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Newsletter Friday 25th November 2022

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2nd December – Cerebral Palsy Awareness day – wear something green! (Bring £1)

-Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5.30pm

Monday 12th December – Reception Performance 9.30

Thursday 15th December – KS1 performance 9.30

Friday 16th December – LKS2 Singalong 9.30

Monday 19th December - UKS2 singalong 9.30

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner day

Wednesday 21st December – Attendance treat?

Thursday 23rd December – Christmas parties

Friday 23rd December - Christmas jumper day

-Finish for Christmas





Head teacher's greeting!

We can't go through the week without acknowledging the small tournament that is going on at the moment. We took the opportunity to use this to highlight the important part that sport plays in our lives; from building resilience, teamwork and respect, to all the health benefits it brings. The children shared their favourite sports, and was nice to see a wide variety of sports mentioned.

If your child does participate in any club outside of school and they have achieved something in it, please let us know. It would be wonderful to share their success with our school family!



Crucial Crew

This week our Year 6 children attended Stockport Crucial Crew, where they learned about keeping safe on-line, at home and in the community. This is an annual event organised by Stockport Council which teaches children vital lessons on how to keep themselves and others safe. The children were very excited and engaged throughout the day.



Christmas performances

We are almost into the festive season (it isn't Christmas until December!!!) and all the children are getting very excited to show their performances to their adults. All the dates for the performances are listed above. Just a quick reminder that due to spacing in the school hall we can only allow 2 tickets per child.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair are now available to buy on School Spider. They are £1 for a strip and you can win some amazing prizes, including supermarket vouchers, a selection of hampers, a scooter and many more wonderful items.

Christmas Fayre

Next Friday is our Christmas fair with lots of wonderful, winter and festive stalls. Thank you so much for all the donations we have received over the past few weeks, if you still have anything that you would like to donate, please send it in with your child.

Just a reminder that there will be no after school club on the day of the school fair (Friday 2nd December)

Santa's Grotto

Santa's Grotto is £3 to visit. All visits need to be booked in advance of the day. Please see attached letter for further details on how to book your child's visit. Bookings open at midday on Monday 28th November.

Attendance

The national expectation for school attendance is 97%. Abingdon Primary School's attendance currently is 94.0% this is falling short of the target set by the Government, and is also down week on week. This continues to be a concern of the school. Please read the attached sheet to fully understand the importance of good attendance and the impact poor attendance has on your children. The information sheet explains the legal obligation parents have to ensure their children attend school; the impact that regular absence has on children's learning and future and how we can work together to improve the attendance of the children at Abingdon Primary School.

Collection of Children

Children in Years 5 & 6 are allowed to walk home on their own if we have permission from parents. All other children need to be collected by a responsible adult. We cannot release children to any child who is younger than 16 years of age.

Volunteer Readers

Are you or any grandparents free for an hour or two on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday? We would love some volunteers to hear some of our younger children read. We will be able to conduct DBS checks if you require it. If you are free and would like to help please contact our Key stage 1 lead teacher:
valerie.gray@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk

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.

Well-being Challenge: As the weather gets colder (not sure it can get any wetter!) and the days become shorter it often means that we spend less time outdoors. Long spells inside can often leave us feeling bored and unmotivated, but what better time to try new things? Maybe you could embrace the cold and try a winter sport, like skiing or snowboarding? Or, if you prefer to wrap up warm, what about knitting or crochet? Other ideas include:

- Journaling
- Blogging or vlogging
- Writing stories or plays
- Cooking or baking
- Yoga
- Playing an instrument
- Arts and crafts
- Indoor sports

School Lottery

This week, one of our parents won £9.30 on the school lottery- Well done to them!



There is currently the chance to win a PS5 Bundle on the school lottery, worth over £1,000, so if you would like a chance to win this amazing prize, please sign up using the link below.






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>	
			



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 4 Kites again, with 99.1%. - Well done!
They have won 'games in class!' as a special treat from the wheel, as well their extra playtime next week!!

Unfortunately, no other classes achieved over 97% attendance this 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 Lexi P (Badgers), Athena (Hedgehogs), Zac (Squirrels), Elsie (Foxes), Lily M (Rabbits), Honey-Leigh (Falcons), Olivia (Owls), Bradley (Kites) Ben (Kestrels), Rosi (Merlins), Lily (Hawks), Rose-Anne (Ospreys)

Class Stars of the Week

Each week children are chosen for showing our core values. We award certificates in Celebration Time each Friday.



Year 1 /Rec Hedgehogs: Dante
Year 1 Squirrels : Abeera
Year 2 Foxes: Holly
Year 2 Rabbits: Anna
Year 3 Falcons: Lucas
Year 4 Owls: Aliza
Year 4 Kites: Alfred

Year 5 Kestrels: Willow
Year 5 Merlins: Laura
Year 6 Ospreys: Ayaan
Year 6 Hawks: Oliver

Golden Broom

Year 3 Falcons have won the Golden Broom again 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 weekend, and thank you for all your support.

Mrs Spendlow
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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Year 1 Squirrels- danielle.taylor@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk
Year 2 Foxes – andrew.mail@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk
Year 2 Rabbits (KS1 lead) valerie.gray@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk
Year 3 Falcons – elizabeth.hammond@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk
Year 4 Kites (LKS2 lead) edward.amesbury@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk
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Year 5 Merlins – charlotte.walton@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk
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Year 6 Ospreys (UKS2 lead) – vanessa.fallon@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk