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Newsletter Friday 21st October 2022

Dates for your diary:

Friday 21st October- Finish for Half term

Monday 31st October – Return to school

Friday 4th November – Individual photographs – school uniform

Friday 11th November – Own Clothes – bring a **bottle** for Christmas fayre tombola

Friday 18th November – Children in Need – theme to be confirmed! (bring £1)

Friday 25st November – Own Clothes bring **chocolate** for Christmas fayre tombola

Friday 2nd December – Cerebral Palsy Awareness day – **wear something green!** (Bring £1)
-Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5.30pm

Friday 23rd December – Christmas jumper day
Finish for Christmas

See above for all the Christmas and charity own clothes days next half term – most Fridays!!!!!!



This half term successes:

I would like to take the opportunity to say what a lovely half term I have had as Acting Head. It has been an amazing half term; the staff and pupils have worked so hard and I thought I would share some of our achievements in the last few weeks:

- ✚ We have welcomed new members to our Abingdon Family (staff and pupils) and they have settled in brilliantly
- ✚ The children have worked hard on their behaviour for learning by following non-negotiables
- ✚ The children have had workshops and been on educational visits to enhance their learning
- ✚ The children have taken part in sporting events to develop their skills and confidence
- ✚ Staff and Children have organised fundraising events and raised lots of money
- ✚ The children have celebrated festivals and national events
- ✚ Everyone has made huge improvements in presentation of work in books – using our new style handwriting lines.

I have spoken to Mrs Spendlow again this week and she is very excited about starting her new role at Abingdon Primary School. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone after half term.

Film Night

Thank you so much for supporting our Film Night on Wednesday. The children had a lovely time and particularly enjoyed the hot dogs! We raised £560 for our school fund. School fund is so important as it helps us to pay for enhancements to the curriculum, that the main school budget cannot. All money raised goes back into events, visits, resources for the children - so thank you. I would also like to thank the staff who gave up their time to help run it. We have the most fantastic staff at Abingdon! We will hopefully run another one before Christmas or in the new year.

Harvest Assembly

Thank you for the food donations for our harvest festival yesterday. We had a lovely afternoon of poems, posters, singing and celebration. Here are a few pictures from the assembly:



Halloween Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our Halloween raffle! We drew the winners in assembly this morning and they have taken the prize home with them (Don't eat it all at once!)

Parent Governor Vacancy

I would like to announce that the results of the parent election are in. We are very pleased to welcome **Natasha Clayton** onto the Governing Body. The Governors look forward to meeting her at the next meeting.

Halloween School dinner

On the first day back Sharon (our cook) is doing a Halloween themed school dinner:

Chicken/Vegetable nuggets

Jacket potatoes

Halloween Cupcakes

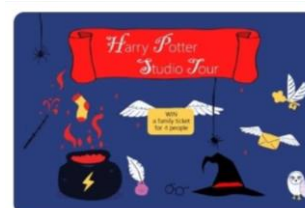
If your child would like a school dinner that day, please order via school spider or speak to the office

Universal Free School Meals

Just for the information of Reception and Ks1 parents: The government provides a universal offer for free school meals to **all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. Our school dinners are prepared on site by Taylor Shaw employees – who are amazing! They are delicious. If you are not accessing this and wish to, please let your class teacher know.

School Lottery




This week, one of our parents won £9.00 this week on the lottery- Well done to them! There is currently a Harry Potter competition on School Lottery – if you buy a ticket before the 24th October you can be in the draw for Harry Potter Studio tickets. Click on the link below to take part.



For those families new to school, we have a school lottery that is run by the website below. Every ticket sold provides much needed funding for our school. If you would like to take part please do sign up using the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

How the lottery works

<p>£1 per ticket</p>  <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p>	<p>Help us do more</p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p> 	<p>£25,000 grand prize</p>  <p>Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!</p>
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Attendance:



- ★ The class with the highest overall attendance each week will have the opportunity to 'spin the wheel'! The wheel has lots of different choices on – some of these have been updated this year by the children.
 - ★ Each class who achieves 97% or higher each week, or who show great improvement, will have an extra playtime the following week.
 - ★ **ALL children who have over 95% attendance for the year, or who show good improvement of attendance, will receive an end of term certificate and 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: **Year 2 Rabbits with 97%. -Well done!** They have won 'all the musical instruments out!' as a special treat from the wheel, as well their extra playtime next week!!

Hot chocolate

Each week we invite a child from each class (who is chosen for being a role model for behaviour) to come and have hot chocolate and marshmallows with the headteacher. It is definitely my favourite time of the week!



Gold Table

Children are chosen by their midday supervisors for their lunchtime behaviour. Each Friday we have a 'Gold table' in the hall and the children sit with me and have their lunch, they also receive a prize from the 'Gold Box'. Our winners were Theo D(badgers) Joseph (Hedgehogs), Jennifer(Squirrels), Sebastian(Foxes), Scarlett B(Rabbits), Henry(Falcons), Aleena(Owls), Malcolm (Kites) Sienna(Kestrels), Saanviya (Merlins), Alianna(Hawks), Jaiden(Ospreys)

Half Termly Children's assembly Winners

Each half term the children vote for the child in their class who has shown the Core Values, made lots of progress or improved in a certain aspect of their learning. This recognition from their peers is really important and the children always seem to vote like the teachers would- They notice everything!

Lots of work is also done in the voting process about what the children are looking for in a winner and how to choose.

The certificates are given in Children's Assembly, where the Year 6s take over! The winners this half term were:



Year 1 /Rec Hedgehogs: Myles

Year 1 Squirrels : Freddie

Year 2 Foxes: Toby

Year 2 Rabbits: Marley

Year 3 Falcons: Hallie

Year 4 Owls: Ruby

Year 4 Kites: Isaac

Year 5 Kestrels: Lacey

Year 5 Merlins: Fatoumata

Year 6 Ospreys: Hailey

Year 6 Hawks: Summer

Golden Broom

Year 6 Hawks have 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 (Site supervisor).



Finally, I would like to wish you a lovely half term. Thank you all for your support over this last half term whilst I have been Acting Headteacher, I have very much appreciated it. See you all on Monday 31st October.

Ms Flanders
Acting Headteacher

Holiday Dates 2022-2023

Autumn term

Thursday 1 st September	INSET
Friday 2 nd September	INSET
Monday 5 th September	Back to School
Friday 23 rd September	INSET
Friday 21 st October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 31 st October	School returns
Friday 23 rd December	Finish for Christmas

Spring term

Monday 9 th January 2023	School returns
Friday 17 th February	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 27 th February	INSET
Tuesday 28 th February	School returns
Friday 31 st March	Finish for Easter

Summer term

Monday 17 th April	School returns
Monday 1 st May	May Day holiday
Friday 26 th May	Finish for Whit holiday
Monday 12 th June	School returns
Wednesday 26 th July	Finish for summer holidays
Thursday 27 th July	INSET

Covid-19 advice

- Children with mild symptoms of a respiratory infection include covid-19 but are otherwise well should continue to attend school. They should stay home if they have a high temperature and are unwell, and can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature/feel well enough.
- It is not recommended that children should have a covid-19 test unless directed to by a health professional, but if a child under 18 does test positive, **they should stay off school for 3 days after the day they took the test. They can return to school after the 3 days if they are well enough.**

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/>

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 until they are feeling well again.**

Please inform school if anyone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19.

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