

Abingdon Primary School



Friday 18th October 2024

Mrs Spendlow's Welcome

Well, here we are at the end of what has been a very busy half term. We have had 'Meet the Teacher' evening, 'Film Night', 'Thumbs up Friday', 'Freddie Fit', 'Bible Encounter', 'World Poetry Day'. We have seen the introduction of Forest Schools and the new attendance app 'Studybugs'. If you haven't downloaded this yet, please do! It is completely free!

Next half-term is the lead up to Christmas and is another very busy half-term for us all. We have the Winter Fair, the Reception and KS1 performances, the children's Christmas parties and Christmas lunch; as well as lots of learning!

Please remember that Monday 28th October is an INSET day – the children are not in school.

Wellbeing Challenge: Just have a fabulous half-term break! Relax, have fun and recharge your batteries!



This Week's Roundup

Forest School

Forest School on the first Thursday back is for Year 1 Squirrels

Show Racism the Red Card

Today, we have been talking about showing the racism the red card. At our school everyone is special and we often talk about similarities and differences between people in our PSHE lessons as well as British Values particularly mutual respect and tolerance and understanding of others. But today we put another highlight on it during class discussions. We feel very proud to be a multicultural school. ❤️

<https://www.theredcard.org/> - have a look here for more information

Brown paper bags

You should receive a random brown paper bag today! This is to bring back on our own clothes day on Fri 8th November. The idea is for the children to decorate them over half term – with a Christmas theme using felt tips, stickers – whatever you like! And to put some treats or little toys inside e.g. sweets, chocolate, bubbles etc. We are having a lucky dip bag tombola at the Christmas fayre and they will then be used as prizes. Thank you so much in advance for your help!! And a huge thank you for all the bottles received today!



In their final Autumn session, Hedgehogs had the opportunity to (safely and under supervision!) toast marshmallows by the fire at Forest Schools this week -They had a fabulous time!



Year 6 Hawks Forest School



A group of our Year 6s took part in a charity walk last weekend and raised lots of money for Christies hospital. Well done to all of them.

Here's a few decoration ideas for those looking for a half term activity! (but equally colouring in fab!) you can put a bit of Sellotape on the top to seal it or just fold it over so things don't fall out!



Halloween raffle

We are extending our Halloween raffle and will draw it on Halloween – in the first week back! Strips are £1 and there are lots of trick or treat buckets of goodies to win

StudyBugs



We're pleased to announce that Abingdon Primary is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven't already, **please download the free Studybugs app**, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. Please see the poster attached.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)



Reminders:



Please be courteous to our neighbours when parking and adhere to the double yellow lines. The Nursery/ Surestart car park can unfortunately not be used by Abingdon parents. Try parking a few roads away and walking to school.

Please bring healthy, appropriately sized snacks to school for morning break and choose packed lunch items carefully to ensure they provide a balanced diet.



Please can we remind parents that children in Years R – 4 must be collected by someone **over the age of 16**.

Dates for the Diary

October	
Mon 28th	INSET DAY
Tues 29 th	Children return to school Parents evening booking opens
November	
Fri 1 st	School Photographs individual – school uniform
Fri 8 th	Wear own clothes – Bring a filled paper bag donation (bags coming home at half term)
Tues 12 th & Wed 13 th	Parent Consultations (booking open Tues 29 th October via school spider)
Fri 15 th	Children in Need – Own Clothes £1 donations
Fri 22 nd	Wear own clothes – Bring chocolate for the tombola!
December	
Fri 6 th	Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5pm
Tues 10 th	Reception Nativity 9.15am – 10.00am
Wed 11 th	KS1 nativity 9.15am – 10.15am
Wed 18 th	Christmas Party day
Thurs 19 th	Christmas Jumper Day! NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB School Closes at 3.15pm for Christmas

Celebrations

Hot Chocolate Winners:

Hot chocolate will return after the half term!



Lunchtime class of week:

KS1 Class of the week is

Foxes

LKS2 Class of the week is

Owls

UKS2 Class of the week is

Merlins

Reception lunchtime star of the week is Isabella E.



Golden Broom:

Rec
Badgers



Attendance:

Our Whole School attendance this week is : *94.1%*

The class of the week is: *Ospreys* with *97.3%*. They have won 'Teddy/Toy Day!'



Certificate winners:

Badgers: after half term!

Y1 Squirrels: Luna

Y1/2 Hedgehogs: Casey

Y2 Foxes: Archie

Y3 Falcons: Reuben C

Y3/4 Kites: Lexi

Y4 Owls: Marley

Y5 Merlins: Hallie

Y6 Ospreys: Danica

Y6 Hawks: Lucas

*Respect,
Responsibility,
Resilience*



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/>

