



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas raffle drawn

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Christmas dinner day

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** Christmas jumper day (no money needed)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – School closes for Christmas break

**\*\*\*SCHOOL REOPENS ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022\*\*\***

**20<sup>th</sup> January** – School dinner favourites day (open to everyone for an individual school dinner)

**Please do not enter the KS1 playground from the KS2 side as the path is narrow and there is potential for a collision. Thank you for your support in this matter.**



### 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, 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 an attendance of 100%** Their treat from spinning the wheel is wearing **Slippers in class** one day next week, as well as an own clothes day.

Other classes who achieved 97%+ attendance this week are: Reception Badger, Reception Otters and Y2 Rabbits. Y5/6 Merlins achieved a fantastic 96% so they too had a spin of the attendance wheel for such a fantastic improvement!

Your child's class teacher will arrange a day via Class Dojo to celebrate.

### **Attendance Procedures**

As part of our attendance procedures, we will be requiring proof of any medical appointments. This can be in the form of a text message, an email or a letter for hospital appointments. If you arrive early to collect your child for an appointment, please show the appointment confirmation to the school office staff.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

### **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.

## SEND Newsletter

To read the latest Stockport SEND newsletter, please [click here](#).



### Retirement of Chair of Governors

After two and a half years as Chair of Governors and more than 10 as a member of the Abingdon Governing Body, we are very sorry to see Mr Bryan Archer retire from our governing body. I would like to thank Bryan for his support throughout the years and for the time and effort he has given to making Abingdon the wonderful school it is. On behalf of the school community I wish him all the very best for his future plans; thank you again for the commitment you have given to the Abingdon Family over the years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our newly elected Chair of Governors, Mr Tom Saunders, to the role. I am looking forward to working together with Tom to continue to provide excellent provision and opportunities for our children and wider community. He will be sending a message to the school community in the new year and is looking forward to visiting school again soon.

### Mrs Murray's Christmas Stall

Mrs Murray has raised a fantastic £233 from her stall. A big thank you to everyone who supported it and also a big thank you to Mrs Murry for running it! Your tinsel laden trolley was the highlight of our week.

### Year 5 and 6 WWII Experience Day

On Tuesday, UKS2 had a fantastic day celebrating the end of their WW2 topic. The children made carrot cookies, practised wartime first aid, made ration books, planned a VE Day party and painted propaganda posters! The children all looked fantastic and it was great to see them so enthusiastic about their learning!



### Christmas Parties and Virtual Fayre

The children will be having their Christmas parties next week so please look out for Class Dojo messages from their class teacher detailing instructions.

The children have all been busy recording their Christmas videos to share with you and we know that you will enjoy watching them as a family!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Virtual Christmas Fayre. The elves will be busy getting everything ready to send out to you soon!

## School Lottery



This week's lottery winner was our former Chair of Governors Bryan Archer. 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



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### Parking on Abingdon Road and surrounding area

Please do not park on the yellow Zig-Zags outside School and also please be mindful where you park when dropping off and picking up your child/children.

Finally, well done to **Y1 Squirrels** 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.



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>