

# Newsletter



## Parents' Association

Almondsbury Primary School

Welcome to the first 2020/21 issue of the Almondsbury Primary School Parents' Association (PA) Newsletter! We are going to be using the newsletter to keep parents informed of what is happening with the PA, upcoming events, money raised, what the money is being used for and how parents can get involved.

### Upcoming PA Events (detailed info to follow)

- **Christmas Jumper Donations:** Please leave in the box in reception
- **PA Website Launch:** Wk comm 9<sup>th</sup> Nov
- **PA Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> November via Zoom
- **Reindeer Food and Christmas Sweet Cone ordering:** 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Nov
- **Christmas Colour Hamper Raffle:**
  - Donations: 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - 4<sup>th</sup> Dec
  - Raffle Tickets due: 4<sup>th</sup> Dec
  - Virtual Draw: 5pm on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- **Christmas Jumper Sale:** 2-6<sup>th</sup> Dec
- **Christmas Jumper Day:** 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- **Secret Gift Room:** TBC
- **Christmas Quiz or Bingo:** TBC

### Wreath Making

We would like to offer complete 'Wreath making kits' this year in place of the wreath making workshop. These will contain everything you need to make a beautiful Christmas Wreath, with written instructions plus an online tutorial to assist you.

To register your interest, please email [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com) by 8<sup>th</sup> November. Cost is £25 per kit including a mini bottle of prosecco and a festive treat.

### One Lottery

Don't forget to sign up to the new [One Lottery](#). Only £1 a ticket with a chance to win £25,000, plus the usual smaller weekly pots. Anyone can enter so please share with your friends and family...Search for Almondsbury School.

### New PA Website (Coming Soon)

The new PA website will include all our upcoming events enabling you to book and make payments/ donations online. Look out for your invite to join!

Don't Forget to sign up (as a PA we raised over £600 last year)..

### Amazon Smile

You can now support Almondsbury School Parents Association through Amazon Smile. Just hit this link, select our school to support and then whenever you want to shop on Amazon, please remember to shop through Amazon Smile. It's the same deals, but just means the PA will get 0.5% of every transaction!  
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/297103-0>

### EasyFundraising

A BIG thank you to everyone who's raised a donation, keep up the good work! If you haven't joined in yet, it's easy, free, you can get involved today. [Click on this link to get involved](#) and search for Almondsbury C of E Primary School, Lower Almondsbury.

# More about The PA...



### Who We Are?

The 2020/21 committee are:

- Chair Caroline McCarthy
- Vice Chair Carly Little
- Vice Chair Emma Tottle
- Treasurer Amy Atherton
- Secretary Natalie Day
- Grants Sophie Truscott

### How The PA works?

**Purpose:** To raise funds for Almondsbury Primary School to benefit the children's educational and environmental needs.

**Events and Fundraising:** We've had to rethink our fundraising initiatives this year with Covid 19 restrictions, however it's provided an amazing opportunity to move to a more online presence, through the new website and via text donation. If you have an idea for a fundraising initiative, please get in touch.

**Meetings:** Meetings are monthly during term time via Zoom. Each meeting lasts approx. 30 minutes.

Standing agenda items are:

- fundraising/ recognition
- 6 week look ahead
- Help required/ risks/ blockers
- AOB

Dec/ April/ July meetings include a plan ahead session for the next term, and may last 30-45 minutes.

### How to get involved?

**Volunteers Needed** to lead or help on the proposed fundraising activities:

- Christmas bake off competition (lead)
- Guess the sweets in the elf jar (lead)
- Other Christmas activities

We're always keen to hear your ideas for fundraising, so please get in touch if you'd like to help out, get more involved or would like to lead on an initiative:

[almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com)

### A Big Thank you...

To the following local businesses who have supported the PA throughout 2020:

- Almondsbury Garden Centre
- Almondsbury Creative
- Racks Bar and Kitchen
- The Wave
- The Village Hotel
- Mojo Active
- Jump
- Airhop

Thanks to all the Ghostly Ghettos on the Spooky Trail raising over £290....

Additionally thanks to Jane Chappell and Kelly Jenkins who will be departing the core committee team (but we hope will stay actively involved!).

### Get in Touch



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