

16 November 2020

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 11

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

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Zac Stooke
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Mia Joicey
Mr Dean	-	Jake Hartley
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Benjamin Roberts
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Ethan Jenkins
Mr Evens	-	Ava Marie Pearce
Mr Garcia	-	Laith Amin
Mrs Leonard	-	Bastien Harris
Miss Hake	-	Molly Harrex
Mrs North	-	Whole class and their parents
Miss Wingett	-	Whole class and their parents

### COVID UPDATES

Reception class are at home learning for this week but will be back on Friday. They have worked very well over the past week on their remote home learning and joined in with their daily live lessons and work from the school website. Please remember if your child has to self-isolate for a suspected case that the class teachers have pre-prepared work on the class pages for the children to complete whilst at home. If you would rather have paper copies of work please let your class teacher's or the office know so we can organise that for you.

At school we continue to do everything in our power to reduce any risk of transmission. There is no movement or contact between bubbles for the children. There is a very robust cleaning schedule and understanding by the children and staff of the routines and expectations at this time. Hopefully, we will not have to take further steps to close bubbles. However, we do need parents to play their part as well. From now on if parents do not wear masks I would ask you not to come onto the school site and meet the children at the gate. Thank you.

I will be running another parental feedback and consultation session on Friday 4 December at 1.45pm, which last time was very positive. The meeting will take no more than one hour depending on what there is to discuss. I will send out the Zoom code and password the day before to parents and will operate as parents evenings have done with a waiting room to ensure we are secure.



**CHILDREN IN NEED** – On Friday, the children came into school in non-uniform and raised £312 for the charity. It was good to have some sort of normality to this and share the fund raising ideas

and charity with the children.



## MEET THE KITCHEN STAFF

As you know we are providing the hot meals service to all the children in school. It is important that we keep this up and maintain that option for parents and children. Although there is a reduced lunch menu we hope that more children will begin to choose that option.

The staff in the kitchen led by Mrs Byrne are doing a great job in keeping the hot meals being cooked for the children. I am sure many of you don't know who these people are so we thought we would give you a quick resume.



Fiona Byrne (Kitchen Manager) 'I'm originally from Ireland but lived in London for 32 years before moving to the Bristol area 18 months ago. I have formed an amazing relationship with the school and I am sure that will continue. My job at Almondsbury is one of catering manager, which is one I have held in different schools over the years. I have been in catering for over 30 years. The kitchen door is open for parents who have any questions regarding dietary requirements or menus. I look forward to working at Almondsbury for many years

to come.'

Kerrie Brimble (General kitchen assistant) 'I have worked at Almondsbury now for 16 years and seen many changes, all for the better. I hope to continue working here with my fantastic colleagues for many years to come.'



Anne-Marie Williams (General kitchen assistant) 'I have worked at Almondsbury for the past 5 years and really have enjoyed my time here so far. I enjoy meeting the children and making sure they have nice things to eat every day.'

Karla Butler (General kitchen assistant) 'For the past 4 years I have worked at Almondsbury in the kitchen. My role is helping with the cooking when necessary but mainly making sure that everything is ready for the lunch hall and keeping things clean and tidy.'



## PA NEWS

**PA Christmas Raffle** – please see attached the Christmas Colour Hamper letter.

Christmas goodies available for pre-order until Friday, on the new Parents Associon website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa>.

We are welcoming Christmas clothes donations, via the blue box in reception, ahead of our **Reuse and Recycle Christmas jumper sale** at the end of the month.

Don't forget to have a quick look on your child's class Amazon wish list if you would like to help them out by purchasing an item. Please follow the link below

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HUHI47QHQPJD?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HUHI47QHQPJD?ref=wl_share)

**We would like to thank those parents who have already purchased some of the items. This support is much appreciated.**

## LOTTERY NEWS

You can still sign up to the lottery by going to [www.onelottery.co.uk](http://www.onelottery.co.uk) and searching for Almondsbury School.

## PA WEBSITE LIVE!

Some exciting news.... The PA website is now live! Please follow the registration process below:

1. Click on the following link to register: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa>
2. Click on 'register' and enter your details
3. Once you've completed your registration, you'll be advised that your registration requires approval by the website administrator (aka the PA team).
4. Once approved, you'll receive an email confirmation.

We'll be selling a number of Christmas goodies via the website in the next few weeks, and if you registered your interest in a Christmas Wreath Kit, please login and select the quantity required and pay online...

Once we are able to run 'events' again, we'll be administering the majority of events via the website.

Benefits of website:

- online booking and ordering
- secure online payment
- List of volunteers needed
- List of affiliations and fundraising eg easyfundraising/ Amazon Smile/ One Lottery.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

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. Due to the changes brought about by the national lockdown, we will not be able to invite prospective parents into school. Therefore, all tours will now be held online as follows.

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

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

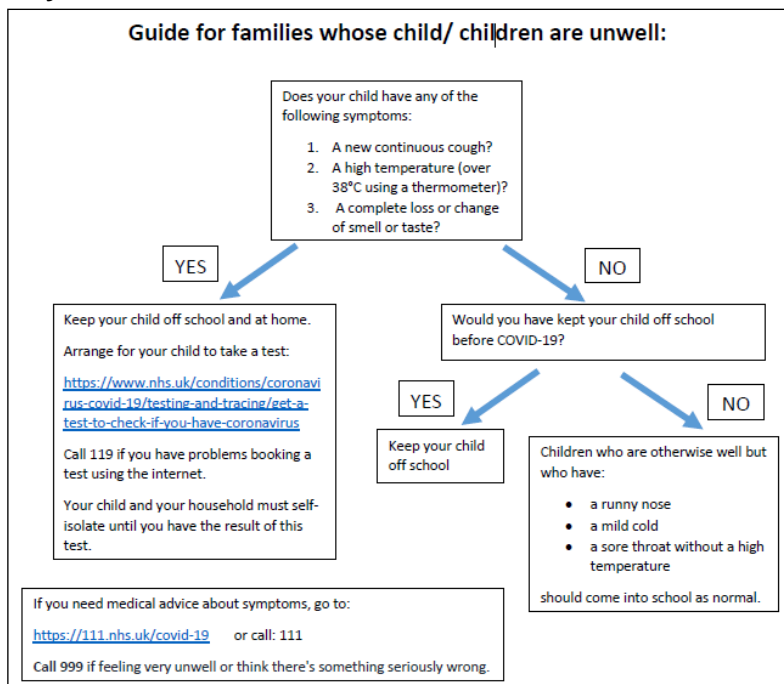
## School Virtual Tours

Tuesday 24 November 4.30pm	Tuesday 8 December 4.30pm
Thursday 7 January 4.30pm	

If you would like to join one of these tours then please email the office to book. The codes for the Zoom meetings will be sent to those who require them prior to the meeting.

## 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 had 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>

## 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/schools/wordsandpictures/index.shtml>

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Wow Day Letter	Years 5 and 6	Information
		Information

Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith  
Head Teacher

## DATES 2020/21

### TERM 2

Tuesday 17 November

Friday 4 December

Tuesday 15 December

Friday 18 December

### TERM 3

Monday 4 January

Tuesday 5 January

Friday 8 January

Thursday 14 January

Friday 12 February

Parents Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm

Parents discussion meeting with Mr Smith 1.45pm

Christmas Lunch day

End of Term 2

School closed INSET DAY

Start of Term 3 for all children

Start of Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy's class swimming (hopefully)

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

End of Term 3

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

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

**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>