



# ABOYNE LODGE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 16th September '22



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

To begin with, just a quick reminder that there will be no school on Monday due to the Bank Holiday which marks the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

This week began with a performing arts workshop for Reception, Year 1 and 2, delivered by Perform. The children enjoyed the opportunity to be creative, have fun and develop their confidence in front of their peers.

On Wednesday, we had our phonics evening for parents, where Mrs. Noonan explained about the synthetic phonics programme we use at the school and how the children can be supported at home. You can access the videos that were shared during the evening (as well as a number of other support materials) through their website: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/> There is also some guidance on our website which can be found here: <https://www.aboyne.herts.sch.uk/phonics> Thank you to Mrs Leech for the technical support.

The Governor resource committee

met this morning—they look at the school's budget and support the school with strategic financial decisions. We are always on the look out for more Governors with areas of expertise who can help the school. If you know an ex-teacher, or someone who has worked in education, possibly someone retired, would like to be a Governor, please get in touch. We have a lot of parents on the board currently but having a new person with an outside perspective would be a real advantage to the school.

We have a theatre company coming in to do a performance for the children on October 31st. We would be grateful for a voluntary donation of £5.50 per child to help fund the cost. The office have added this to Gateway.

And finally, Ryman are offering a voucher system for schools when you purchase goods in their shops. If you have any please pass them into the office. You can find more info here: <https://www.ryman.co.uk/vouchers-for-teachers>

Best wishes, Mr Smithard

Learning Power Certificates  
(awarded for reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness and resourcefulness)

*Hollie B (Y4) Rae (Y1) William (Y1)  
Anabelle (Y5) Matilda (Y2)  
Gracie (Y6)*

Hot Chocolate Friday—  
congratulations to these children  
who have gone 'over and above' this  
week

Y1 Halid & Ivy Y2 Daphne Y3 Posy  
Y4 Rita Y5 Rishi Y6 Ruvindi

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 19th Sept—BANK HOLIDAY -  
SCHOOL CLOSED

Mon 19th Sept—Year 4 Trip to the Roman Museum (POSTPONED)

Tues 20th Sept—Spec Savers talk to  
Y4,5&6

Thurs 22nd Sept—Cross Country @  
Colney Heath

## MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

### Clubs

The grid for clubs is available on the website. There are still some places available if you haven't managed to sign up.

### Lunches

If your children are having school lunches please sign them up on Gateway before coming to school. It causes quite a few problems if the children appear at school without a packed lunch or a chosen lunch, and means that we have to phone home for one of the parents to bring lunch in. Also please remember to cancel the lunch by 9am if your child is not going to be in school for any reason, otherwise HCL won't issue a refund.

### Uniform

Please let us know if you have any uniform needs - we would appreciate it if people with outstanding payments can settle their accounts as soon as possible. Thank you

### **Applying for Free School Meals**

Given the current financial situation that many people are facing, there are more and more families finding things hard through no fault of their own. If you are in this situation, you may be able to claim free school meals until you get back on your feet. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, the school also receives extra funding to support your child in other ways (the Pupil Premium Grant) – for example, we can support with extra tutoring, fund outside support with a specific learning need and even support financially with trips and clubs. This means that (if you qualify) you should apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 where all children are entitled to a free school meal.

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support · Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)

It only takes 5 mins to apply online and in most cases they can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. For more information and the link to apply, please visit the Hertfordshire CC website: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-schoolmeals.aspx>

