



Abingdon Primary School

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Newsletter Friday 26th November 2021

Dates for your diary:

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
Friday 3rd Dec – Reindeer visit £1 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

Please remember that the KS2 gate 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: Y5 Kestrels with an attendance of 97%! Their treat from spinning the wheel is music in class one day next week, as well as an own clothes day.

For the following weeks leading up to Christmas, class teachers will tell you the day for own clothes via Class Dojo as most Fridays are all taken up with fundraising events.

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.

Reindeer visit Abingdon!

We are thrilled to share a special treat that we have had planned for some time – Abingdon will be having 2 of Father Christmas' reindeer visiting next Friday 3rd December!

Each class will visit the reindeer during the afternoon, and there is an additional raffle to have a 15-minute immediate family experience with the reindeer between 3pm and 4pm.

We are asking for a donation of £1 for your child to visit the reindeer with their class.

Raffle tickets are £3 each and include a 15-minute visit with your immediate family to the reindeer, where you can hold an antler and have photos with them!

Donations and raffle tickets are available on School Spider and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2nd December.

We hope you are able to support the school and we cannot wait to have the reindeer on site!



***** Please note that the KS2 playground will be closed on Friday 3rd December for pick up only. The Y5 and 6 children will be sent out of school from the Lower KS2 collection point in the KS1 playground. The gate by the children's centre/nursery will be open for access*****

Conduct on the playground

I am aware that it may sometimes seem easier to try and resolve any issues between your child and another in school by speaking directly to parents outside on the playground. However, **this is not school policy** and I strongly advise against this practice. Any issues relating to school should be reported to a staff member so that any issue can be dealt with accordingly. Staff will always have time to discuss any concerns or issues with you so please avoid dealing with matters directly with other parents.

Reading week

What a fantastic week we have had celebrating all things reading! Children have had mystery boxes where they had to use clues to guess what book was in the box, they have had a virtual meeting with an author in classes, I have run a 'book tasting café' and all of the children have had a starlight story read to them whilst they wear their pyjamas!

If you have any pictures of your child reading at home – or anywhere else (the more unusual the place the better!), please send them in via Class Dojo to your class teacher or via admin@abingdon.stockport.sch. We will put some of the pictures up around school to show what avid readers we have at Abingdon. Well done and a big thank you to the teachers for organising the events this week.



Virtual Christmas Fair

This year we will be holding our Christmas fair virtually again. Whilst we would love to hold an in person fair, we are still living with Covid-19 and feel that this is the safest way to manage public health and safety by not having large numbers of people on site together for a sustained period of time. Classes will be creating items to sell and a brochure will be published on Wednesday 1st December.

Friday 3rd December
Wear own clothes and
bring one item for a Christmas hamper
Eg chocolates, biscuits, wine,
soups, crackers, shortbread,
Christmas crackers, Christmas napkins,
table decorations...
Just something nice
that you would like to receive in a hamper!!!



Footballs in school

Please remember that unless it has specifically been agreed with your child's class teacher for a certain reason, children are NOT allowed to bring in their own footballs to school. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Parents and Carers Together Stockport (PACTS)

Please see the information below if you are interested in accessing the SEND Information day. For any support, information or advice, you can visit the website <https://pactstockport.co.uk/>

PACTS Annual Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Day

Alma Lodge Hotel
149 Buxton Road
Stockport SK2 6EL

All you need to know for the Stockport area and is **FREE** for Parents, Carers, Family Members and Professionals who have or work with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.
More information coming soon.



School Lottery



This week's lottery winner was **Miss Murphy who won £15.60.**

Miss Murphy has very kindly donated her winning back to school. Thank you so much and congratulations!

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 Y1/2 Foxes 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>