

7 September 2020

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 2

START AND FINISH TIMES

I have to say the children have been great so far with the new routines and expectations to enable us to keep the children safe. The washing of hands is taking quite some time due to the number of children to get through the sets of toilets and class sinks. Lunches have also worked well with the staggered starts and eating in the classrooms.

I must though remind parents that we are doing everything in school to keep the children safe and you need to play your part. This includes arriving at school at your child's allocated time at the start of the day – not before and not after, the same is for the end of the day and collection. As the children are in separate bubbles we are unable to hold children in the office. Therefore swift pick-ups are required. The whole premise of this is to minimise the number of adults on site at any one time. So please make sure you are not on the school site until your time both in the morning and afternoon. Thank you.

I also need to remind parents that as well as ourselves you need to set the example to the children regarding social distancing. Please make sure you are doing this when collecting your children at the end of the day in the playground and car park areas. Don't stay around at the end of the day to chat as we need to keep the pavements and waiting areas free for the next group coming along.

Thank you for your co-operation on this – it is all to keep both your children and yourselves safe, well and healthy.

Reminders of times for each class for arrival and departure of school Autumn Term.

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
Time of leaving	3.25	3.20	3.05	3.10	3.15	3.30

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					
Time of leaving	3.05	3.10	3.15	3.20	3.25	3.30

MEET THE TEACHER – We are hosting our annual Meet the Teacher meetings this week. There will be a short talk from each of the teachers at the start of the session looking at how the year group works, learning expectations and many other aspects of the coming year. After this there will be time for informal chats and questions whilst online. Please check the dates below for your child's class time. You should all have received a text message with the code and password to log onto Zoom for your class. The information shared will be placed on each class webpage if you are unable to attend.

PE KIT

As usual we are straight back into all aspects of school life including PE. As part of this healthy attitude to physical activity, we would like to remind all the children that it is essential to be properly prepared to participate. This is a reminder of the request that children come into school in their PE kits on their allotted PE days. The children have been told and the days are published on each class's webpage on the website.

Outdoor white T-shirt, school hoody/red tracksuit top and red/black tracksuit bottoms (red shorts for warm days).

Foot wear Trainers should be worn into school in readiness for PE

Hair hair bands and clips to tie hair back.

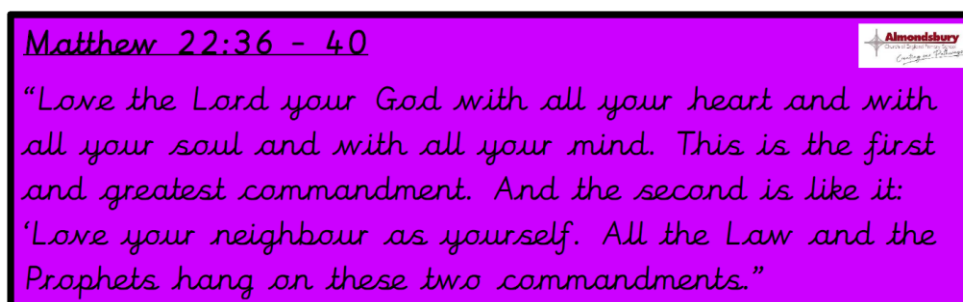
Jewellery all jewellery must be removed including studs.
(Please supply tape for newly pierced ears for the first 6 weeks only)

School Hoodies

The order form for the purchase of school hoodies is now on the website and will be emailed out with the newsletter. If you wish to order one please email your order to the office. The orders normally take a few weeks to come back to us. **The deadline for the first order is Friday 11 September.**

GENEROSITY HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Generosity. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at 'Get Heartsmart' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.



PA NEWS

There is a virtual PA meeting this Thursday evening, details of which can be requested from the PA via their email account – almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com.

They will be looking to fill some key roles for the PA so if you are interested in becoming more involved and would like to help out either on the committee or any other way please do contact them.

As you might expect, we are unable to hold the class cake sales or any of our normal events during this term. Therefore, the PA will be writing to you shortly with alternative ways of supporting the school and events that we hope to organise between now and Christmas. Look out for more details and they hope that all parents continue to support the school.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for two lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested in becoming part of our lunchtime team, then please contact the office for more details. The hours are 12 noon to 1.30pm Monday to Friday. I hope that we will be able to recruit very shortly.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

There are a number of websites that will be helpful for each child to investigate to help them with their home learning. This week's website is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2>

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
School hoodies order form	All	Information and action
Generosity Home discussion sheet	All	Information and action

Best wishes

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DATES 2020/21**TERM 1****Monday 7 September****First day for all children full time Years 1 to 6****Tuesday 8 September****First day for Reception children morning or afternoon sessions
Meet your child's teacher 4.30- 5.00pm (Miss Wingett, Mrs North, Miss Hake, Mr Evens, Mr Dean and Mr Allen and Mrs Goode) via Zoom****Thursday 12 September****Meet your child's teacher 4.30- 5.00pm (Mrs Leonard, Mr Garcia, Miss Moore and Miss Ramli, Mrs Duffy and Mrs Long and Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter) via Zoom****PA Committee meeting 7.30pm via Zoom****Thursday 17 September****Virtual Pedestrian training for Year 5****Friday 18 September****Virtual Road Safety training for Year 3****Monday 21 September****Reception in for lunch all week****Tuesday 22 September****School cross country for Years 5 and 6****Wednesday 23 September****School cross country for Years 3 and 4****Thursday 24 September****Reception parents Reading and Phonics workshop via Zoom 9.30am****School cross country for Years 1 and 2****Friday 25 September****Virtual Parents meeting re start of term with Mr Smith 2.00pm****Monday 28 September****Reception children start full time****Friday 2 October****Trial music lessons for drums start today****Tuesday 6 October****Reception parents Funky Fingers workshop via Zoom 9.30am****Virtual Harvest Festival during the afternoon****Thursday 8 October****PA Committee meeting 7.30pm via Zoom****Wednesday 14 October****Reception parents Mathematics workshop via Zoom 9.30am****Monday 19 October****Black History Month themed week of activities****Friday 23 October****End of Term 1****TERM 2****Monday 2 November****INSET DAY – School closed to children****Tuesday 3 November****Start of Term 2****Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 November****Book Week****Thursday 5 November****PA committee meeting 7.30pm****Wednesday 11 November****Remembrance Day and activities****Thursday 12 November****Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm****Friday 13 November****Children in Need Day****Tuesday 17 November****Parents Evening 7.30pm****Tuesday 15 December****Christmas Lunch day****Friday 18 December****End of Term 2****Term dates for 2020/21**

Term	Starts	Ends
Term1	Tuesday 1 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 1 April 2021
Term 5	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Wednesday 21 July 2021
INSET DAYS confirmed	Tuesday 1 September 2020 Monday 2 November 2020 Monday 4 January 2021 Friday 28 May 2021	1 more date to be confirmed