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Newsletter Friday 5th July 2024

Dates for your diary:

Monday 8th July – LKS2 Sports day 2-3pm – Wear team colours

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

Monday 15th July - UKS2 sports day

Wednesday 17th July – Year 6 performance morning (9.30am) evening (5pm)

Friday 19th July – Year 6 leavers treat day

Monday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Disco (5-7pm)

Friday 26th July – Year 6 leavers assembly 9.05am (parents of y6 invited)

Friday 26th July – Year 6 leavers parade 3.25pm (all welcome in the KS2 playground but please allow y6 parents to the front!)

Friday 26th July – Finish for summer **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Dear All,

We have had a fantastic fortnight in school. Last week we were blessed by beautiful sunshine for the first of our 4 sports days, but the weather this week took a turn and it had to be cancelled! We had children, parents and staff attending the Stockport Reading Awards, we welcomed our new Reception Parents for September, had the Summer Fair, Stockport County visited, digital workshops took place and we had our transition day! What a couple of weeks!

We have also had children completing in the Dance World cup in Prague over the last week. Amara and Kirana both won a Gold Medal at the Dance World Cup Finals 2024 in Prague for their small group dance, "Echo". Amara also won a Gold Medal for her trio and awarded Most Outstanding Mini Trio/Duet for DWC 2024. A huge well done to them both – we are very proud of them.



Please can also you have a look at **the 2024 -25 term dates at the bottom of this newsletter as there are some INSET days at different times of the year.**

Wellbeing Challenge

Get dancing! Put some music on and get the whole family up dancing. It's a bit of fun for everyone (if you have older children – you will get 'a look' I'm sure!) and it will guarantee smiles all round.



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.



September Update

This is the class structure for September 2024:

Reception badgers	Miss Hall
Y1 Squirrels	Mrs Chilvers
Y1/2 Hedgehogs	Miss Cleary
Y2 Foxes	Miss Marsden
Y3 Falcons	Miss Hammond
Y3/4 Kites	Mr Taylor
Y4 Owls	Mr Brading
Y5 Merlins	Miss Rowley
Y6 Hawks	Miss Walton
Y6 Ospreys	Mrs Sheehan (aka Miss Riley) and Ms Brett

The children have had a transition day and met their new teacher this week. You may notice that some names not there and that there are some new ones. Miss Hanley joined us for the year, so will not be here in September and Mr Amesbury sadly, has decided to leave Abingdon this Summer. We will be joined by Mr Brading who will take his place at LKS2 lead. He is a very experienced teacher from another Stockport school and very much enjoyed meeting the children yesterday. Miss Riley is getting married in the Summer and will be changing her name to Mrs Sheehan. – huge congratulations to her!

Stockport County

We had some very important visitors in school last Friday!! Stockport County visited our school with their trophy for winning League 2. They went around all the classes to show it off. The children and staff were so excited to see it and it was such a lovely opportunity for us all. Well done Stockport County!



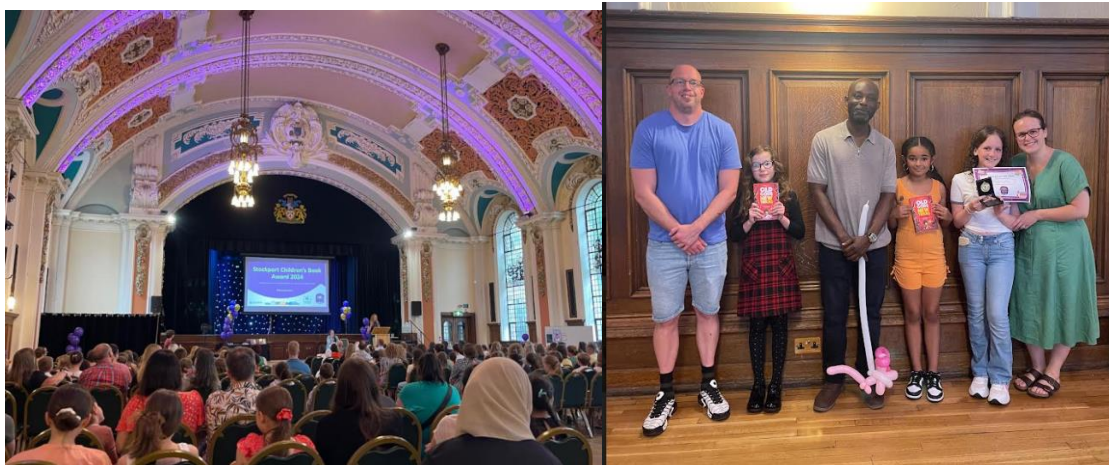
Summer Fayre

Thank you so much for all your support with our Summer Fair. It was a great success! We raised just under £1000.

