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Dear Parents

This will be the final letter from school for this academic year. We have had a strange and very different academic year, which has brought up different challenges and increased use of technology.

GOODBYES

We will be saying goodbye to a few members of staff at the end of this week. Ms Anri Adachi is leaving us after 7 years at Almondsbury. She is going to be Director of Music at St John's School in Chepstow. We will miss her musical talents and many other things. She will be missed but we wish her well in her new role. Miss Hannah Kuusik and Mrs Claire Mephram have been at Almondsbury a short time on maternity cover in Reception and Year 3 and 4 respectively. They have been great to work with and contributed much to their key stages. Finally, Mrs Fleur Tweehuysen is leaving us as well. She has worked in Year 6 this year supporting children and we wish them all well in their new posts and in retirement.

We also are saying goodbye and good luck to our Year 6's who have been marvelous over the past seven years. We wish them lots of success for the future and will miss not having them around. Luckily, those who have been able to be in school have spent the final term in school. We are sorry that they are not able to have a usual send off and celebrations but I am sure what we are doing for them will go some way to compensate for this. Thank you to all those parents who are also leaving us and for their support during their children's time at Almondsbury.

We have been joined over the past two months and will be joined by a number of new members of staff in September. Mrs Lizzie Swann, Mrs Trudy Challis, Ms Karen Barker are all joining us to support children with additional needs and we welcome back Mrs Kate North and Ms Sharon Ivory as they return from maternity leave. I am sure they will be very welcome and enjoy their time at Almondsbury.

We are lucky that we have been able to maintain our music provision with our internal staff. Mrs Paula Vicary and Mrs Jenny Williams, who have both taught music previously both in and out of school will be leading the music PPA from September.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

As I have said previously, I would like to thank you for all your efforts during these past few months with the home learning. The children do need some rest as they would normally have over the summer. However, we would like them to do a couple of activities ready to bring in September. Firstly, as mentioned before we would really like the children to decorate and fill a shoe box (or suitable box) with things that make them happy. These can then be brought into school on the days that they have been allocated either 2, 3 or 4 September. Secondly, we would like them to keep a diary or scrapbook of their activities over the past couple of months and over the summer holidays. These can be created in any way the children see fit, either paper based or using technology. These can be brought in on 7 September. We look forward to the children's creative thinking and all of their ideas and activities completed.

As libraries are now open the Summer Reading Challenge is going ahead again as usual this year. It would be great to see as many children sign up as possible. Here is the link – <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

If you aren't able to get to a library, keeping up with the children's reading is hugely important even during the holidays. We would ask that the children read often and if possible are heard read during the holidays. The reading material can be anything books, magazines, comics, newspapers, etc.

SEPTEMBER REOPENING

I have included below the organisation for the start of the new school year in September from my letter last week. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding of these timings.

If you have children in key stage 2 and you need to bring them to school before dropping off children in key stage 1 or different timings for key stage 2 drop offs you can leave your child at the early time. There will be 'holding bays' for each class to wait until their start time. There will be staff on duty to supervise these children across the classes to ensure safety and distancing between the classes.

These are the times for each class for arrival and departure of school (for classes from September 2020).

Bubble Class	Miss Wingett's	Mrs North's	Miss Hake's	Mrs Leonard's	Mr Garcia	Cwtch group
Classroom	Own	Own	Own	Own	Own	C Kitchen, Cwtch and Sensory room
Time of entry	9.05	9.00	8.45	8.50	8.55	9.10
Entry/exit	Gate to pathway	Entrance to cloakroom	Entrance to cloakroom	White hall door	White hall door	Entrance to Hall green doors
Times of break	10.15 – 10.30	10.15 – 10.30	10.00 – 10.15	10.30 – 10.45	10.15 – 10.30	10.45 – 11.00
Time of lunch	12.00 – 1.00	12.10 – 1.10	12.20 – 1.20	12.30 – 1.30	12.40 – 1.40	12.20 – 1.20
Afternoon break	2.05 – 2.15	2.05 – 2.15	2.15 – 2.25	2.15 – 2.25	2.25 – 2.35	2.25 – 2.35
Time of leaving	3.25	3.20	3.05	3.10	3.15	3.30
Toilets to be used	Boys Reception	Girls Reception	Girls Reception	Boys KS1 corridor	Girls KS1 corridor	SEN toilet

Bubble Class	Mr Evens's	Miss Moore and Miss Ramli's	Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy's	Mr Dean's	Mr BM and Miss Winter's	Mrs Goode and Mr Allen's
Classroom	Own	Own	Own	Own	Own	Own
Time of entry	8.45	8.50	8.55	9.00	9.05	9.10
Entry/exit	All to enter and exit school via the main gate to the KS2 playground					
Times of break	10.00 – 10.15	10.00 – 10.15	10.15 – 10.30	10.30 – 10.45	10.30 – 10.45	10.45 – 11.00
Time of lunch	12.00 – 1.00	12.10 – 1.10	12.20 – 1.20	12.30 – 1.30	12.40 – 1.40	12.50 – 1.50
Time of leaving	3.05	3.10	3.15	3.20	3.25	3.30
Toilets to be used	Girls KS2	Girls KS2	Girls KS2	Boys KS2	Boys KS2	Boys KS2

To allow the children to become accustomed to the new systems, we have decided to have a phased entry to school at the start of September. Therefore the children will be invited into school on the following days before everyone starts fully on Monday 7 September. (Please note the correct date and day)

Tuesday 1 September	INSET DAY school closed to all children
Wednesday 2 September	Year 5 and 6 children only
Thursday 3 September	Year 3 and 4 children only
Friday 4 September	Year 1 and 2 children only

Please remember that normal school uniform should be worn from the beginning of term. The only exceptions for this will be on a day when the children have PE. We would ask you that you send the children into school in their PE kits as it minimizes the changing elements and taking PE bags to and from home.

CURRICULUM

There will be more details posted on the website this week relating to what the curriculum will look like in September. We will start as we usually do with our Wellbeing introduction to the new school year and will then focus our attention on assessing where the children are in their learning after so long out of school. I know that the children have been learning and following our online activities, however we recognize the fact that many parents have been working throughout this period and the children's experiences will be varied. We will then establish next steps and let parents know how these will be assessed to enable all pupils to be ready for the curriculum for their new year group.

LUNCHES

During the first few days in September there will be the option of school sandwiches on the day your child comes into school (ham, cheese or tuna - if tuna is not shown as an option please choose the chicken or egg as this will be replaced by tuna). From the 7 September there will be a reduced menu of hot food such as hot dogs, fish fingers and chips and pizza alongside school sandwiches. These will be delivered to the children's classrooms to be eaten there. A menu will be shared fully via email at the start of September. Lunches from 2 September should be ordered via ParentPay as before lockdown. If you are yet to activate your account and need assistance please contact the school office on 01454 612517 or office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk.

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I would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer with lots of sunshine. Thank you for your continued and unwavering support of the school and your children during the past few months. Enjoy the holidays spending time as a family and having fun without too much home learning. We all look forward to being back to school as normal as possible in September.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Paul D Smith
Head Teacher