

23 November 2020

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 12

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

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Dot Joyner
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Lydia Kianchehr
Mr Dean	-	Neve Adams
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Isabelle Portch
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Ashar Khan
Mr Evens	-	Gianni Taylor
Mr Garcia	-	Evelyn Kalceva
Mrs Leonard	-	Lenny Polak
Miss Hake	-	Effie MacLeod
Mrs North	-	Whole class and parents
Miss Wingett	-	Whole class and parents

COVID UPDATES

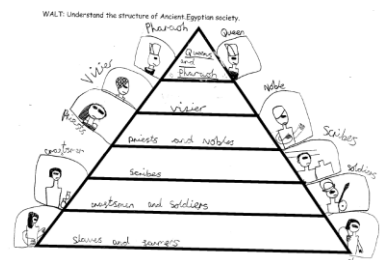
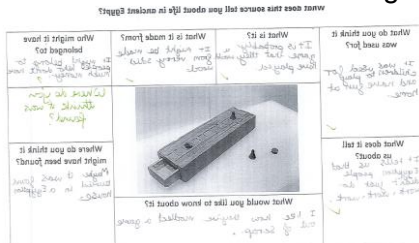
The Reception children returned to school on Friday and it was very good to see them back with us. I am sure that they are happy to be back (as well as their parents). Hopefully, there will be no more positive cases and we can all continue to stay in school. As stated last week, we are doing our utmost to ensure the safety of the children and highest cleanliness within school.

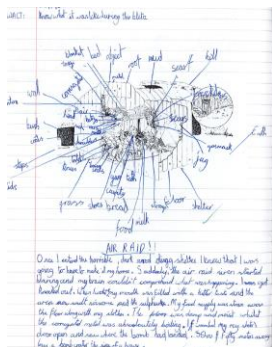
We welcome back Mrs Leonard this week in Year 1 and 2 class. Miss Pope has done a great job in teaching the class in her absence and will be with us for a couple of days for the next few weeks.

CURRICULUM

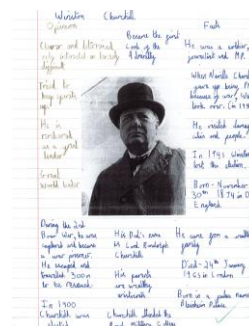
We have looked briefly at the English curriculum through Book Week and information regarding the curriculum that we returned to school with. This week we will focus on History. Over the summer we reassessed our 'topic based' curriculum offer led by the KUW (Knowledge and Understanding of the World) team comprising of Mrs Goode, Miss Wingett, Miss Hake and Mr Garcia. They worked hard on adapting the curriculum offer to ensure that the children were able to use their prior learning to build up their knowledge and understanding on further topics as they move up through the school. The topic based curriculum not only includes History but also Geography, DT and Art plus links to Science, Mathematics and English. They also looked at the class texts and topic based books being used in class to ensure continuity and consistency. This has and will continue to benefit the children. All of their work and topic based plans are available on the website under our Curriculum tab - <https://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Knowledge+and+Understanding&pid=15>

Here is some of the learning that the children in Key Stage 2 have been undertaking this term. In Years 3 and 4 the children have been investigating the Ancient Egyptians, in particular historical enquiry of artefacts and events. Each of the children was asked to find out as much information about an artefact and interpret this. They were using their learnt historical enquiry skills well.

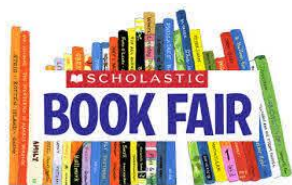




Year 5 and 6 have been studying World War 2. They have been investigating historical records such as the school's log books for that time period and discussing what life would have been like for the children at Almondsbury CE Primary during the war years. They have also looked at the biography of Sir Winston Churchill linking that to their work in English. All of the children are enjoying their history learning this term with plenty of practical learning sessions.



BOOK FAIR



Many thanks to all those parents who bought or ordered books from the scaled down Book Fair during Book Week. We sold £550 worth of books, which is great considering parents weren't able to visit to see the books alongside their children. As a result, as a school we gained £330 in commission. This will be spent on buying books for the classes to increase the numbers we can send home, especially during this time.

