



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Dates for your diary:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Finish for Easter **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Return to School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Thumbs Up Friday

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – DEAR (Drop Everything and Read!)



We would love some volunteers to hear readers in our Key Stage 1 classes. If you have some time to spare in the week (even if it is just half an hour after drop off!) or if there are grandparents out there who would love to get involved please let them know too. Our KS1 teachers would love to hear from you! Please email our reading and KS1 lead [rachel.marsden@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:rachel.marsden@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk) or speak to her at the Y2 Foxes door.

Dear All,

A huge thank you to all our parents and Carers for attending parents evening, there was as always a fantastic turn out and although it is a long day for the teachers, they love having that opportunity to talk to you and share your child's achievements.

### Wellbeing Challenge

The benefits of exercise on mental health cannot overstated -There is growing evidence that being outdoors is linked to mental health benefits. Try an early morning walk or an evening one – now the days are getting a bit longer!



**Rotary Club Book Giveaway**

A huge thank you to the Rotary Club this week, who came to school with what looked like millions of books! They set them all up in the hall and all the children in school could pick 3 books each to take home! The children were so excited to see all the book laid out and loved choosing.



**Easter Raffle**

Our Reading Ambassadors are keen to raise some money for our libraries in school. They are currently running an Easter raffle and are selling tickets at playtime and lunchtime (they are also on School Spider to purchase) Tickets are £1 per strip.

Draw date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March



**Easter chicks!**

We still have a few beautiful knitted Easter chicks with crème eggs inside left that are available to purchase at the office. Mrs Murray is selling them at playtimes and at the start of the day (children can bring the money in). They are £2 each and the proceeds all go to Francis House.



## KS1 visits to Stockport

Our Year 1 and 2 children have been out and about this week. They travelled into Stockport on the 203 bus to look at all the landmarks and geographical features. They even saw the new Interchange which opened this week. Each class was absolutely fantastic and the teachers are so proud of them.



## Other 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](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/>



Imagine the possibilities – a thousand pounds to spend on groceries, treats, household essentials, and more.

## 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 again with 97.7 %** They have won 'Own Clothes day' 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 – Sienna, Badgers – Theo, Hedgehogs – Oscar, Squirrels – Annabelle, Foxes – Alice, Falcons – Lily M, Kites – Holly, Owls – Maliha, Kestrels -Molly, Merlins – Harry, Hawks – Laura, Ospreys – Ava, Y6 Eagles - Caitlin

### **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: Kai  
 Reception Otters: Lexi  
 Year 1 Hedgehogs: Evie  
 Year 1/2 Squirrels: Alfie  
 Year 2 Foxes: Bobby-Charles  
 Year 3 Falcons: Scarlett

Year 3/4 Kites: Kyra  
 Year 4 Owls: Maliha  
 Year 5 Kestrels: Maddie  
 Year 5 Merlins: Kai  
 Year 6 Ospreys: Maggi- May  
 Year 6 Hawks: Charlie  
 Year 6 Eagles: Lama

### **Golden Broom**

Year 6 Hawks 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) .



Ms Spendlow  
 Headteacher

## **Holiday Dates 2023-2024**

### **Autumn term**

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

### **Spring term**

Monday 8th January 2024	INSET
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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.**