

5 January 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 16

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION – Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Toby Payne	Katie Dolman
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Ruby Garrett	Freddie Rimmer
Mr Dean	-	Seb Bowen	Mawgan Smart
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Rishik Chilukuri	Sophia Evans
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Abi Sander	Imi Sander
Mr Evens	-	Jacob Weaver	Molly Taylor
Mr Garcia	-	Isla Maynard	Tianna-Lily Aylette Steele
Mrs Leonard	-	Jasmine Watt	Rocco Merlino Thompson
Miss Hake	-	Lois Day	Jacob Little
Mrs North	-	Oscar Blackburn	Jenson Bennett
Miss Wingett	-	Maisie Watson	Harrison Sander

Welcome back to the New Year and 2021. We hope you enjoyed your Christmas holidays and are looking forward to the Spring Term.

COVID UPDATES

As you now know we will remain closed to all pupils apart from those of key worker parents or vulnerable children. I will be updating you on a regular basis and will re-iterate our support of your children in their learning remotely as from Wednesday and live from Thursday. I will be writing to you all with more detailed account of how this will work tomorrow. The online offer will begin tomorrow with activities that can be completed as stand alone activities at home with parental support. These will be on the class webpages on the website so please go to that medium for all the learning opportunities. We will begin online worship from next week as we know from experience the limitations of using Zoom due to the numbers, from last spring and summer. Again more details for this will be sent with the letter tomorrow.

I am sorry that you and indeed we have been placed in this situation again with very little notice but we will try to make the very best of it and keep your children learning and supporting you as parents. If you do need to contact your child's teacher then please email them using their first and surname @almondsburyprimary.co.uk ie Katie.Goode@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

We will all get through this by supporting each other and working together. I'm sure you will all be just as brilliant as you were last summer with the added support of daily live teaching. Keep strong, safe and well.

PERSEVERANCE HOME DISCUSSION SHEET - This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Perseverance. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be investigating No Way Through isn't True with Heartsmart and Individual Liberty within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

"Be strong. Don't give up, because you will get a reward for your good work."

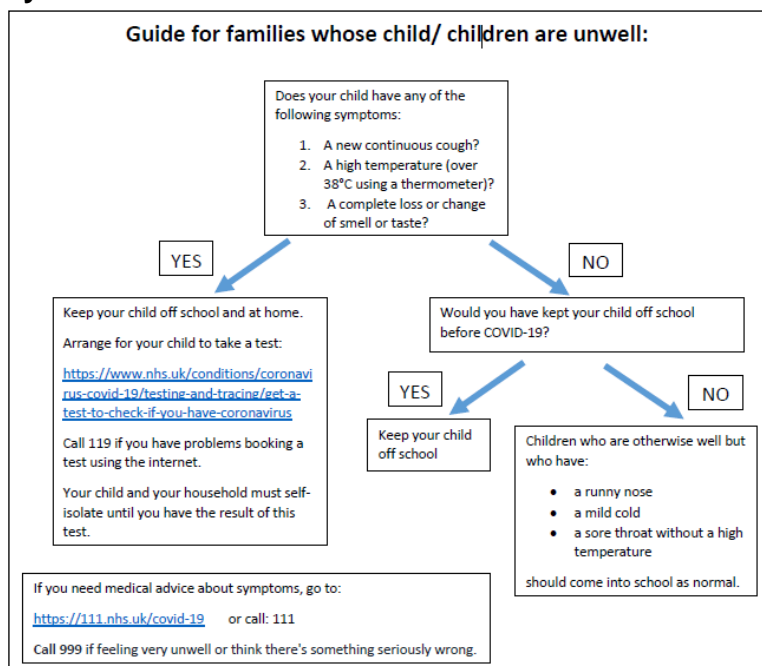
PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – Thank you for the votes cast in the parent governor election in December. I can announce that Nadeem Arshad has been elected as your representative on the Governing Body for the next four years. Thank you to Nilesh Babariya for putting himself forward as a candidate as well. It is always good to have parents who are interested in supporting the school in this way.

UPDATE INSET DAYS

The missing INSET day of this year has now been finalised. This will be on Thursday 1 April 2021. We also have Friday 28 May 2021 as our final INSET day of the year.

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>

PA NEWS

As we come to the end of the autumn term, we would like to thank all the parents and carers who have volunteered, donated their time and helped to raise funds for Almondsbury CoE Primary school.

Together, we have raised a fantastic **£4217.04** this academic year to date. This has been achieved through our fundraising initiatives, Employee Matching Fund schemes, Text Giving, local business donations, the Easyfundraising app scheme, the AmazonSmile scheme and One Lottery.

The School has also benefitted from donations from the Amazon Wishlists instead of the normal cake sales proceeds.

As a result of your generosity and with a strong provision from the last Academic Year, we have been able to gift **£6948.87** to the School for the following:

- New laptops for the children
- Scrap store Resources (over £1,000)
- Year 6 leavers gifts and hoodies for 2021
- Parents Evening Booking System
- Reception Packs
- Class Christmas Presents

Please check our Facebook page or website where there is a lot of useful information about how you can help raise funds for your school and how to sign up to the schemes mentioned above.

Amazon Wish List – Thank you so much to all those who have bought gifts so far. Most classes only have a couple of items left on the wish list pages. If you haven't gifted to the class just yet there is still time. Please follow the link below

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/HUHI47QHQPJD?ref=wl_share

Amazon Smile - If you are supporting us via Amazon Smile, please check your devices. The charity needs to be renewed every six months to continue raise money.

Secondhand Uniform

Running low on uniform? Contact the following parents who hold the secondhand uniform boxes for each age group:

Age 3-4 & 4-5: Jodie 07495 416681

Age 5-6: Cath 07973 341972

Age 6-7: Sarah 07813 777109

Age 7-8: Louisa 07967 975761

Age 8-9: Lucy 07977 449070

Age 9-10: Kelly 07711 508088

Age 10+:Sam 07426 611531


LOTTERY NEWS

You can still sign up to the lottery by going to www.onelottery.co.uk and searching for Almondsbury School.

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/bitesize/ks1/>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Reading Planet parents' guide and log ons	Whole school	Information and action
		Information

DATES 2020/21

TERM 3

Monday 4 January

School closed INSET DAY

Tuesday 5 January

Start of Term 3 for all children

Thursday 7 January

Virtual tour of school for Reception 2021 intake

Thursday 14 January

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

Thursday 11 February

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

Friday 12 February

End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 22 February

Start of Term 4

Friday 26 February

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

Thursday 11 March

Parents Evenings 4-7pm

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

Tuesday 16 March

Parents Evenings 4-7pm

Friday 19 March

Comic Relief Day

Monday 29 March

Arts themed week in school

Wednesday 31 March

End of Term 4

Thursday 1 April

INSET DAY – School closed to children

TERM 5

Monday 19 April

Start of Term 5

Mon 10 – Wed 12 May

SAT's week for Year 6

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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 Thursday 1 April 2021 Friday 28 May 2021	