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Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th April – Return to School

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May – Y6 Statutory testing week (SATS)

Friday 17th May – Thumbs Up Friday

Monday 17th June – Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 25th June – DEAR (Drop Everything and Read!)



Dear All,

We hope you all had a good Easter holiday and a rest over that lovely long weekend. We have returned to school in full force with lots of exciting events happening this week.

We do have some sad news to share this week however – 2 of our teaching assistants Mrs Walker and Mrs Darley are leaving us today. They have both worked in the school for many years, but have decided that now is their time to do something different. Mrs Darley is moving on to join a pastoral team at a high school and Mrs Walker is having a bigger change, moving away from schools, and moving into social care sector. We wish them both the best of luck in their new roles and thank them for all the years they have given to the school and for being a wonderful part of our Abingdon Family. We will miss you!



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 or speak to her at the Y2 Foxes door.

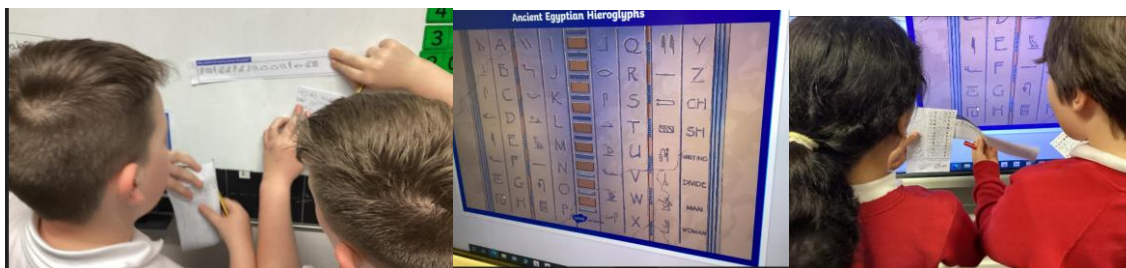
Wellbeing Challenge

The challenge this week is to have a quiet hour! At some point during the week, try to turn off all the screens and any noise e.g. radios and do a quiet activity e.g. reading, colouring, board game, card games. (Even if it isn't an hour!) Just that little bit of quiet time without all the background noise does wonders!



LS2 Wow – Tomb raiders

This week the LKS2 children started their work on the Ancient Egypt. They had a fun session looking at hieroglyphics and had to be archaeologists and translate the 'dad jokes' around the classroom! They loved it –but maybe not the punchlines so much!! There were a few groans around the room!



UKS2 Wow – Romans

UKS2 have also started off their Romans topic with a Roman day – Making Roman shields, Roman Pots, tasting traditional food and they even had a visit from Nasty Nero the Roman Emperor – who even made some of the staff be his slaves – which of course the children loved!



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 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 our 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.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>



When you support a good cause on our lottery this April, you'll be in with a chance to win an iPhone 15 Pro Titanium – the lightest, strongest iPhone ever, with the most advanced iPhone camera system yet, for professional quality photo and video, and it's great for fitness, gaming, and keeping connected too! Just make sure you have your tickets before Saturday 27th April to be in the Super Draw!.

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.

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: **Reception Badgers and Y6 Hawks – both with an amazing 100%**. Badgers won 'Sweet Treat Friday' and Hawks won 'Film time'.

Reception Otters, Y3 Falcons and Y4 Owls all had attendance over 97%, and will get an extra playtime next week! Well done to all those classes!!

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. Unfortunately, due to meetings taking place in school today, we could not do 'Hot Chocolate'. Normal service will resume next week!!!



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: Estee, Badgers: Kai, Hedgehogs: Hermione, Squirrels: Laiba, Foxes: Ariaah, Falcons: Scarlett-Mae, Kites: Aisha, Owls: Lillie-Mae, Kestrels: Danica, Merlins: Saanviya, Ospreys: Thomas, Eagles: Charlotte

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: Lily
Year 1 Hedgehogs: Isabelle
Year 1/2 Squirrels: Evie
Year 2 Foxes: Kerryn
Year 3 Falcons: Esme

Year 3/4 Kites: Mitchell
Year 4 Owls: Rory
Year 5 Kestrels: Bradley
Year 5 Merlins: Harry H
Year 6 Ospreys: Ava
Year 6 Hawks: Eva
Year 6 Eagles: Caitlin

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) .



Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all back for the final term!!

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

Summer term

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

