



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 19th January '24



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

It's been a bracing week weather wise but glorious sunshine, which makes a change for the rain we have had up to now. Rumour has it that the rain is back next week, although it will be a lot milder. Rain jackets are a must as we will aim to get the children outside as much as possible. A quick reminder that the playground equipment is for school time only and I would appreciate it if children stayed off the equipment before and after school. We have had accidents on them when children have been unsupervised in the past.

I have a message from the office team this week. Can all families please make sure that we have up to date contact details for you especially phone numbers. I appreciate that numbers change but it is tricky if we need to get hold of you in an emergency and we have the wrong number.

We are nearly at the stage where we can order the new chairs for the children in the school. Thank you so much for all of the generous donations we have received. It will make a difference to the children's every day experience at school.

Our next aim is to develop the playground. Starting with the area outside the Reception and Year 1 classroom and then moving on to the trim trail and beyond, the playground is in urgent need of some attention. To upgrade the Reception/Year 1 area alone, is coming in at around £55k and the trim trail around another 20—30k. The school does have some capital funds but will need help to make the changes that we would like to improve the outdoor experiences of the children. It is a lot of money but with your help, and hopefully the help of some local businesses we can hopefully get there.

You may be aware that the birth rate in St Albans has dropped significantly of late, which means there is less demand for school places. Aboyne is a lovely school with a fantastic community around it—we want to keep the numbers up because ultimately they affect the level of school funding. We are looking to start an Instagram and Twitter account to help celebrate the school in the wider community—more info to follow next week.

Best wishes, Keith Smithard

LEARNING POWER CERTIFICATES (*awarded for reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness and reflectiveness*)

Finn (Y6) Aaron (Y5)

Reuben (Y4) Emma (Y3) Aryana (Y2)

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Idy (Y6) Stella (Y5) David (Y4) Rose (Y3) Orla (Y2) Emily B (Y1)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 22nd Jan—Great Fire of London Workshop (Y2)

Mon 22nd Jan—Y5 Football vs Skyswood (A)

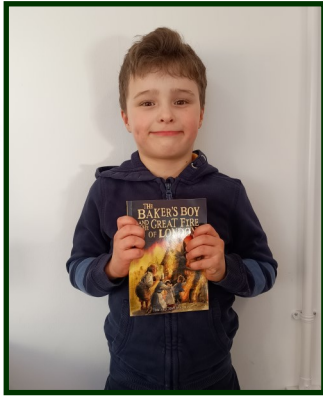
Thu 25th Jan—Y5/6 Athletics Comp

Mon 29th Jan - Mayor of St Albans visit and Assembly

5th—9th Feb—Feeling Good Week

Thur 8th Feb—SEN Coffee and chat with Add- Vance (2pm all welcome)

The Baker's Boy and the Great Fire of London
by Tom and Tony Bradman
Birthday Book donated by Ethan Y2



"Ethan is currently studying the Great Fire of London and has donated this lovely story about a young boy who does his part to save London after the fire starts."

Martin's Big Words - The Life of Martin Luther King Jr
by Doreen Rappaport
Donated by Asha Y3



Celebrating Martin Luther King Junior Day, Asha has donated this beautifully illustrated book exploring the work, life and impact of Martin Luther Kin Jr.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

ALSA Notices

ALSA held a meeting earlier this week to discuss the next fundraising events and below are key dates for your diaries:

GROW A POUND ££££££££

Launching today, the children will be tasked with being budding entrepreneurs by coming up with fantastic ways of raising money using £1. Details to follow. ££££££££

26th January, Y4 bake sale

15th February, 6.30pm-8.30pm Valentine's Disco £3 per child. Event will take place in the school hall.

16th February, Y3 bake sale

8th March, Mother's Day Amnesty we will be asking for any unwanted gifts you have (new or nearly new) to be taken to classrooms from Monday 26 February. The children will be able to buy their mums a gift on March 8. Please - no glass or alcohol.

15th March, Quiz Night

28th March, Easter Egg Hunt, 1.30pm