We have also just subscribed to an online reading website so that parents can supplement the number of books that children can read whilst we can only send 2/3 books home for part of the week, especially in Reception and Key Stage 1. You will soon receive an email asking you to log on and choose a password. Once you have this you will be able to access the site and read many more texts.

CHRISTMAS

As we all know, Christmas in school will be slightly different this year, however we want to make it as normal in school as possible. We have a series of afternoon activities and events planned for the children. These include our Christmas lunch day (with Christmas jumpers), entertainment afternoon, class party games, a virtual pantomime and DVD afternoon. We may well be lucky enough to have a virtual visit from Father Christmas at some point as well. It is not possible for us to have live audiences at any Christmas productions in school. Therefore, we will be recording a 'special whole school concert' which you will be given access to during the last week of term. This will ensure every child in school can take part and share their performances with you. Details of these events will be sent to you in December. The children in Mrs Leonard's class have helped create the front cover of the December edition of the Lichgate, along with the help of Mrs Vicary so look out for that.

The children will be able to bring in Christmas cards – however, these will be kept for 72 hours before distribution. So if you wish to bring in cards please make sure they come into school on either a Monday or Thursday starting Thursday 3 December.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

A reminder that we currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor as the term of office for one of our Parent Governors has come to an end. Nomination slips and declaration forms to be returned to school by 3.30pm on Monday 30 November 2020.

PA NEWS

PA Christmas Raffle – the raffle tickets were sent home last week. Please return these back to the classes before Thursday 10 December. There will be a live draw through Zoom at 5pm on Friday 11 December by Mr Smith.

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

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 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>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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.

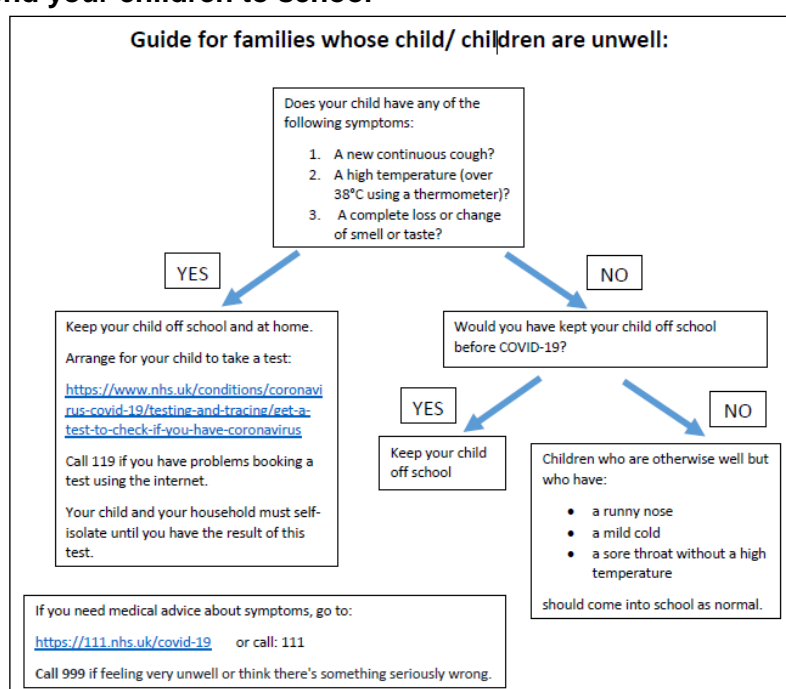
School Virtual Tours

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 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>

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.kidsgames4free.com/>

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Christmas raffle tickets	All	Information and Action
		Information

Best wishes

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Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk



Mr Paul D Smith
Head Teacher

DATES 2020/21

TERM 2

Friday 4 December

Friday 11 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 discussion meeting with Mr Smith 1.45pm

Non uniform day and Colour hamper raffle prize draw at 5pm

Christmas Lunch day with Christmas jumpers

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

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