

30 November 2020

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 13

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

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	James Chappell
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	William Gibbin
Mr Dean	-	Joshua Bidwell
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Mia Church
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Isabella Little
Mr Evens	-	Anna Day
Mr Garcia	-	Ava Merlino
Mrs Leonard	-	Jasmine Watt
Miss Hake	-	Whole class and their parents
Mrs North	-	Annabelle Street
Miss Wingett	-	Taylor Muxworthy Dyer

COVID UPDATES

Unfortunately, we had to close Miss Hake's class bubble due to a positive case within the class. Once again they have been having live teaching sessions on a daily basis and completing their work. Thank you to parents in supporting the children during these sessions and sending the work in. Attached to the newsletter is an updated version of our Home Learning Policy, which also contains online learning etiquette for everyone involved in the live teaching sessions – teachers, children and parents. Please do read this through so you are clear of the expectations for home learning.

We continue to maintain our social distancing and constant hygiene regime in school. Can I remind parents to maintain their social distancing in the playground and car park when collecting the children and keep their own children together and away from children in other bubble classes. Within school these do not mix and should not at the end of the day either.

VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY

The whole school took part in the Virtual Cross Country challenge to see how far we could run if we all ran individually then added the distances altogether. We are so pleased by the efforts of the children. All the children who took part paced themselves brilliantly with many chatting to their friends as they ran. They were all cheering each other on and came in with big smiles on their faces! In fact the distance they all ran was 179.2km, which would take them past Windsor Castle and nearly all the way to Buckingham Palace in London.



CHRISTMAS

The children will be able to bring in Christmas cards as from Thursday 3 December for their class bubble and then on a Monday and Thursday each week or in the case of KS1 the days in which the children bring their reading folders to school. They will then be distributed after being quarantined. We are looking forward to the other events we have planned for the coming weeks.

PARKING

Thank you to all parents as the parking situation seems to be easing slightly. You may have read in the national newspapers that this term has been particularly bad across the country so we are not alone. However, we can do things to make it better within our own community. You will have noticed the new white lines which have been painted opposite the doctor's surgery and the signs on the school railings. These are having an impact. We do need to maintain this more positive approach to parking safely and sensibly. Please do continue to let us know if there are issues regarding parking in the future.



PA NEWS

PA Helpout



Last weekend Steve Drewitt ably assisted by Shay helped to repair a couple of the wellington boots boxes on the school playground. These have become worn and broken over the past 10 years since they were first installed. They have now been transformed and given a new lease of life. There are a few other projects in and around the grounds that could do with some attention. If you are practical, enjoy working outdoors and would like to lend a hand please contact the



PA via the website or email almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com Thank you in advance.

PA Christmas Raffle – the raffle tickets were sent home last week. Please return these back to the classes before Thursday 10 December. Please do keep the contributions to the colour hampers coming into school. The more the better! The children are being allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Friday 11 December as a thank you. 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.

PA Meeting – Thursday 3 December, 7.30pm via Zoom. All welcome to attend. Please see the link below to join the Zoom meeting.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2701219777?pwd=YjJQT081Uy90WUpjVXIzbUhKMlpIdz09>

Meeting ID: 270 121 9777

Passcode: sR9JGT

Elf to Yourself - With no Santa's Grotto this year, as a PA, we are delighted to offer 'Elf to Yourself' - 2 personalised videos sent via email from 'Twinkle Toes', Santa's head elf! The 1st video will be sent at the beginning of December, and then you'll receive a 2nd video for Christmas Eve. Please see the poster attached.

Book via the PA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa>

Amazon Wish List - 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>
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).

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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 e.g. 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

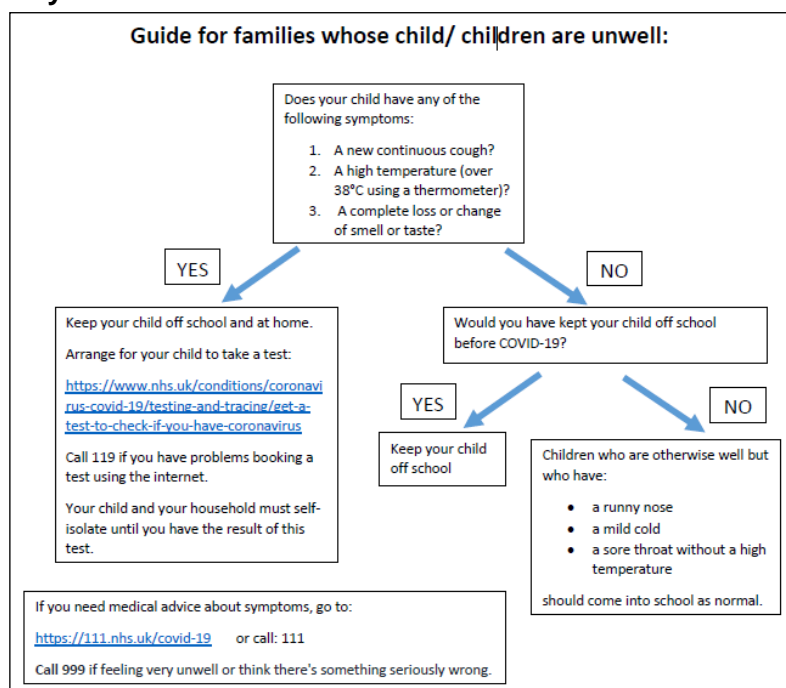
Tuesday 8 December 4.30pm

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



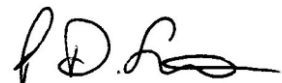
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

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
		Information
		Information

Best wishes



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DATES 2020/21**TERM 2**

Thursday 4 December
 Friday 4 December
 Friday 11 December
 Tuesday 15 December
 Friday 18 December

Christmas cards can be brought to school (Monday and Thursday)
 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

TERM 3

Monday 4 January
 Tuesday 5 January
 Friday 8 January
 Thursday 14 January
 Friday 12 February

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