

A Note from Mrs Abley...

Dear parents and carers,

What a difference a year makes - this week in 2018 we were welcoming our special visitor for a stressful, though ultimately very successful inspection. I'm glad they won't be back for a while and we can concentrate on what we do best - teaching your children.

But of course there is still scrutiny of that work - and next week is SATs week for Y6. The pupils are calm and accepting of the tests and determined to do their best. All credit to the staff here and you at home for keeping them grounded and relaxed when so many schools report stress and anxiety. Good luck Y6 - just focus on the school journey to Norfolk the week after!

We have had a couple of meetings with the contractors about the building works, and we hope to have a starting date confirmed by the middle of June. We'll keep you informed.

Best wishes

Amanda Abley



Aboyne Lodge School News on the Ninth - 9th May 2019

Production

Well done to all the children who performed in the Y3, 4, 5 production of 'Darwin Rocks!' before the holiday. The dancing, singing and acting were all fantastic and we thoroughly enjoyed watching. It was clear how much hard work both the children and staff had dedicated to the performances.
Well done!

Save the date

Thank you to those of you who completed the survey monkey communicating your preferred time for our E Safety Parents talk which will be led by Hertfordshire County Council on **Tuesday 11th June**. We can now confirm that it will be at 6pm (most popular time) for approximately 1 hour. Details to follow soon, so look out for the letter.

Sharing Assembly Dates

Y3 – Fri 24th May
Y4 – Fri 7th June
Y2 – Fri 21st June
Y1 – Fri 5th July
Y5 – Fri 12th July

Fundraising

Aboyne have been doing some fantastic fundraising again this year.

Thank to you everyone who donated money on the last day of the Spring Term. We raised £122 for the charity 'Bran Tumour Research'. The Easter hats looked brilliant and were so individual and creative. Well done!

We also raised £239 for comic Relief on Friday 15th March by coming to school with crazy hair, wearing red.

Football News

On Wednesday 24th April Alvin took a mixture of Y4 & Y5 players to the Six-a-Side Preliminary Competition at Colney Heath. We lost 2 and won 2 so didn't get through to the next round but for a team who haven't played together before, they did extremely well.

Yesterday, Wednesday 8th May, Alvin took a Y6 squad to the Year 6 Six-a-Side Preliminary Competition at Killigrew. We won 1 but lost 2 so didn't get through to the next round but again, the football they played was brilliant.

Well done to everyone involved!

Aboyne Lodge School

News on the Ninth - 9th May 2019



Join Mrs George on Sunday 9th June for the St Albans Half Marathon.....

We would like as many children / runners as possible to join us in the park at the Aboyne Lodge Gazebo, before the race.

So that we can get an idea of who will be coming on the day would you let the office know please.

Please note:

You need to register online.

<https://www.stalbanshalfmarathon.com/races>

Closing date for applications is 4th June 2019.

Over 8's can run alone but children aged 7 and under must have an adult with them.

Every year we marshal a section of the St Albans half marathon course. It's a great way to get involved if you can't face running an actual half marathon - it's fun and it raises money for ALSA - a winner all round!

This year the half marathon is just after the summer fair, on **Sunday 9 June**, and we are desperate for more help. At the moment we are unable to meet our quota of volunteers, which would mean giving up our place (and if we give it up there is no guarantee we would get it back next year). We need at least 6 more people to cover 8.30am until around 1pm. Please contact Debbie Knowles if you think you can help (knowles.debbie@gmail.com or 07812 041148). Enquiries welcome - Debbie is happy to answer questions and provide more info.

Book Swap Robot

Well done to school council for coming up with the idea for our new book swap robot.

Children can take a book from the robot in the entrance hall and exchange it for a book they know longer want from home. The books should be in good condition. We hope that parents will encourage children to join in.

ALSA News

ALSA (and all of you) have been busy...

The wine tasting evening in March was fantastic and raised around £1,000
Teatowels/coasters - approx £350
Easter egg hunt (5 April) - approx £550

Recently we've contributed to fund the Easter performance of The Railway Children, new friendship bench, new books, games and other learning resources for the children as requested by the various year groups such as the WordShark programme.

...and there's more to come in the summer term...

Bike day - 19 May

Summer fair, with a Greatest Showman theme - Saturday 8 June (2-5pm) ***For the fair please start bringing in new pocket money toys and good quality used toys and books.*

*Striped paper bags to fill with sweets will be coming home in book bags. Plus don't forget to bring in a nice bottle of something for mufti day on Friday 7th June. Thank you so much!***

Half marathon (marshals needed, see below) - Sunday 9 June

Cake sale - 28 June

Summer ball at St Michael's Manor - Friday 5th July

Sports day - as in previous years ALSA will be selling refreshments

Summer festival /disco Thursday 18th July 6pm -8pm

Our final ALSA meeting of the year Wednesday 3 July at 7.30pm and everyone is very welcome.

Coming up this month at Aboyne Lodge...

Friday 10th May – Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

Monday 13th May – SATs Week

Monday 20th May – Y6 School Journey

Wednesday 22nd May – Y4 Ancient Greek Day

Friday 24th May – Y3 Sharing Assembly

Friday 24th May School breaks up at 3.15pm

Half Term

Monday 3rd June – school starts at 8.45am

Monday 3rd June – Science Week all week

Wednesday 5th June – Year R SETpoint workshop

Friday 7th June – Y4 Sharing Assembly

Saturday 8th June – ALSA Summer Fair

Future Dates for your Diary

Monday 10th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests all week

Wednesday 12th June – E Safety parent/guardian talk 6pm (letter to follow)

Friday 14th June – School Closed INSET Day

Wednesday 26th June – Sports Day (Reserve Day Mon 1st July)

Wednesday 3rd July – Open Evening 6-8pm

Week beginning 8th July – Y6 Production (info to follow at later date)

Thursday 11th July – Secondary transfer day

Wednesday 17th July – Y1 to 6 Trip to the lake

Friday 19th July – School Breaks Up at 1.30pm