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Newsletter Friday 22nd October 2021

Dates for your diary:

Friday 22nd Oct – School closes for half term

Monday 1st Nov – School reopens

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

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

Thursday 4th Nov – Diwali Day

Friday 3rd Dec – Christmas Fair (to be confirmed)

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: Y2 Rabbits with a super attendance of 98.5%!

Their treat from spinning the wheel is **slippers in class day** one day after half term, as well as an own clothes day on Friday 5th November.

The other classes who achieved 97%+ are: Y3/4 Falcons, Y3/4 Kites and Y1 Squirrels. They will have their own clothes day on Friday 5th November too. 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.

Miss Mathieson Leaving

We say goodbye to Miss Mathieson this week as she moves to her exciting new role as a TA in another school. Miss Mathieson has been with us since 2019. Whilst we are very sad to see her go, we wish her every success in her new role and know that she will be an asset to the children there. I thank her for all her hard work and remind her that she will always be part of the Abingdon Family.

Halloween Film Night and Halloween Raffle

Thank you to those families who booked onto the Halloween Film night. We had a wonderful time and the children all enjoyed a movie and hot dog! Thank you to all the staff who planned and managed the event.



Well done to the following winners of the raffle: **Daisy-Mae J, Lily M, Connor S, Lily D, Damian SH, Lily-Mae G and Lucas L** – we hope you enjoyed your prizes and thank you to everyone who supported the event.



Harvest Assembly and Collection

A big thank you to everyone who donated goods to The Wellspring. I will be delivering them next week on behalf of the Abingdon Family and I am certain that the donations will be gratefully received.

The children all performed wonderfully in our Harvest assembly. We shared songs and raps, learnt facts about the fantastic work that The Wellspring do for the community, heard what children are thankful for and even learnt some Makaton!

If anyone wants to donate gifts to 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.

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.

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/>



18TH OCTOBER - 21ST OCTOBER	78	Avg. correct answers	
Year 4 Kites	95	Year 3 Kites	78
18TH OCTOBER - 21ST OCTOBER	07:00 - 18:00		
Falcons	168	Owls	49
18TH OCTOBER - 21ST OCTOBER			
Ospreys	2516	Teachers	1723
18TH OCTOBER - 21ST OCTOBER	07:00 - 20:00		
Kestrels	1692	Merlins	297

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 in the table to the left.



Well done to Kites, Falcons, Kestrels and an especially big well done to Ospreys: you beat the teachers! We will come back stronger next time!

Please encourage your child to get involved and spend time using this fantastic resource.



School Lottery

This week's lottery winner was **me!** I have donated the prize money back to school. 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 restful and relaxing half term. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st November.

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>