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Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 16th March – A Day for Ukraine (see below)

Friday 25th March – KS1 visit to Skipton Castle (off site all day)

Thursday 24th – Thursday 31st March – Book Fair in hall after school

Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th March – Y6 residential to Robinwood Todmorden

Friday 1st April – Thumbs Up Friday/ Parent Café / Non-uniform day for Walk or Cycle to School week

Friday 1st April – School closes for Easter break (reopens Tuesday 19th April)

Please avoid walking from the KS2 playground round to the KS1 area as the corner is very tight. Please also remember that bikes and scooters are NOT to be ridden by parents or children on the school grounds.

Thank you for your support in these site safety measures.



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 over 97% this week is: Y6 Ospreys again, with an attendance of 98.6%

They will have a treat one day next week from spinning the wheel, as well as an own clothes day.

The other class who also achieved 97%+ in their attendance this week is: Y3/4Kites with 97.2%

Well done. Class teachers will contact parents to let them know what day will be their own clothes day.

Abingdon Oscars Ceremony

On Monday we all attended Abingdon's first Oscars ceremony! We celebrated the fantastic readers we have in our school and the winners won a special trophy. We all had a go at rocking the red carpet and everyone dressed up for the occasion. We also watched the film which we created during World Book Week: our take on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Each class recreated a section - we definitely have some budding actors and actresses in our school! Well done everyone on all your hard work during World Book Week.



A Day for Ukraine



We are raising funds for the First News Ukraine appeal. Children are invited to wear blue and yellow on Wednesday 16th March and bring in a £1 donation. All money will be donated to the Ukraine appeal. Thank you for your support.

Healthy Eating and Lunchboxes

This is a reminder that children at Abingdon are encouraged to eat healthily throughout the school day. All children in school start the day with a bagel (or are offered this as a breakfast option) and fruit is provided for all Reception and KS1 children.

Break snacks should be a piece of fruit or veg. Crisps, chocolate bars and sweets should not be sent into school. Likewise, at lunch time, if your child is on packed lunches, please send in as healthy an option as possible. Sweets are not permitted, nor are sugary or fizzy drinks.

As I am sure you are aware, children's diets can have a huge impact on their school day, in terms of their behaviour and their overall performance. Please help support us on this and we will be launching a healthy eating project in the near future. Thank you. If you would benefit from support with school meals, click on the link in the red box below to see if you are eligible for free school meals.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Cake Sale

In order to raise funds for their trip to the Dance World Cup this year, Abbie, Pixie, Abigail, Freya, Amara and Kirana will be holding a cake sale on **Friday 1st April**. More details to follow, but it is something we can all look forward to and support them with. We are very proud of them achieving such an accomplishment in representing the UK – and Abingdon! - at the dance competition, so please come along to the cake sale to support them if you can.



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.

Cars idling outside school

An issue of great concern has been reported to me this week: cars have been idling (leaving your vehicle engine running while stationary) outside school when waiting by the fence area.

Please switch off your car engine if you are waiting outside school, for any period of time. The fumes alone are extremely hazardous to everyone's health – especially young children – and it is made even worse in the winter months.

In doing so, any drivers who are choosing to idle either at drop off or pick up, are breaking rule 123 of the Highway Code and putting other people's health at risk.

I am sure you join me in wanting to keep the school a healthy and safe environment so please support this campaign.

School Lottery

Congratulations to our winner this week: a Y6 parent. 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 **Y3/4 Falcons** 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 6 days with a negative LFD test (24 hours apart on day 5 and day 6). 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/>

While you're no longer required by law to self-isolate if you have COVID-19, you should still stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This helps reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 on to others.

This advice will be updated on 1 April 2022.

School 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, **they should remain at home**. NHS track and trace will inform all close contacts and advise them to also take a LFD test.

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>