

21 September 2020

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 4

**CERTIFICATE** - Well done to these children who received the certificates for the first week of the new school year from their teachers.

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Sienna Merlino
Mr Baykaa-Murray	-	Sam Evans
Mr Dean	-	Georgia Begbey
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Jai Rajayogsewaran
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Imogen Thorne
Mr Evens	-	Corey Lillis
Mr Garcia	-	Caspar Male
Mrs Leonard	-	Zach Tottle
Miss Hake	-	Tosin Olaniyi

Reception classes will start to receive certificates when they start full time in school.

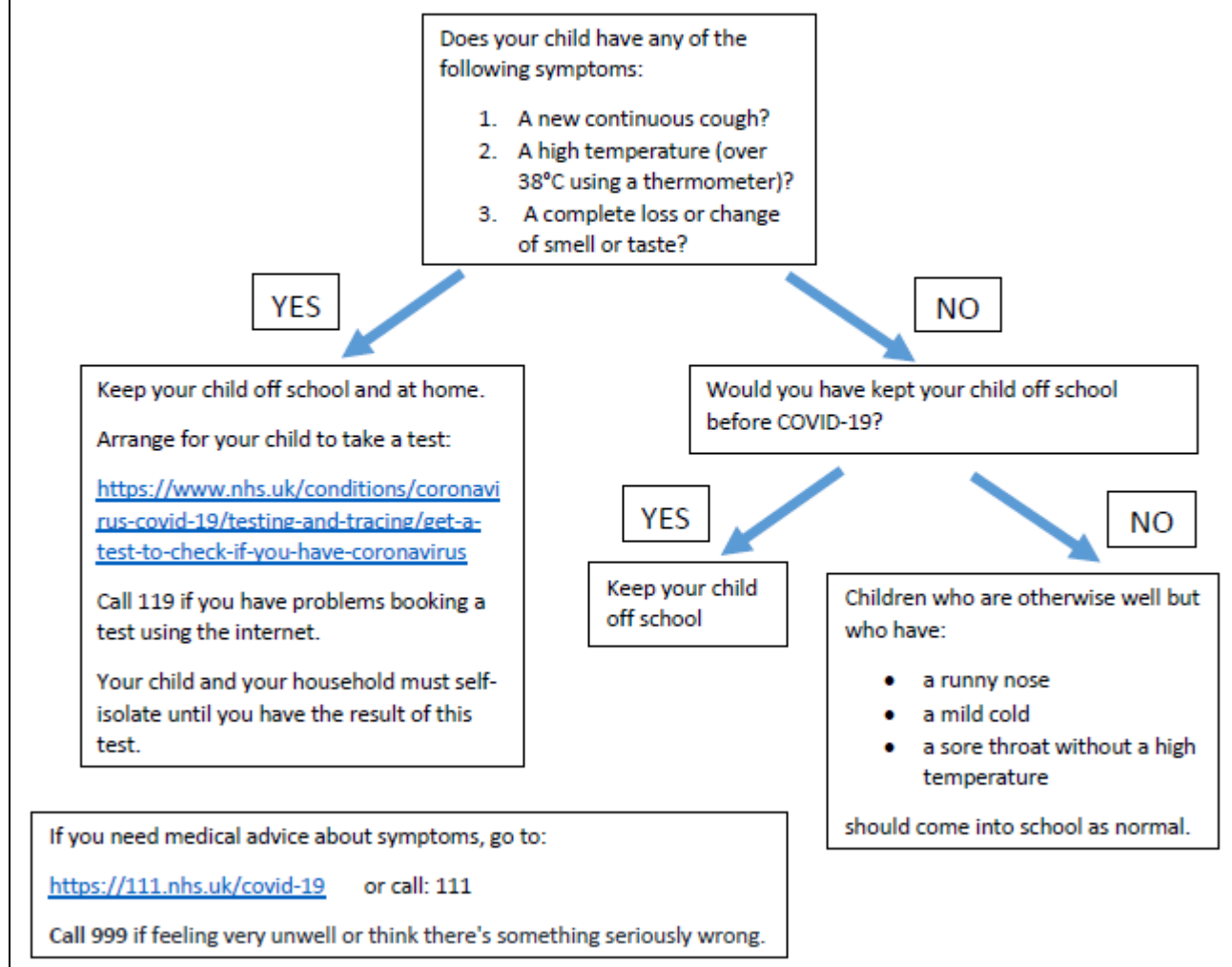
### SOCIAL DISTANCING



Thank you so much to those parents who are setting good examples for children and others to follow regarding social distancing. In light of local lockdowns in other parts of the country, I would like to remind parents how important it is for us to maintain social distancing so that we can remain open for our children to attend school. Other things I would like to remind you of are:

1. Ensuring your child is on time for allotted staggered starting time. This also means not dropping them off early for any reason at all! This defeats our social distancing rules that we have to implement.
2. On collection of your child at the end of the day, leave the school premises immediately. Please do not be offended if staff are asking you to move on; we are only trying to follow the guidelines.
3. If you are waiting to collect another children at a different time slot, **do not** let the children you have already collected play or socialise with others. This is cross-contaminating the class bubbles we have set up to ensure your children's safety.
4. If your child or anyone in your household displays the COVID symptoms, do not send them into school. See the flow chart below.

