

A Note from Mrs Abley...



Dear parents and carers,

Walking around school this morning I am struck again by the variety of activities the children at Aboyne Lodge engage in on a regular basis. Of course we teach maths and literacy, as all schools do, but so creatively – and so differently across the school. In one class there's silence as children tussle with the opening paragraph of a story; next door the room is humming as they work in pairs to write leaflets encouraging people to visit various attractions across Hertfordshire; while another room is buzzing as children plan and design fire engines they'll be making as part of their Great Fire of London projects. And just this week alone we have an assembly about engineering, a visit from History Off the Page; an EYFS stay and play session; a netball match – and no fewer than three football matches!

I think we can safely say the staff and children have earned their half term break.

And with that in mind can I wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday
With best wishes,

Amanda Abley

Aboyne Lodge School

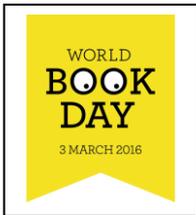


News on the Ninth - 9th February 2019

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th February was safer internet day. Children attended E Safety assemblies and participated in a range of activities in class. Staff talked to the children about staying safe online. The children were warned of the importance of only using age appropriate Apps and games (for example Fortnite is age 12+ and Google Hangout is for 13+). Staff also emphasised the importance of children telling an adult if anything concerns them online. Please follow this web link if would like to find out more information about E Safety. It is very important that we work together to educate our children on internet safety.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>



World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. As part of our annual celebrations surrounding this event we would like to invite children to come to school dressed as a book character (details to follow in a few weeks) in exchange for a donation of £2 per child. Each class will also take part in a range of reading/book related activities that week. This event is just one of the many things that we do in school on a daily and weekly basis to encourage a love of books.

Football News

Girls Football

The girls played Margaret Wix on 15th January and came away with their first league point after a 0-0 draw - well done girls!
The girls have got 2 more league fixtures left of the season.

Y6 Football

The Y6 team had their quarter final (we had a bye on the first round) penalty shoot-out on Saturday 19th January and won against Skyswood! The semi-final is on Saturday 9th March. As always, every Aboyne Lodge pupil will receive free entry to St Albans City v Dulwich Hamlet (k.o. 3pm). Looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to cheer us on at half-time!

B Team

Results so far this term

Friday 25th January – Away to Prae Wood – 1-1
Tuesday 5th February - Away to Bernards Heath – 1-0 loss

ALSA News

ALSA has recently been presenting classes with gifts from their teacher's wish lists. So far we have spent approx. £1950 of ALSA funds. This has included outdoor play equipment, maths resources for YR, white boards, construction toys, globes, solar systems, a rug and play tables and much more...we also haven't stopped there as new requests are coming in.

All of this is possible because of the support you give to our events. Speaking of which...our next event is a cheese and wine parents evening on Friday 15th March. Tickets are on sale via Gateway until 22nd February.

Soon we will also be selling tickets for our Easter Egg hunt at 1.30pm on Friday 5th April and our summer ball at St Michael's Manor on Friday 5th July. Our summer fair this year is on Saturday 8th June. We would be extremely grateful if you could start to gather as many auction prizes for both the fair and ball as soon as possible (we are trying to be ahead of the schools rush this year). Please ask your personal contacts, managers of shops, restaurants etc.. There is a letter by the school office if you find that helpful. Thank you ever so much in advance!

Our next ALSA meeting is on Monday 4th March at 7.30pm and everyone is very welcome.



Hi everyone, this year's half marathon is **Sunday 9th June** and we need a team of eight volunteers (minimum) to help marshal the event. This earns great money for ALSA (around £300 for a half day's work) and it's good fun as well, especially if you can't contemplate actually running 13 miles!

We need people to be available (at our spot on Bedmond Lane) from around 8.30am until 1pm latest. Our job is to clap, cheer, offer encouragement and help anyone who is struggling. The runners and walkers always say what a difference it makes to have good marshals and at our spot some 11.5 miles into their route (and on a hill as well) some of them are really grateful for that bit of a boost.

If you can help, please contact Debbie Knowles at knowles.debbie@gmail.com or on 07812 041148.

Year 5 History off the Page

On Tuesday, 29th January, Year 5 enjoyed a History Off the Page day focusing on the Roman invasion of Britain.

The children learnt about the skills brought to Britain by the Romans, including mosaic work, pottery and architecture. The constant threat from the Celts meant the children had to learn army drills and often went out to patrol the school.

In the afternoon, the children had to discover the identity of a spy by looking through Roman luggage.

It was a wonderful day!

Thank you to all the parent helpers – it could not have happened without you.



Parents' Evening

Don't forget next month is parents' evening. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please see the dates below. An email will be sent with the link and details on how to book your appointment.

Coming up this month at Aboyne Lodge...

Thursday 14th February – Y2 History Off the Page

Friday 15th February – Y6 Sharing Assembly at 9.00am

Friday 15th February – School breaks up at 3.15pm



HALF TERM

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Monday 25th February – School starts at 8.45am

Monday 4th March – Book Week

Wednesday 6th March – Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (dressing up day)

Wednesday 13th March – Y1 at Mountfichet Castle

Wednesday 13th March – Y2 at St Paul's Cathedral

Thursday 14th March – Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief

Tuesday 19th March – Class Photos

Friday 22nd March – Y1 Sharing Assembly at 9.00am

Monday 1st April – KS2 Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm

Tuesday 2nd April – KS2 Performance 1.45pm

Wednesday 3rd April – KS2 Performance at 6.30pm

Friday 5th April – Easter Assembly at 9.00am

Friday 5th April – School breaks up at 1.30pm