



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Year 2 Step Outside road awareness workshop am / Y4 Headsmart workshop pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Y6 Speedwatch workshop ----- Halloween Film Night at school (*see separate letter*)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** – School closes for half term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – School reopens

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Pupil Nasal Flu Vaccine (online consent closes on 26/10/21)

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**– Parent/carer consultations (*more details to follow*)

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Diwali Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** – Christmas Fair (to be confirmed)

**Please stick to your specific drop off time in the morning.**

**The entry gate is open from 8:35am until 9:00am.**

**Reception and KS1 drop off time is from 8:45am, and KS2 drop off time is from 8:50am**

**Please make sure you drop off your child(ren) at the eldest child's allocated time.**

**Thank you.**

**Please do not enter school through the KS2 gate as this is an EXIT point. The one-way system around school is to prevent congestion around the pathways of the school building. Please adhere to this system as a health and safety measure.**



### Attendance recognition arrangements:

- ★ The class with the highest overall attendance each week will have the opportunity to 'spin the wheel'. The wheel has many options of fantastic activities children can enjoy, such as wear your slippers day, extra play time and many more!
- ★ Each class who achieves 97% or higher each week, or who show great improvement, will have an own clothes day the following week.
- ★ **ALL children who have over 97% attendance for the year, or who show good improvement of attendance, will have an end of year treat. 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 is: Y3/4 Kites again with a super attendance of 97.2%! Their treat from spinning the wheel is **music in class all day** one day next week!**

**The other classes who achieved 97%+ are: Y5/6 Kestrels! They will have their own clothes day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Well done!**

### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals> This means that more money is given to school to provide children with additional opportunities, such as free school trips and additional academic support. You will be helping school if your child is eligible for Free School Meals so please do look and apply if you think you may be eligible.

We have a varied menu which changes weekly, so your child will always enjoy a healthy, filling lunch.

## Halloween Film Night and Halloween Raffle

Thank you to those families who have booked onto the Halloween Film night. Don't forget that that booking is opening until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> via the School Spider app or via the login section of the website. All information was sent in a separate lesson earlier in the week.



Raffle tickets are available until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at midday for our Halloween raffle. The prize is a Halloween hamper. Raffle tickets can be bought through School Spider. £1 per strip.



## Harvest – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

We look forward to celebrating Harvest in school on the last Thursday of half term. Unfortunately, we are still unable to invite all parents into school to watch assemblies. However, the children will be performing class poems, raps, and songs and sharing their learning about Harvest and the importance of food and water around the world. We are also collecting goods for The Wellspring, a charity in Stockport who provide free meals to those in need, mainly people who are homeless.

If you can provide any of the following gifts, we will gratefully donate to Wellspring:

Coffee, sugar, biscuits, cereal, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables, including tinned potatoes, tinned meats, UHT long life milk, cereal bars, crisps, small bottled water and any other long life items.

## Freddy Fit

Today all classes enjoyed another super day with Freddy Fit. As always, he challenged everyone to work out to the max and we had a wonderful time joining in with his activities.

## Inclusion Team

As you will be aware, the pandemic has had a significant impact on our school community and, for this reason, I have further developed our Inclusion Team in school to. Below are the details of our team in school provide bespoke, specialised support for our children and their families:

**Mrs Pearson** – SENDCo – Special Educational Needs Coordinator (Mon and Weds)

**Mr Cumberbatch** – Pastoral Lead (full time) supporting parents/carers with all matters relating to any difficulty they may be experiencing

**Mrs Lamb** – Child Advocate Virtual Class Teacher (full time including some teaching responsibilities) – supporting children who are experiencing Social, Emotional or Mental Health needs in school. Mrs Lamb also works with parents in supporting their child at home.

**Mr Wilcock** – Lead Teacher for Culture and Behaviours (Weds and Thurs) supporting staff in developing effective behaviour and relationship strategies, staff training and further developing the school's promotion of diversity and inclusion.

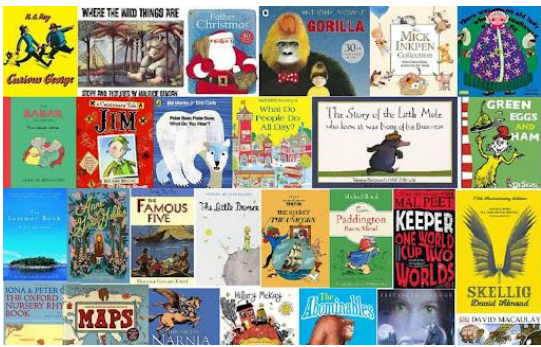
## Year 5 and 6 Creative writing

Y5 and Y6 attended a creative writing workshop this week. It was run by the English department at Reddish Vale High School. They all had a fantastic time and it was a great opportunity for them to step inside a high school!

## National Poetry Day Competition

Well done to all the children who created poems for National Poetry Day. They were lovely and Miss Riley found it very difficult to pick winners! The winning poets in each class have been awarded a special certificate and the poems will be displayed in school.





## Love Reading Club

Some of our children are fast approaching their first certificate for reading books as part of the club. We look forward to sharing their success in assembly.

We have had a FANTASTIC response to the start of our Love Reading club, with many of our children taking on the challenge. Any child in the school can join and receive awards and prizes as they progress through books they choose to read. Please do encourage your child to join if they haven't already!

## Go Read app

We have introduced our fantastic new reading record app 'Go Read'. This allows parents/carers, teachers and children to all view your child's reading record – and it also means no more books getting lost or damaged so the record remains intact throughout your child's time here at Abingdon.

Children can earn gems for reading and 'spend' them within the app.

You can find out more about the app here <https://go-read.co.uk/parents/>

**Miss Riley will also be releasing a help video to share how the app work and how to start using it in school.**

**Your child can collect 'gems' and points the more they read so please do start using it.**



## Times Table Rockstars Tournament

Mrs Hunt, our maths lead, organised our second TT Rock Stars tournament of the year. The results are in and the winners are highlighted below:

11TH OCTOBER - 14TH OCTOBER	07:00 - 20:00	Falcons	139	Owls	124
11TH OCTOBER - 14TH OCTOBER	07:00 - 20:00	Ospreys	2775	Kestrels	2498
11TH OCTOBER - 14TH OCTOBER	07:00 - 20:00	Merlins	325	Kites	49

This means that **Ospreys** will compete against THE TEACHERS in a final battle. The challenge is one with the teachers desperate to hold on to their previous victory! Please encourage your child to get involved and spend time using this fantastic resource.



## School Lottery

This week's lottery winner was a Y2 parent who won £13.80. Well done! Thank you to all who participate and please share the link with wider friends and family – every ticket [helps us receive more funding for school!](#)

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

## 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!

Finally, well done to **Reception Badgers** who 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 in Friday assembly.



Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clark  
Headteacher

## Covid-19 advice

Please refer to our Parent/Carer Q&A guide for queries about Covid-19 in school. [Click here](#) to access it online

The isolation period for COVID-19 is 10 days. 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/>

Stockport rates of coronavirus are still rising <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/coronavirus-in-stockport/coronavirus-cases-in-stockport>

### **The current government 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/PCR test, **they should remain at home**. NHS track and trace will inform all close contacts and advise them to also take a PCR test.

If your child receives a positive lateral flow test, they should take a PCR test as soon as possible to confirm.

**Please inform school if anyone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19.**

## Lateral Flow Testing

If you wish to participate in lateral Flow testing for your child and family, you can find out further information here:

Information for Parents/Carers

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>