



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 5th July '24



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week we received information from Herts about the new national threshold for penalty notices. I will send out a letter with exact details shortly, but it is important that you are aware of the new regulations which come into effect from 19th August 2024.

It states that a penalty notice must be considered after a child has 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period. A penalty fine can be issued for any combination of unauthorised absences over a 10 week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms. Fines have also been increased and are given to both parents.

While this will not affect most of you, it may affect some families. My main concern is for children who miss significant amounts of time from school. This is time that they can never get back.

There is lots of evidence to support this—for example, there is a direct correlation between GCSE grades and attendance. Good habits start in Primary school.

If your child has an attendance rate below 90% please expect a letter in with your child's report next week.

On a more happy note, we held our annual sports day on Thursday. We were blessed with the weather, and with the sun shining the children enjoyed the day. Congratulations to Pippin (Greens) who won the coveted trophy. We are always looking to improve things - if you have any feedback please get in touch. Many thanks to the Year 6 helpers, all the staff and particularly Mrs Page and Mrs Hobbs for all of their hard work.

Let's hope England win on Saturday!

Warmest wishes, Mr Smithard.

## NEXT YEARS CLASSES

Rec - Mrs Porteous & Mrs Noonan

Y1- Mrs Page

Y2 - Miss Scanes and Mrs Jones

Y3 - Miss Leto

Y4 - Miss Lockwood (4 days)

Y5 - Miss Jeavons (4 days)

Y6 - Mrs Grisenthwaite & Miss Symes

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 6th July—Girls football 6-aside

Wed 10th July—rural policing team visit—all classes

Wed 10th July - Open Evening 3:30– 5pm

Thurs 11th July - transition day & Wimbledon Trip & Doctoral research on reading

Fri 12th July - Orchestra Summer Performance 10.15am & Doctoral research on reading

Mon 15th July - Y5/6 musicians assembly

Tues 16th July—Y1/2 trip to Herts Zoo

Weds 17th July Normandy Road picnic

## Some ALSA reminders

Three key dates before end of the school year:

**Next ALSA meeting—MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> July** Timings: 7:30-9pm

Venue: staff room, Aboyne Lodge School

🍪🍪🍪🍪🍪 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** 🍪🍪🍪🍪🍪

**YEAR R bake sale after school**

Bring a tub, fill it up and raise ££££s for school!

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**\*Aboyne Summer Festival\***

📅 **Thursday July 18th**

🕒 6-8pm

📍 Aboyne Lodge school

BBQ/PIZZAS/BAR/ GLITTER/TATTOOS/FACE PAINTING

Child Admission £5/Adults free entry

Book via Gateway

The perfect way to celebrate the end of the school year!

## And some easy fundraising for you all over the summer!

Lovingly label your children's uniform ready for September using Stitkins and providing the code 123 for Aboyne Lodge ahead of checkout. Using this code gives the school 15% of sales.

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

**Code for Aboyne: 123**

Stampastic is another option. The PTA Code AL35NL will work in conjunction with this link: <https://bit.ly/STAMPAL35NL>

Aboyne Lodge is also on easy fundraiser. Please sign up and use it as much as possible ahead of doing shopping with the likes of John Lewis or booking your hols. Take a look at how easy it is!

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aboyne-lodge-school-association-alsa/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=whatsapp&utm\\_content=c19-w6](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aboyne-lodge-school-association-alsa/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=whatsapp&utm_content=c19-w6)

## And lastly...

Looking for something worthwhile to do for the school that will not only help raise vital funds but also look great on your CV? ALSA is looking for a **new chair**.

If interested, please let the school office know or enquire via your year reps.

