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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been quite a week! As many of you know, we have been dealing with a significant Covid outbreak that has moved its way through some of the classes and affected both teaching and support staff. We have managed to keep all of the classes open, and I am pleased to say that most cases appear to have been mild. At a national level, we have been told that we can remove masks in schools and ease restrictions however, I think it is prudent to keep them in place at Aboyne until the half term holiday. We will then review the situation dependent on the number of cases. I would like to thank the staff here for pulling together so well and helping to keep everything going.

If your child does test positive, we want to be able to provide work for them that is easy to access and some families have got in touch about the difficulty of printing documents from ClassDojo. While we will still be using it as a communication tool, we have reinstated

children's access to Google classroom, where they can access any work set during isolation. If you are having trouble getting on, please let the office know.

I am pleased to say that we have had two applications for the vacant parent Governor post—Mr James Narey and Mr Adam Brown. We will send out further details about the voting process in due course.

At the weekends, we have Victoria Playing Fields Football club training on the pitch at Normandy Road. This week Hollie and Joseph were chosen for player of the week and goal of the week. They are a friendly, inclusive club and are looking for more girls to get involved.

Talking of clubs, we have a new musical theatre club, an acro-cheer club and a magic club coming soon to Aboyne. Did you know that we also have a chess club on a Friday morning. If your children are interested, please let the office know.

Have a lovely weekend!

Warmest wishes, Keith Smithard

## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Congratulations to the following children who always go 'over and above':

Y6 Alby Y5 Isla Y4 Betty-Jean

Y3 Louis Y2 Florence Y1 Bella

## PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

This week's question to discuss at home:

***How do you know if you own something?***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

19th Jan - 9th Feb (every Weds) —  
Watford FC in Year 6

Tues 1st Feb— Materials workshop  
(Y1/2)

Tues 8th Feb— Catapult Workshop (Y5)

Tues 8th Feb— Internet Safety Day

Weds 9th— Trip to RAF Hendon (Y3)

Fri 11th Feb— Year 1 Sharing Assembly

Mon 14th Feb— HALF TERM WEEK

## Young Samurai - The Way Of The Warrior

By Chris Bradford

Recommended by Alby (Year 6)



*"Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan. Rescued by the legendary sword master, Masamoto Takeshi, he begins a new adventure. I love this author - his previous books have inspired me to read this one."*

## MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

### Party Lettings

We can now take bookings again for the school hall for birthday parties/events. If you are interested please complete the form before and the office will be in touch:

<https://forms.office.com/r/sHBfkzcSdf>

### Lost Property

The pile is building up again, please come and check, it's by the school office under the hatch!

### Black PE Hoodies

We have a few in stock, please order and pay via Gateway and you can collect straight away! £8.50 each.

## SATs Tests—How can I help

At Aboyne we want all of our children to achieve well but equally we don't want to put them under pressure. Instead we wish to reassure them that they do not need to worry about taking the tests. Here are a few tips to help you ease any pressure that the children are feeling.

1. Talk about the SATs and tell them not worry about them. We will do this, too, but it makes a bigger impact if we do this together. Children perform best when they are relaxed.
2. Keep encouraging daily reading..
3. Play mental games when you are on the way home whether you are walking or driving.
4. If you are searching for SATs paper on the internet, remember there are a limited number of new style SATs papers as they only began in 2016. It is best to avoid looking at these with your child as we will use them for practice.
5. Try to keep everything else running normally. So whether its sport, music lessons or Scouts and Guides; sticking to your normal routine of out of school activities demonstrates to your child that SATs are not the be and end all of year 6.
6. During the SATs week, whilst keeping to normal timetable, try to avoid late nights, as children will find sitting the tests tiring.
7. Keep it in proportion. They are primary-school tests to gauge the education in the school and do not affect the secondary school your child will go to.
8. Stay positive. Many children enjoy taking the tests as they see it as a challenge and like the importance and the feeling of being special that SATs give year 6.
9. Remember you do not have to more tests with your child or teach them. The most important thing is to give your child lots of praise as they will be doing their very best

