

2 October 2020

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 6

**CERTIFICATE** - Well done to these children who received the certificates for the last week from their teachers.

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	James Beard	Lucas Dunn
Mr Baykaa-Murray	-	Ethan Wilkinson	
Mr Dean	-	Seb Bowen	
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Peyton Watt	
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Lola Hutt	
Mr Evens	-	Lexie Leigh Dunn	
Mr Garcia	-	Henry Wrigley	
Mrs Leonard	-	Rocco Bear Jenkins	
Miss Hake	-	T J Williams	
Mrs North	-	Stephen Muxworthy Dyer	
Miss Wingett	-	Alfie Grace	

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

As you know we made the decision to ask parents to wear either masks or visors in the playground and car park at the start and end of the day. **Thank you** to those who have complied with our request. This just sets everyone's mind at ease to ensure that we are not spreading any germs or possible infections of viruses. Please note that this is not for other parents to intervene if parents did not pick up on the communication for this morning. We do need to maintain courtesy to each other at all times to set an example to the children.

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last week the children participated in the school cross country competition to find our school champions. Well done to every one of the children who ran well around the school field. Especially well done to these children who won their class group races. The children were presented with certificates for the top three boys and girls in each class as the race this year was completed in the class bubbles.

Year group	Boys	Girls
Miss Hake's class	Jacob Little	Bella Scott
Mrs Leonard's class	Thomas Betty	Amelie Price
Mr Garcia's class	Will Dawson	Layla Rew
Mr Evens's class	Shay Drewitt	Isla Drewitt
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli's class	Jaspa Wilkinson	Honey Jenkins
Mrs Duffy and Mrs Long's class	Lewis Maddock	Ria Jones
Mr Dean's class	Jack Baines	Georgia Begbey
Mr Baykaa-Murray's class	Tom Board	Mia Joicey and Freya Lock (joint winners)
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen's class	George Sanderson	Brooke Michael

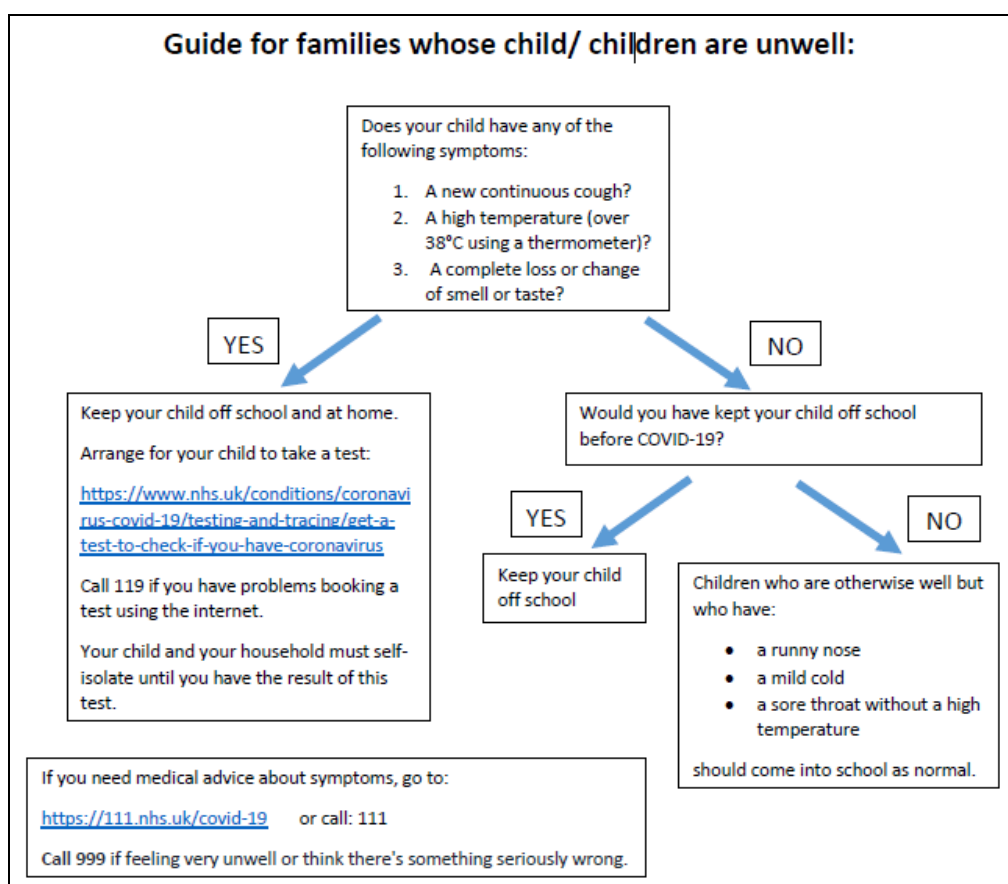


## VIRTUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year we are holding our Harvest Festival via Zoom in each classroom on Tuesday 13 October. As usual we would appreciate donations for the class Harvest display, which will be set up in the classrooms. Once again this year we have decided to aid a charity that is close to us. We will be asking you to provide tinned or packet goods that can be used by Food Banks namely the Five Loaves and Two Fishes charity of St Paul's in Bristol. Please send a donation in with your child on the Tuesday morning. Many thanks in advance.

