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Newsletter Friday 5th November 2021

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 9th Nov – Indian dancing day in school (dojo will be sent out with further information)

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

Thursday 11th Nov - Remembrance Day

Friday 12th Nov – Individual photos

Monday 15th – Friday 19th Nov – ‘Cool to be Kind’ week (anti-bullying)

Friday 19th Nov – Children in Need (wear own clothes or something spotty for £1)

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th Nov – Reading Festival Week

Tuesday 30th Nov – Y6 at ‘Crucial Crew’ in Stockport

Wednesday 1st Dec – Virtual Christmas Fayre and Raffle tickets go on sale

Friday 3rd Dec – Own clothes day CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATION

Thursday 9th Dec – Christmas cookies and drink £1 DONATION

Friday 10th Dec – INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Friday 17th Dec – Fancy dress day £1 DONATION/ Class Christmas assemblies video link emailed out

Monday 20th Dec – Christmas raffle drawn

Tuesday 21st Dec – Christmas dinner day

Wednesday 22nd Dec – School closes for Christmas break

*****SCHOOL REOPENS ON THURSDAY 6th JANUARY 2022*****

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: Y6 Ospreys with a super attendance of 99.3%! Their treat from spinning the wheel is games in class day one day after half term, as well as an own clothes day on Friday 12th November.

The other classes who achieved 97%+ are: Y3/4 Falcons, Y3/4 Owls, Y2 Rabbits, Reception Badgers. They will have their own clothes day on Friday 12th 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.

STEM Returners in Manchester

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the unprecedented success of our previous programmes we are currently sourcing candidates for the Digital Barriers 'STEM Returners' campaign. All candidates not only get to take a different route to finding a new role, they will also have the opportunity to obtain free advice from a career coach or Mentor to support them right from application through to navigating the first 12 months in your role. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email anouska.carling@stemreturners.com.



More information on this opportunity is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/returner-opportunities/senior-software-engineer-platform-part-time/>

Diwali Celebration Day

Yesterday, all of the children across the school enjoyed participating in Diwali Celebration Day. They enjoyed retelling the story of Rama and Sita and made lots of beautiful Rangoli patterns, as well as lanterns. All of the children were taught about the importance of Diwali for people who follow the Hindu religion and how it is celebrated around the world. To all who celebrate, the Abingdon Family wishes you a very Happy Diwali!



Bonfire Night

I hope that you all enjoy Bonfire Night tonight and any of the celebrations you may attend over the weekend.

Please do stay safe over this period. Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue have lots of information on their website <https://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/campaigns/bangoutoforder/> which details advice for enjoying Bonfire Night safely.

The website above also contains an age appropriate video for UKS2 children on staying safe during Bonfire Night celebrations.

Maths Puzzles and Games Club

Mrs Hunt sent me this wonderful photograph of our children taking part in Maths Games and Puzzles Club – they are all so engaged and really enjoy the club. Thank you, Mrs Hunt, for running the club and well done to all the children who take part in it. It looks very exciting and I will definitely be popping in to join in with a game!



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/>



School Lottery

The lottery winners over the past 2 weeks were Bryan Archer, our Chair of Governors, who kindly donated the winnings back to school and Mrs Hilditch. 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!**

This really helps support our school so, if you can, please do sign up for a weekly ticket. Thank you.

<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 **Y3/4 Kites** 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>