

11 January 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 17



I hope you are all well and are coping with the remote learning so far. I cannot re-iterate enough how well the children are coping with this and the teachers are pleased with their engagement both during the live teaching sessions and the work that is being sent back to them. The teachers and teaching assistants have done a fantastic job in preparing the systems and resources as well as the changes to expectations and teaching online. I applaud them and you at home for supporting the children. Thank you.

Please do keep up with the website and the letters that will be emailed to you on a regular basis.

If you have a games console i.e. Xbox or Playstation or mobile phone, you can use these to access the remote learning on Google classroom. Please follow this link for information on how to do this.

https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/edtechawesomeness.com/2020/03/17/access-google-classroom-with-your-phone-your-xbox-or-your-playstation/amp/?fbclid=IwAR0ISl1iGzDY5lKNFJlQMhE20dfTHtdv00jXOIqLy_v6CTYUxXzla25TAFA

The government are also working with mobile network providers to supply additional data for devices i.e. smartphones, for those that need it. As parents, you are not able to apply for this yourselves as it has to go through the school. If you require additional data to aid remote learning engagement please contact myself on Paul.Smith@almondsburyprimary.co.uk and I will work with you to access this.

We have had a more or less successful first few days of remote learning. As I have written within my other letters, we are all learning and testing the waters of what is possible. We are hoping to be able to offer some guided teaching and learning groups within the live sessions soon, so watch this space.

If you are unable to attend the live sessions for any reason please do let your child/ren class teacher know so they are able to ensure that there are explanations provided for the independent activities linked to the lessons. This will be important to enable your child/ren to understand what they have to do. Hopefully everyone from Year 1 to Year 6 has managed to log onto Google Classroom to download the activities and upload work back to the teachers. If you have difficulties please email the teachers as they have all the codes, etc. Bear in mind though that they are all in school working with the children here as well as teaching lessons so please be patient for responses.

PA NEWS

The planned meeting which was going to take place this week will now not go ahead for obvious reasons. However, as a PA we would still like to engage with parents. Please use our email address or the website to offer ideas or opinions on events that we could help organise to keep everyone's spirits up during this latest lockdown and remote learning.

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

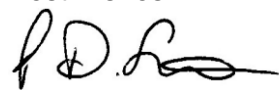
LOTTERY NEWS

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: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Remote learning letters No 1, No 2, No 3	Whole school	Information and action

DATES 2020/21

TERM 3

Thursday 11 February

Friday 12 February

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 22 February

Friday 26 February

Thursday 11 March

Tuesday 16 March

Friday 19 March

Monday 29 March

Wednesday 31 March

Thursday 1 April

Start of Term 4

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

Parents Evenings 4-7pm

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

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Comic Relief Day

Arts themed week in school

End of Term 4

INSET DAY – School closed to children

TERM 5

Monday 19 April

Friday 28 May

Start of Term 5

INSET day – school closed

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	Tuesday 1 September 2020	

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