



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 20th January '23



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week you should have received a letter explaining about what is happening at Aboyne during the strike action next Wednesday. I have received a query about the situation on the other stipulated days. Currently, I am not sure how things will pan out, but my best guess is that there will be a similar situation for parents of children the affected classes as next week. I will try my best to get any updates out to you as soon as I can.

This week, the Year 5 & 6 children took part in the St Albans and Harpenden Sports Partnership indoor athletics competition. We came first in multiple events, and did extremely well, however, we just dipped out on a qualifying place. Congratulations to all the children for their amazing sportsmanship and effort. Many thanks to Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Galea (and Archie Hobbs) for their support and help during the afternoon.

As I looked out of the window today, I could see parents setting up the cakes stall outside. As always thanks for your support with the fund raising for ALSA. As you can see below there are a few dates coming up for all of you to be aware of and it would be good to see people at the meeting on Monday evening.

While we do have lots of parent Governors on our board, we are not so well represented from people outside of the immediate school community. If you know someone who is willing to give up some time to support the school as a Governor, please get in touch.

I have just got back from Normandy road with our Football B team, who had a really tight game with Skyswood. We narrowly lost 3-1 but the game could have gone either way. Well done to the boys who played the game well and in the right spirit.

Best wishes, Mr Smithard

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

Jocelyn (Y6) Mia (Y4) Lottie (Y2)  
Livi (Y1)

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY—  
congratulations to these children  
who have gone 'over and above' this  
week

Gracie (Y6) Jack (Y5) Tom (Y4)  
Kalden (Y3) Evan (Y2) Lottie (Y1)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 31st Jan—B team match v St Michaels

Tues 31st Jan: KS1 Materials Setpoint Workshops

Weds 1st Feb—Teacher strikes

Thur 2nd Feb: Girls Football vs Abbey (H)

Fri 3rd—Y6 football Samuel Ryder tournament

Mon 6th Feb—Full Governing Body meeting

## The Titanic

by Simon Adams

Recommended by Florence Y3



“This is a book all about the history of the world’s most famous ship. I like learning all the facts about it”

## ALSA DATES

### EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Mon 30 Jan: ALSA Meeting

Fri 3rd March - ALSA QUIZ NIGHT

### EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Friday 10th February- Break the Rules day

Friday 17th March - Mother’s Day Gift Amnesty

Friday 31st March - Easter Egg Hunt

### AFTER SCHOOL SALES (cakes etc):

Friday 3rd March (Year 3)

Friday 28th April (Year 2)

Friday 9th June (Year 1)

Friday 30th June (Year R)

## ALSA NOTICES

The climbing frame was successfully installed last term and the children are enjoying playing on it! Look out for some new playground and sports equipment arriving soon!

**ALSA MEETING** - The next meeting will be at 8pm this Monday (30 Jan) in the staff room - all are welcome.

**ALSA QUIZ**- It’s back - a real life ALSA Quiz! The quiz will be at school on the evening of FRIDAY 3 MARCH. More details coming very soon but save the date and start brushing up on your general (and not-so-general) knowledge!!

**MOTHER’S DAY GIFT AMNESTY** - Help those unwanted Christmas gifts realise their full potential!

NB: We’re not asking for donations straight away; this is just a little reminder to KEEP those unwanted gifts to hand so we can collect them AFTER HALF TERM. Thank you!

This event was a huge success for ALSA last year. We are asking you to donate any unwanted items or gifts, especially small items which are suitable for the children to give as Mother’s Day Gifts. Examples include candles, moisturisers, shower gels etc. No kids stuff/toys; grown ups items only please and they should be should be new (or very nearly new). All children will be given an opportunity on 17th March to select a present for their mum/carer/special someone. Nearer the time ALSA will kindly ask for a suggested donation of £2-£5, which will be payable via Gateway.

