



Aboyne Lodge Primary School

# Weekly Bulletin

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September '21

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## A message from the Head

Dear Parents,

It was great to see the sun come out at the start of the week, although the weather seems to have now changed back to what we have now become used to for most of the summer. We try to get the children outside for playtime and lunchtime as much as possible in most weathers but it does mean that children do need a waterproof coat. Please make sure they have a jacket with a hood in school, even if there is a slim chance of rain.

### School motto

Today in assembly Mrs Porteous spoke to the children about the school motto and what it meant to the children - we came to the conclusion that it is time for a change. We talked about what we felt was special about the school and thought about words that describe us. We have asked all of the children go home and try to come up with three words that describe the school that we could use as our school motto. We would also really like it if parents, staff and governors could also have an input. We can then collate them and hopefully have something that really encompasses what we are about and what we are trying to achieve here.

### Nursery

As you all know we have a fantastic nursery at the school and I am keen to spread the word that we are open and keen to grow the numbers. We have the amazing team of Mrs Porteous and Mrs Noonan, working in there

this year and offer a very flexible approach to hours and have the capacity to offer extra hours for children on top if you need them. I am also keen to get families opinions on the nursery and discuss what you think makes it a great place to send your children to, or equally why you may have decided to use another nursery in the local area instead. If you have any thoughts on this, please get in touch.

### Hot chocolate Friday

From next week, teachers will be looking out for children who always go 'over and above' in each class. These are the children who always work hard and put the effort in. They are polite, kind and never need to be asked twice to do something. Sometimes these children get overlooked because we just know that they can be relied upon to do the right thing every time. I am going to be rewarding these children every week with hot chocolate Friday, where they can come to my office in the afternoon and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate with the head. It may mean that these children come for hot chocolate more than once.

### A BIT ABOUT ALSA...

*"The Aboyne Lodge School Association (ALSA) is the parent-teacher association for Aboyne Lodge. They are a registered charity (#1044678) and with the help of their members (you!), they hold fundraising events throughout the year to help raise much-needed funds for the school and to bring the whole Aboyne community together in fun ways. Typical events that run in a year include summer*

*and Christmas fairs, quiz nights, discos for the children and a summer ball for the parents/carers. They would love to know which events you would like them to run, so please let your rep know what you want to see ALSA doing this year.*

*Each year group has at least one rep who goes to the ALSA meetings, reports back to their year group, helps organise events and send out communications. All parents, carers and staff are welcome at our meetings - not just the reps- so if you want to come along And say hi and find out more, please do!*

*The next meeting is our AGM and is pencilled in for Monday 27 September at 7:30PM. We shall confirm these details nearer the time. We hope to meet in person at the school and will discuss ALSA roles, what our fundraising goals and priorities should be for the year and what events to hold which I hope to also attend."*

Have a lovely weekend!

### Upcoming events:

**13.9.21 – New to Y4 Meeting 9am**

**15.9.21 – New to Y2 Meeting 9am**

**17.9.21 – Individual Photos**

**25.9.21 – ALSA Summer Fair 2pm – 5pm**

**7.10.21 – Travelling Bookfair Arrives in school**

**14.10.21 – Travelling Bookfair Departs**

**Fing**  
**By David Walliams**  
**Recommended by Aaron (Year 5)**

**Book of the Week**



“This is about a greedy girl who had everything but she still wanted more. Just one more ‘Fing’. I really enjoyed this book because it’s funny and I loved the characters. Everyone should read it.”

**Things to Remember from the Office**

**Parking Permits:** Available from the school office, please pay via Gateway. Payments received by 2pm will be sent home same day with the eldest sibling. Permits are £1.50 each.

**After School Clubs:** Please see attached grid for some updated information.

**Mid-morning Milk** - Gateway has been reopened for anyone in YN-Y2 who would like mid-morning milk. Please place your order by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September which allows time for the Dairy to process the order for delivery on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Nursery** - We still have some 15 hour and 30 hour places available. Please contact the school office. We are very flexible on sessions; we want to make it work for you.

**Free School Meals** - Please check your eligibility here.  
[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

**How Can I Help at Home? Reading – Paired Reading**

We know that regular reading at home can make a big impact on your children’s ability to read and access harder texts as they get older. Paired reading encourages children to read more independently and become more positive about reading. Sessions should be fun and relaxed and it doesn’t have to just include the children’s books from school, you can use a range of texts including magazines, newspapers, non-fiction books and comics.

