in Stockport

We read Nicky and Candy's Street and I was the guest judge for their potato decorating competition – with a stellar line up of potato's to choose from

Abingdon, thanks for making Better Places

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Wellbeing Challenge

To go along with the theme of the week, the wellbeing challenge this week is to curl up with a book! Whether that is together as a family, a bedtime story or just a bit of 'me' time on your own – even if it a magazine or the newspaper! It does wonders to have a bit of quiet time (not on a screen).



World Book Day Celebrations

On Thursday we welcomed Ben Andrews to school to share his published book with all the children. Ben is registered blind and talked to the children about his disability and why it was important to share the difficulties people with disabilities might have so that we can all work together to create 'Better Places'. Thank you to those that bought his book. He spent time signing those books and talking to the children too.



Potato Competition

What amazing entries! The judges said it was so hard to choose! Here's a few examples of the brilliant entries and some of our winners.



CIST workshops

We are continuing our work with 'Christians in School' this year and yesterday they did work with KS1 about Special Places, which went alongside their current RE topic



Easter Raffle

Our Reading Ambassadors are keen to raise some money for our libraries in school. They are going to run an Easter raffle over the next 2 weeks and will be selling tickets at playtime and lunchtime and hopefully in the days running up to the draw (Thursday 28th) they might also be able to sell them after school.



KS1 visit to St Elizabeths Church

Last Friday our Year 1 and 2 children all went to see what it is like inside a real church after learning about the features in their RE lessons. They were fantastic and remembered lots of the features and why they were there. Well done KS1.



Reminders

Smoking, mobile phones and dogs on school property

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on council property this includes vaping.

Mobile phones should not be used anywhere on the premises – this includes the playgrounds. Children in year 5 and 6 who bring phones because they walk to or from school alone must turn them off before coming in the playground. Please remind them of this when they leave the house in the morning.

Dogs are also not allowed on school premises. This includes dogs on leads, dogs being carried, or even in a buggy.

Thank you for your support in these three areas.

Contacting staff

Please remember your first port of call is your class teacher. 😊 KS1/Reception staff are always on their classroom doors to meet and greet. KS2 staff are always available at the end of the day. Class Dojos are picked up by teachers during 'office hours' and they do endeavour to reply as timely as possible.



ClassDojo

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 it 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.

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 in our area and as a community we should all work together to tackle it.

Here is our plan for a healthier day at school:

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 and everyone should bring their bottle each day.

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 - this is not an expectation, but if you choose do to we ask parents to only do this on a Friday. Their birthday will still be celebrated in the class on the day of the birthday of course - as all children’s birthdays are special.

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.

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.yourschoolottery.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.

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: **Year 6 Hawks with 96.9 %** They have won 'a film time day in class! The class teacher will let you know what day it will be on.

No other classes had an attendance over 97%.

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. Here's this week's winners enjoying their special treat.



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 – Edith, Badgers – Aysha, Hedgehogs – Lottie, Squirrels – Ahmed, Foxes – Junior, Falcons – Toby, Kites – Hareem, Owls – Rory, Kestrels – Freddie, Merlins – Amara, Hawks – Willow, Ospreys – Sophie D, Y6 Eagles – Tristan

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: Archie
 Reception Otters: Estee
 Year 1 Hedgehogs: Lottie
 Year 1/2 Squirrels: Oliver
 Year 2 Foxes: Ollie
 Year 3 Falcons: Scarlett-Mae

Year 3/4 Kites: Skylar
 Year 4 Owls: Evie-Rose
 Year 5 Kestrels: Toby
 Year 5 Merlins: Jaden
 Year 6 Ospreys: Izzy
 Year 6 Hawks: Saanviya
 Year 6 Eagles: Abigail and Esther (Mr Delaney just could not choose!)



Golden Broom

Year 1/2 Squirrels 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 weekend and a very Happy Mothers' Day too, to all our mums, step-mums, Grandmas and carers. We hope you all get treated this weekend.



Ms Flanders
Deputy Headteacher

Holiday Dates 2023-2024

Autumn term

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

Spring term

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

Summer term

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