## A reminder about when and when not to send your children to school

If you or your child or older siblings at different school have symptoms of Covid 19 you must self-isolate immediately until you have a test and the results have been returned. Please ensure you inform the school as soon as you can to inform the office as we have to report all suspected and positive cases to Public Health England on the same day. A letter is being emailed alongside the newsletter with information about work being sent home if your child has to self-isolate. Please note work will not be sent home for other absences as is normal practice unless due to a hospital stay and recovery for a specific reason. The government have written a letter to all parents setting out when you should and should not have your child tested. Please follow the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>



## PARKING

There have been numerous emails and telephone calls to the office regarding the inappropriate parking by some of our parents around the village. At one point last week there were cars parked over the designated crossing at the bottom of Sundays Hill opposite the church and the doctors surgery. This is unacceptable and very irresponsible for the safety of the children. Children and parents were having to walk out in between parked cars, which is not safe. We have contacted our PCSO Will Price who will be increasing his patrols at the end of the school day. As you know we had a police presence outside of school today. They were here at the request of the school and were doing what they were supposed to which is moving parents on and reminding them to park safely. To clarify, parents are able to drop off very briefly at the bus stop but not park there or at the school gates for any reason whatsoever. Some of the PA members have produced a sheet to remind you of your responsibilities as parents for the safety of all. This is attached as a pdf to the newsletter. Please read it and act upon it. We do not want an accident to happen to make parents change their ways. This will then be far too late!

## PARENT PAY

All parents should now be set up on Parent Pay, if you are not please contact Mrs Ashenden in the office who can assist you. This is very important as from Tuesday 3 November the office will cease taking bookings on the day unless there is a specific reason for parents account not working. Therefore, it is very important that you log on and let your children know what you have chosen for them for lunches each day. Thank you.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

If you have a child in Year 6 a reminder that the admissions portal is open and will close for submissions on 31 October to allow you to choose a secondary school place.

If you have a child aged 4 by 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for a primary school place by 15 January 2021. The admissions portal is now open for applications. We will be holding both virtual and very small group visits to school during November and December. More details to follow.

## PA NEWS

Don't forget the AGM and PA meeting on Thursday 8 October at 7.30 via Zoom.

The Christmas card designs will be sent home (if they haven't been sent already) today. Please return these as soon as possible and by Friday 16 October so the cards can be made and returned in time for Christmas delivery. Thank you.

## PA LOTTERY

Thank you to everyone who has bought lottery tickets through our new lottery. You have helped us to exceed our original target so we have decided to increase our target to 75 tickets. This would raise just under £2,000 a year for the school whilst giving you a chance to win £25,000. There is also the usual guaranteed weekly pot to win. To buy your tickets please visit [www.onelottery.co.uk](http://www.onelottery.co.uk) and search for "Almondsbury School". Remember, anyone can play so please share with family and friends.

## SECONDHAND UNIFORM

We are unable to hold secondhand uniform sales at the moment however volunteers are looking after the boxes of uniform. If you require good quality secondhand uniform please contact our volunteers directly. All items £1 (apart from embroidered items £2). If you have any uniform to donate please continue to bring this into the school office.

Age 3-4/4-5	Jodie	07495 416681
Age 5-6	Catharine	07973 341972
Age 6-7	Andy	07921 238282
Age 7-8	Louisa	07967 975761
Age 8-9	Lucy	07977 449070
Age 9-10	Kelly	07711 508088
Age 10+	Sam	07426 611531

## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

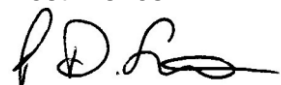
We currently have vacancies for two lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested in becoming part of our lunchtime team, then please contact the office for more details. The hours are 12 noon to 1.30pm Monday to Friday. I hope that we will be able to recruit very shortly.

## 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: <https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/>

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
E-safety letter	Year 5 and 6	Information
		Information

Best wishes



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Head Teacher

## **DATES 2020/21**

### **TERM 1**

**Tuesday 6 October**

**Reception parents Funky Fingers workshop via Zoom 9.30am**

**Thursday 8 October**

**PA AGM AND Committee meeting 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Tuesday 13 October**

**Virtual Harvest Festival during the afternoon**

**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**

**Individual photographs**

**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**

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