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## Newsletter Friday 10th May 2024

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Statutory testing week (SATS)

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

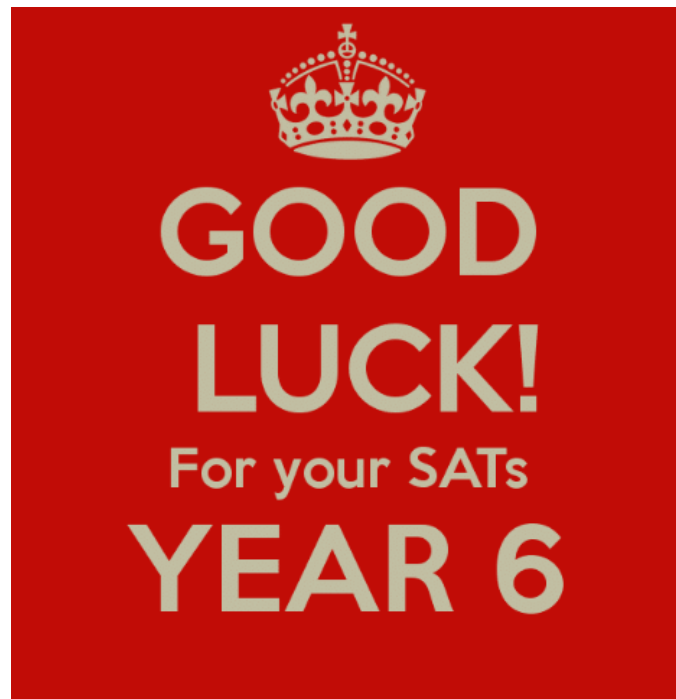
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Finish for Half term

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June- back to school

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Residential

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

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3/4 visit to Bolton Museum (more information to follow!)



Dear All,

It has been lovely weather this week, and although it has only been four days in school, the children have fitted so much into the time! The children have had another virtual author visit for the Stockport Children's book awards and still have more to come.

This week, we would like to say well done to Anna in Year 3 who is performing in Aladdin Jr at Hyde Festival Theatre tonight and two shows Saturday (there are some tickets still available). She is an Apple vendor and, in the ensemble, and she's having a fantastic time.



### **SATs Week**

Next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their end of key stage government assessments. The children have worked so hard throughout their time here at Abingdon and we are so proud of each and every one of them. Children, please remember that these assessments tell us nothing of who you are as a person, they don't show our amazing artists, or our superb athletes/footballers/swimmers. They don't show the kindness and respect that you show to each other. All they show is a snapshot of knowledge evidenced in a contrived situation. Seven years of education, life experiences, friendships and wellbeing cannot be captured in a 45-minute test. All we have ever asked is for you to come in with a positive attitude, and to try your best. We are proud of you all already!!

We will be holding a special breakfast each morning for the Year 6 children in their classrooms, to make sure that everyone is in school in plenty of time and that everyone is relaxed. The children will be able to enter the school building from 08.15 to enjoy the breakfast. Can we ask that all parents ensure that their children are in on time each day next week, and are present every day.

### **Wellbeing Challenge**

This weeks challenge is aimed at our Year 6 parents – but works equally well for everyone! As our Year 6s head into their week of statutory tests - yes they might want to do some last minute practise at the weekend, which is great, but get them off the devices, let them (and you) clear their head and enjoy the lovely weather which is supposed to last over the weekend.

SATs don't measure sports  
SATs don't measure art,  
SATs don't measure music,  
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,  
SATs don't know your worth,  
SATs don't see the reasons,  
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,  
How you make others smile,  
SATs don't time how quickly,  
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,  
Or see you've come this far,  
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,  
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,  
With a pencil and your test,  
Remember SATs aren't who you are,  
Remember **you're the best!**

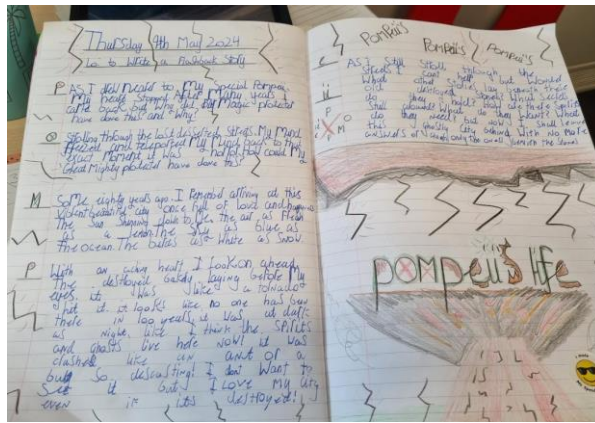


We would love some volunteers to hear readers in our Key Stage 1 classes. If you have some time to spare in the week (even if it is just half an hour after drop off!) or if there are grandparents out there who would love to get involved please let them know too. Our KS1 teachers would love to hear from 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.



### Year 5 Story Writing

Year 5 have been working on their presentation skills alongside writing stories about Pompeii and we wanted to share a fantastic example with you!



**Reception Royal Tea Party**

Reception have been learning all about the King and the Royal Family. They held a Royal Tea Party today and did all the preparation themselves! They made jam sandwiches, chocolate crispy cakes and some very royal crowns. Well done Badgers and Otters.



**Summer Fayre**

Our Summer Fayre is fast approaching! We are holding it on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 3.30 – 5pm**. We will be having a raffle as usual and we are looking for prizes! If anyone has a business that would like to donate a prize we would very much appreciate it, or if anyone has links to shops/business that they think would like to be involved by donating.

If you would like a stall yourself to sell items – please speak to the office. And if you think you could help with any of our stalls (even if just for half an hour or buddy up with a friend to run one!) please let Mrs Kerrigan know. [angela.kerrigan@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:angela.kerrigan@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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**

### **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.

### **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](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/>



Get ready to pack your bags and embark on the adventure of a lifetime! We're thrilled to announce our latest Super Draw prize, and trust us, it's one you won't want to miss out on.

On Saturday 25th May, one lucky winner will walk away with a £1,000 holiday voucher, opening the doors to endless possibilities for your dream getaway. Already got your summer escape booked? Take the £1,000 cash alternative! Treat yourself to a little taste of luxury, or spend it your way at home!

**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: Y1/2 Squirrels with 98.3%. They have won an extra playtime and 'hot chocolate for everyone! ' Sadly, no other classes achieved over 97% this week, fingers crossed for next 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.



### 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: Finn, Badgers: Benjamin, Hedgehogs: Millen, Squirrels: Reuben, Foxes: Joseph, Falcons: Kirana, Kites: Cassidy, Owls: Sofia, Kestrels: Jayden, Merlins: Archie, Hawks: Sienna, Ospreys: Fatoumata, Eagles: Isabella F

### 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: Marshall  
Reception Otters: Finn  
Year 1 Hedgehogs: Archie  
Year 1/2 Squirrels: Renae  
Year 2 Foxes: Hunter-Cole  
Year 3 Falcons: Lexi-Leigh

Year 3/4 Kites: Aliza  
Year 4 Owls: Lexi  
Year 5 Kestrels: Alfred  
Year 5 Merlins: Regan  
Year 6 Ospreys: Ayaz  
Year 6 Hawks: Sophie  
Year 6 Eagles: Isabelle





## **Golden Broom**

Year 3/4 Kites 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!

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

