



ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 29th September '23



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week has been a busy one with interviews for a new TA in Year 4 taking place. We were lucky to receive a lot of applications and I am pleased to say we have managed to recruit. We are just waiting for the paperwork to be drawn up and I hope to share further details next week.

I do however have some sad news for the school. Ruth Clinton, who has worked at Aboyne for over 25 years has made the decision to move on after Christmas. She has worked tirelessly to support the children here, first as a class teacher, then as the SENCO for the last 10 years. Ruth feels that the time is right to pursue a new role working in SEN in Further Education. At the same time, Mandy Thomas has also made the decision to move on. Mandy has worked closely with Ruth supporting the children with SEN here for a very long time. You may also know her for working as a TA in Year 3. Both Ruth and Mandy will be sorely missed but we wish them well. We are now actively recruiting for a new SENCO—the advert has gone live and we are already showing prospective candidates around the school.

This year we are planning to take all of the children to the panto at St Albans. Tickets are at a reduced price and it will be a good opportunity for us all to walk to the arena and enjoy the theatre. We are due to go on Thursday 14th December at 10:30am to see Peter Pan. A ticket payment option is on gateway for a contribution of £15. As with all these things without enough contributions the trip may not go ahead. There will be further information coming out via email.

Orchards have a vacancy for a play worker in the After School Club starting after half term. Contact Sharon Jackson at Orchards@aboyne.herts.sch.uk for more information.

The Aboyne Foundation was set up by the Governors a number of years ago to help support the school. If you are already contributing a very big thank you. If not we appreciate any support you can give. You can find a link on Gateway

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Keith Smithard

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

Iris Y6 George Y5 Charlotte Y3
Pippa Y2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 2nd Sep—St Albans Foodbank Assembly

Thurs 5th & Tues 10th Oct—Parent Consultations

Fri 6th Oct—Harvest festival @9am

Mon 9th Oct—Foodbank crates collected

Mon 9th Oct Y5 Football Vs St Alban & St Stephen (H)

Weds 11th Oct—Mini Police Y5

Mon 16th Oct—Girls Football v St Alban & St Stephen (H)

Tues 17th Oct—Forces & Magnets Workshop.

**What Do You See When You Look
At A Tree**
by Emma Carlisle
Birthday book presented by
Quinn (Y1)



BOOK OF THE WEEK

“What do you see when you look at a tree? Leaves or twigs or branches? Or do you see real living thing that moves, breathes and dances?”

Keeping Safe Online - Childnet

Childnet’s mission is to work with others to make the internet a great and safe place for children—this includes, schools, parents, children and young people. At its heart, the internet can be a wonderful tool, and they strive for a balanced approach, promoting the positives as well as responding to the risks and equipping children and you people to deal with them

You can find lots of guides for parents, resources and information on their website:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

VPFC have been using our pitch on Normandy Road for a number of years— they are a great football club and are looking for players:

VPFC an inclusive, community football club for primary school-age children, both girls and boys, from Reception to Year 6. Held on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00am at three central St Albans locations, our FA-trained coaches are dedicated to improving ball skills, building confidence 🚀, nurture teamwork 🤝 and above all, ensuring everyone has fun! 😊

We're eager to welcome more girls across all our year groups. (Boys too, except in our Year 2 group which is full right now). So, if you've been thinking about it, now's the time – we start back on the 9th of September. Start the season with a roar and give us a try! 🌟

To find out more, and sign up, pop over to VPFC.org.uk. Once you're invited along, the first two sessions are a free trial. Following that, it's £40 a year and £25 for our kit. 🧥🏆

Hope to see you on the pitch soon! 🗨️👍

