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Friday Bulletin

17th Jan 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems like a while ago now that we were away, but as it's the first bulletin back in the new year, I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year and a warm welcome back.

To begin with, hopefully you all saw the message on ClassDojo about behaviour consequences and what we are trying to do here in terms of positive behaviour strategies and restorative consequences. There are times when children get things wrong, but we want to make it a learning process alongside other children feeling a sense of justice. You can find all of the documents on the website [here](#).

It is our 75th anniversary year so there will be a lot of events taking place. Last week I talked a little bit in assembly about the history of the school and we are asking past

pupils and staff to pop in and speak to the children about their experiences at the school. Our school council meeting focused on planning 75 acts of kindness to take place during feeling good week, and ALSA are working on a memories of Aboyne book. There are also plenty of social events coming up over the year for the children, families and adults too so watch this space.

On Wednesday the Year 5 team had their first game of the year, narrowly losing to Samuel Ryder in a 6—4 goal fest. It sounds like it was a cracking game to play in and watch. Well done to all of the team.

This week Herts police were in for the Year 5 assembly marking the end of their mini-police course for this year. The children talked about important topics that effect them and the community

(such as keeping safe online, bullying and anti-social behaviour) with great success. Well done to all the children.

William Fox, the director of Music for St Alban's Cathedral spoke to the children today, and shared what it was like to be a chorister at the Abbey. They have an open day coming up for Boys and Girls to get a flavor of what being a chorister entails. We have a long history of children singing in the cathedral choir here - if your son or daughter showed an interest, you will be receiving an email and further details can be found on their events page [here](#) (just scroll down a bit).

Lastly, we have two new trainee teachers with us in Year 4 and 2. If you see Jessica Holdstock or Hannah Dolphin, please wish them a warm welcome.

Kind regards, Keith Smithard.

Dates for your diary up until end of term

Monday 20th January—Y6 Football vs Maple (H)

Tuesday 21st January – Girls Football vs St Peters (A)

Thursday 23rd January—YR/Y1/Y2 Drama4All Workshop (Splash! A Deep Sea Adventure)

Thursday 23rd January—Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics at Oaklands

Friday 24th January—Y5/Y6 Football Tournament at Samuel Ryder

Monday 27th January—Y5 Boys Football vs Skyswood (H)

Tuesday 28th January – Netball vs Skyswood (A)

Wednesday 29th January—Girls Football vs Abbey (A)

Monday 3rd February—Open the book Whole School Assembly

Tuesday 4th February—Girls Football Tournament—Watford FC Training Ground

Monday 10th February—Y2 Great fire of London workshop

Tuesday 11th February—YR Health Check by School Nursing Team

Girls Football vs Windermere (H)

Wednesday 12th February—Y3 Robotics Workshop

Friday 14th February—Break up for half term at 3.15pm