Stockport Reading Awards

Miss Marsden and Ms Flanders were filled with pride last Tuesday evening as they attended the Stockport Reading Awards at Stockport Town Hall. Children throughout school had been nominated for the awards by teachers and there was an overall winner as well as runners up. The children throughout school had also been involved in voting for their favourite book and author over the last few months and the winners were announced too.

We would like to say a huge well done to Emily in Year 5 who won the overall award for our school. And well done to Alisha in Year 4 and Nyla in Year 3 who were both runners up and also attended the ceremony with their family.



Digital Workshops

The whole school have had digital workshops from Three Discovery this week. They worked on things like cartoon making, Movie making and Stop Motion as well as other skills. The children had a great time and learnt so much!



Sports Days

Thank you to our Reception parents for attending the Sports day last week. It was hot, hot, hot! The children were fantastic and a fabulous time was had by all!



But then sadly, we had to cancel KS1 sports day last week due to the terrible weather! We are hoping we can find a time to rearrange it before the summer and will let you know if we can.

LKS2 Monday 8th July 2-3pm – wear team colour if you can! (the children know their team)

UKS2 Monday 15th July 2-3pm -wear team colour if you can!(the children will know their team next week)

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.

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/>



Fire up the outdoor pizza oven and Ninja Woodfire electric BBQ and impress your guests with artisanal pizza and wood smoked barbecue, or cool off with fruit smoothies and freshly-made ice cream! And if the contrary British weather rears its head, there's a top-of-the-range Ninja Foodi dual-zone airfryer too, to entertain your guests indoors! – and of course, there's a £1,000 cash alternative up for grabs!

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: Yr 4 Owls with 98.3% They have won an own clothes day. The class teachers will let you know when it will be.

Yr2 Foxes also won an extra break time with an attendance of 97.5%.

Stars of the week

This week's children recognised by their teachers for amazing work and their attitude to learning this week are:

Badgers: Kai	Kites: Dana
Otters: Mason	Owls: Nhyraba
Hedgehogs: Millen	Merlins: Saskia
Squirrels: Renae	Kestrels: Bradley
Foxes: Mark	Hawks: Ruvindi
Falcons: Rosie-Lou	Ospreys: Maggi
	Eagles: Abi

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.

We have put hot chocolate on hold for the last couple of weeks because there are so many things going on in school!



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'.

Last week's winners were:

Badgers - -Hannah, Otters – Lily-Mae, Hedgehogs – Anthony, Squirrels – Heidi, Foxes – Athena, Kites-Lola, Owls, Nhyraba, Merlins, Jaden, Kestrels – Teddy, Hawks -Molly, Ospreys – Edward, Eagles – Olivia

Gold table is on pause until September as we are focusing on the classes who line up the very best after lunch.

Golden Broom

Year 1 Hedgehogs (last week) and Year 6 Hawks (this week) 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 2024-2025

Autumn term

Monday 2 nd September	INSET
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET
Wednesday 4 th September	Back to School
Friday 18 th October	Finish for half term holiday

Monday 28 th October	INSET
Tuesday 29 th October	School Returns
Thursday 19 th December	Finish for Christmas

Spring term

Thursday 2 nd January 2025	INSET
Friday 3 rd January	INSET
Monday 6 th January	School returns
Friday 14 th February	Finish for half term holiday

Monday 24 th February	School returns
Friday 11 th April	Finish for Easter

Summer term

Monday 28 th April	School returns
Monday 5 th May	May Day Holiday
Friday 23 rd May	Finish for Whit holiday

Monday 9 th June	School returns
Friday 25 th July	Finish for summer holidays

