



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 15th November '24



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we began with remembrance day, where the children observed a minutes silence in their classroom to respect those who have fallen in service of our country.

We had a lot of visitors this week, with the police continuing to come to Year 5 each week, as part of their mini-police project, Watford FC were in as part of the positive minds work they do with Year 6 and we also had two Reception tours.

There has been lots of sports events taking place too. A team of Key Stage 2 children attended a sports festival at Beaumont, where the children took part in a range of sports including some boxing pad work. It turns out that we could have the next world champion in our midst. It sounded like the children had a great time.

The Year 6 Footballers played a tight game against Skyswood narrowly loosing 2 -1 in a game that could have gone either way.

We also took part in a netball development day for Year 6 pupils who were able to take part in a non-competitive, training day at Oaklands.

I am also pleased to say that the school received award as an 'Equal Access School' from the Barclays Football School Partnerships, which highlights the work Mrs Hobbs has been doing to make school sport more accessible for everyone.

I have a few housekeeping things this week. Can families please make sure you let us know if your child is not going to be in school. If you don't tell us it means the team have to call you to chase this up. It would also help if you can tell us why they are absent so it is not recorded as unauthorised.

I've also noticed that few parents are sneaking into the car-park for drop off. You can purchase a permit for £2 at the office where you can park for a limited time in the bays outside the school. Please respect the local residents by not parking

over driveways or on the zig-zags.

There seems to be a collection of children playing football in the playground at the end of the day which goes on well after school is closed. While I don't have an issue with children playing for a short time, please be mindful that the school playground should be vacated by 3:30pm. I'd also appreciate that you support us by not allowing children on the climbing frame.

The Christmas jumpers went out this week. Please help us by naming the jumpers so that any left behind are returned to the right person.

And finally, thank you for your support with Odd Socks Day and Children in Need. Odd Socks Day symbolises our commitment to anti-bullying within the school. If you do have a concern, please let us know so we can deal with it early.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mr Smithard

*****ALSA notices *****

Monday 25th November – the date that children can start wearing their yellow Christmas jumpers!!

CALL TO ACTION FOR volunteers and Christmas Fair donations.

ALSA really needs your help to make the Christmas fair a success. It is on Friday 6th December, 3.15-5.30pm.

We need volunteers to help set up from 1pm, run stalls during the event and for clear up at the end - please add yourself to the WhatsApp volunteers group set up for this event or speak to your year rep for more information.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/La7VSDG1c3FERabkgQe5pn>

We also need lots of donations...

Please donate any toys and soft toys which are in a really good condition from Monday 2nd December to the office.

Please donate new pocket money style toys for the pocket money game stall to your individual classrooms from Monday 2nd December. The class with the most toys will get an extra playtime.

Please bring a bottle of something you would like to win for the bottle tombola at drop off on Friday 6th December in exchange for an extra playtime

We need donations for the cake stall - please let your class rep know if you can help

We need lots of family friendly prizes for each of the stall raffles.

We also need bigger prizes for the door raffle.

Thank you ever so much for any effort you can put into getting these.

We are also looking for pre loved sports equipment for the Sport Council's stall at the Christmas fair.

Please donate all things sporty including football kits and boots, shin pads, leotards, along with other sporting apparel along with balls, bats, rackets, skateboard pads etc. ..

Please bring these to the office from Monday 6th December.

However, if you are not able to make it, please consider donating to our Just Giving page. We are currently trying to raise money to buy lots of exciting equipment for the outside area to make playtimes much more engaging.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-jones-1731496261796?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fclare-jones-1731496261796&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

In other news, ALSA are planning to launch a book entitled Tales of Aboyne in Easter 2025 to mark the school's 75th anniversary.

Both past and present pupils – or parents – are invited to submit up to 250 words of either a story of their time at the school or a poem along with a photo, illustration or simple sketch.

The closing date for entries is Friday 14th February.

To make a submission, send your word document and image to: admin@aboyne.herts.sch.uk

Dates for your diary up until end of term

Monday 18th November—Y5 Football vs Camp (A)

Thursday 21st November—Thanksgiving session 2pm

Thursday 21st November—Netball vs Wheatfields (A)

Friday 22nd November—ALSA Bake Sale (Y5)

Monday 25th November—Netball vs STAH's (H)

Wednesday 27th November—Netball vs Sandridge (A)

Thursday 28th November—Netball vs Bernards Heath (A)

Friday 29th November—Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 2nd December—Music Assembly (Y1 & Y2 musicians parents invited) 10am

Tuesday 3rd December—Girls Football vs Alban City (H) *Friendly*

Tuesday 3rd December—ALSA Wreath Making (Tickets available on Gateway!) 7.30pm

Friday 6th December—ALSA Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm

Monday 9th December—KS1 Dress Rehearsal to rest of the school 9.15am

Monday 9th December—KS1 Performance to parents 2.15pm

Tuesday 10th December—Whole School Trip to Panto (Sleeping Beauty) 10am

Wednesday 11th December—KS1 Performance to parents 9am

Wednesday 11th December—Music Assembly (Y5 & Y6 musicians parents invited) 11am

Wednesday 11th December—Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 13th December—Music Assembly (Choir & Orchestra parents invited) 11am

Monday 16th December—Electric Umbrella Christmas performance 1.15pm

Tuesday 17th December—Music Assembly (Y3 & Y4 musicians parents invited) 10am

Tuesday 17th December—YR Christmas Performance to school 1/30pm

Wednesday 18th December—YR Christmas Performance to parents 9.30am

Friday 20th December—End of Term 1.30pm

Monday 6th January—INSET Day School Closed

Tuesday 7th January—Spring Term begins