## Guide for families whose child/ children are unwell:



### A PLEA FOR COMMON COURTESY

We completely understand that this 'new normal' thing can be difficult to get used to and that government guidelines may not always be clear. As a school, we are expected to have policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety of everyone who comes into contact with our school. Those policies and procedures are even more important in light of COVID. It has come to our attention that there have been some encounters between parents to parents and parents to staff. We urge you to be kind and courteous to everyone as well as understanding during these difficult and stressful times. Please make sure that you abide by the request that only one person in the office foyer at a time to ensure social distancing and protection of everyone including children, parents and staff. Aggression and rudeness will not be tolerated towards our staff who ensure the care and safety of your children on a daily basis. If you have encountered anything like this on our school grounds, please email Mr Smith or Mr Baykaa-Murray. Thank you.

### PARKING

This is the usual plea for all parents to please park sensibly and safely for the good of all the children. These are difficult times and the parking issue should not be adding to them. Therefore, I am asking every single parent to really think carefully about where and how you park your car. Be considerate of others and be aware of the time you need to be at school so plan ahead and ensure you leave yourself plenty of time to park safely to drop off and collect your children. Thank you in advance.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Please note the change of Cross Country days for next week. They will now take place on your child's PE day.

**Years 1 and 2: Thursday 24 September**

**Years 3 and 4: Tuesday 22 September**

**Years 5 and 6: Friday 25 September**

## PE PERSONAL CHALLENGES

Due to the current situation, we are really limited in what type of physical competitions, clubs and events we can run in and through school. However, as we all know, keeping physical activity and engaged in physical challenges is vital to keep us well and healthy both physically and mentally.

### So the challenge is on!

On Monday 18 September, your child/children will be coming home with a booklet setting out personal challenges to take part in throughout the year. They will be working on these in school as well so that we can build up their core strength and core skills and will be keeping a record of how well they are doing.

Please keep the booklet safe and use it to fill in and refer to throughout the year. Please send in any inspiring photos or comments that may arise.

Remember this is mostly about **resilience** and **perseverance**.

For those of you who find it easy, great! Now come up with your own ideas of how you have extended the activities to challenges yourself and let us know!

## ZOOM WITH MR SMITH

I would like to invite any parents who would like to join me to discuss the school's communication and re-opening of the school. If you have any questions please do send them in prior to the meeting so I am able to give full answers. The Zoom code will be sent via text on Friday morning for you to be able to join.

## PA NEWS

**Parent Association AGM 8 October 2020** – Please find attached a poster containing information on the PA's AGM which is taking place on 8 October 2020. Also attached is a letter of invite to the meeting and nomination slip.

**LOTTERY** - We have now signed up to a new lottery. Tickets are still £1 each but you now have the opportunity to win £25,000! There is also the usual guaranteed weekly pot to win. Please support the school by signing up. Visit [www.onelottery.co.uk](http://www.onelottery.co.uk) and search for "Almondsbury School". Link on the attached leaflet. [https://www.onelottery.co.uk/cause-data/9162d0cf-c448-4965-88cf-832f84d78318/leaflets/8de17454-9873-426e-80bb-96c1158a05a4/one\\_lottery\\_we've\\_launched!%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637353178038100000](https://www.onelottery.co.uk/cause-data/9162d0cf-c448-4965-88cf-832f84d78318/leaflets/8de17454-9873-426e-80bb-96c1158a05a4/one_lottery_we've_launched!%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637353178038100000)

**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.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
		Information and action
		Information and action

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith  
Head Teacher

## DATES 2020/21

### TERM 1

Monday 21 September

Tuesday 22 September

Thursday 24 September

Reception in for lunch all week

School cross country for Years 3 and 4

Reception parents Reading and Phonics workshop via Zoom  
9.30am

School cross country for Years 1 and 2

School cross country for Years 5 and 6

Friday 25 September

Email address: [office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

Monday 28 September  
 Friday 2 October  
 Tuesday 6 October

Thursday 8 October  
 Wednesday 14 October  
 Monday 19 October  
 Friday 23 October

Virtual Parents meeting re start of term with Mr Smith 2.00pm  
 Reception children start full time  
 Trial music lessons for drums start today  
 Reception parents Funky Fingers workshop via Zoom 9.30am  
 Virtual Harvest Festival during the afternoon  
 PA Committee meeting 7.30pm via Zoom  
 Reception parents Mathematics workshop via Zoom 9.30am  
 Black History Month themed week of activities  
 End of Term 1

## TERM 2

Monday 2 November  
 Tuesday 3 November  
 Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 November  
 Thursday 5 November  
 Wednesday 11 November  
 Thursday 12 November  
 Friday 13 November  
 Tuesday 17 November  
 Tuesday 15 December  
 Friday 18 December

INSET DAY – School closed to children  
 Start of Term 2  
 Book Week  
 PA committee meeting 7.30pm  
 Remembrance Day and activities  
 Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm  
 Children in Need Day  
 Parents Evening 7.30pm  
 Christmas Lunch day  
 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