**How do I do paired reading?**

- Sit side by side with your child so that you can read together. If it is a new reading material, begin by talking about the front cover, the illustrations and what they already know about the subject.
- Start by reading together at the same pace, trying to follow your child’s speed.
- Encourage the child/ young person to point to each word as they read. If a mistake is made, give the child/young person about 4 seconds to self-correct. If this does not happen, read the word for them and ask them to repeat it.
- Continue reading and use praise consistently. They can indicate when they would like to continue reading alone by using a signal such as a tap on your arm or a knock on the table. Praise them for their effort and willingness to read alone.
- If your child is reading alone and makes a mistake, give them 4 seconds to self-correct the word and allow them to continue reading alone. If they are stuck on the word, then say the word for them and ask them to repeat it. At this point, you go back to reading together until your child signals that they would like to read alone.
- Try not to go any longer than 15 minutes and make sure that you give them plenty of praise.
- Don’t get your child to break up a word that they don’t know, so that they build fluency and confidence.
- The other important thing is to minimise distractions, so try and read in a quiet place away from the TV or the rest of the family. Give it a try and see how you get on.

**Q. My child keeps getting the same book and they have already read it once?** We often have parents asking for a new book only a day after the book went home. It’s great that the children are reading but there is a real benefit in children re-reading and practising a book multiple times. To begin with, having exposure to the words multiple times means that the children are more likely to remember them, improving their sight reading. It’s also essential that children learn stories – do you remember your favourite nursery rhymes or books that you read over and over again? Learning these patterns is a vital aspect of storytelling, speech, language and writing as the children get older. They do this through repetition, practice and exposure to books more than once. If you find that a book hasn’t been changed for a few days, please read it again with your child and don’t worry too much. There is a method behind it.

## A message from ALSA -Hello everyone and welcome back!

To those who are new to the school: welcome! To everyone else: thank you again for all your generosity and hard work last year. You raised an amazing amount of money which helped fund the new interactive touchscreens, a part-time Teaching Assistant and more!

Right now though, we need everyone's help for the upcoming **ALSA AUTUMN FAIR!**

We are holding our first autumn fair at the school on **Saturday 25th of September from 2-5 pm.**

There will be lots of games for the children, bbq, bar, cakes, raffle (with an **amazing** top prize - tickets available on the day) and more - including an opportunity for a tour of the newly renovated building!

**NEW FOR THIS FAIR:** In an aim to reduce the amount of money we have to handle this year; we are going to introduce a paper token system to use as payment at the stalls. The tokens will be available to pre-order via Gateway or can be bought at the fair itself. We will also be running a scheme to promote reusable cups and recycling of plastic cups. We are still finalising the details of both schemes but wanted to give you all a heads up so you are aware of them- we'll keep you posted of further details in the coming weeks!

### **Help your year and volunteer**

Your year reps will be in contact with how you can help run the stalls allocated to your year groups. If you can lend a hand for an hour or two on the day, please do **volunteer**- many hands make light work!

### **Donations**

We are also asking for the following **donations**:

#### **Pocket money toys** 🧸 🧩 🚗

We ask for donations of 1 or 2 "pocket money" toys (ie around the £1-£2 mark) per child. These will be used as prizes for one of the games stalls.

Please have your child take them into their classrooms for collection from Mon 13 to Fri 24 September.

The class which donates the most toys will win an extra playtime!

#### **Bottle Tombola donations (preferably bottles of alcohol or a premium non-alcoholic beverage)** 🍷 🍹 🍾

Adults should bring these to drop off on Friday 24 September. ALSA reps will collect them from you at the front of the school. In return for this generous donation from you, all the children have a **mufti (non-uniform) day** and can come to school in their casual clothes on the 24th.

\*We know some people do not like donating a bottle- if you would instead prefer to donate money directly to ALSA, please do so on Justgiving (details to follow)\*

#### **Cakes** 🍰 🍪 🍩

We need 2 or 3 batches per year group (let your rep know if you are donating) and can be bought or homemade. Cakes should be brought in on Friday 24th (office) or Sat 25th (before the fair starts).

Please **NO NUTS OF ANY KIND**. Also, in order to reduce food handling, please provide **individual portions** (eg cupcakes or cookies etc rather than cakes that need slicing) - thank you!

#### **Used toys and books** 🧸 📖 🚗

From Mon 20th September, please bring to the office any used toys or children's books that you no longer want for our second hand stall.

Please only donate good quality items that you yourself would be happy to receive- ie they should be **SAFE** to use, **CLEAN** and **COMPLETE**.

#### **Don't worry....**

If you want do your bit for the fair but are just too busy to do any of the above or can't make the date, please feel free to assuage your guilt 😊 and instead donate money directly to ALSA via Justgiving. We will set this up next week and let you know more details then!

If all of this seems like too much of an ask at this time, please don't worry- we understand that some will not be able to make donations.

THANK YOU!