

25 January 2021

Dear Parents

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 19**



### **REMOTE LEARNING**

I do hope that you are all well, healthy and safe at home. The engagement of the children in the remote learning is still brilliant and we want to make sure that this continues as we move through the term. Many thanks to the parents who are now fantastic at using Google Classroom alongside their child to return the work set to their class teachers. This is working much better now. If you are still having issues with this, please email your child's class teacher who

may be able to offer assistance to you.

I just wanted to re-iterate some of the expectations for the 'live' teaching sessions –

- The children's camera, whilst on Zoom, should be on so we are able to see the children and monitor their engagement and gather whether they are needing additional help.
- We love to have parental support and appreciate this, however please do refrain from making comments or asking questions whilst the teacher is teaching. It does distract from their flow and also the children's engagement. Thank you.
- Please be patient if you are unable to get into the zoom session. Sometimes zoom will just not let people join the meeting. If this happens to you, please close your internet browser and restart again. This usually works.

I hope that the streamlined communication of zoom codes, etc. have worked well this week. The year 5 and 6 teacher's trialled the use of 'breakout rooms' for a part of the lesson to provide small group work. This worked well due to the number of staff that were available as there needs to be an adult in the group to run the session. Usually we don't have that many adults who can do this. Therefore, there may well be some usage of this or one small breakaway group during some of the lessons, but not all.

Regarding expectation of use of Google Classroom and work –

- The activities will be uploaded by the class teacher as soon as they are available. The latest these will be uploaded for home printing will be 8am on a Monday morning.
- Please try to upload the work before the next lesson to enable the teachers to provide either whole class or individual bespoke feedback. If you are not able to do this then the teachers will look at this, however, depending on time they may get back to you.
- Support your child in their work, however we are not expecting perfect pieces of work or all correct answers. We wish to see the child's work as it should be. Therefore, if there are misconceptions (errors) we can address them.
- Please be patient if you email teachers for a response as during the day they will be teaching. They will get back to you but I have set a deadline of no later than 7pm to reply to enable a work/life balance and allow them to think about the next day.

We would like to hear from you so far on how you feel remote learning is going. I have devised two separate Google forms for parents and one for pupils. It would be great to hear your views. These will be sent as links within the email for the newsletter as well as embedded below.

### Pupil survey

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JUsrfCLjsEqTVLApi5DMR7UHzycXABIGoXyZbj2TNXxUQTBMM1NUQkwzSFpGOEVKU1ZDOVdWMjREWi4u>

### Parents survey

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JUsrfCLjsEqTVLApi5DMR7UHzycXABIGoXyZbj2TNXxUQ0xEN0xLUVJLRTJEQkM4REdKVjRFTUY3TC4u>



Here is another example of a great workstation created for one of the children at home. Please do send these to me as we like to see how the children are working.

I would like to thank all parents for their time, support and sterling work helping with the remote learning at home. We do appreciate the fact that many of you are juggling working from home and supporting your child/ren at the same time. We applaud you.

### PA NEWS

**Online Bookshop** – If you are running short of books to read during lockdown, please browse the PA bookshop at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa> where we have over 100 books for sale. New books will be added throughout January and we have a selection of books for all age groups ranging from pre-school up to KS2, and a mix of fiction and non-fiction. We are encouraging the recycling of books as well as raising funds towards restocking the school library. Contact free delivery can be arranged to the local area for any books purchased. Please don't donate any more books until we have sold the existing stock.

**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

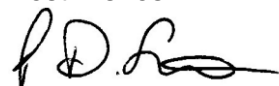
### LOTTERY NEWS

You can still sign up to the lottery by going to [www.onelottery.co.uk](http://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/iplayer/group/p093cv85>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith  
Head Teacher

### LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
		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**

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

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

**TERM 4****Monday 22 February****Thursday 11 March****Tuesday 16 March****Friday 19 March****Monday 29 March****Wednesday 31 March****Thursday 1 April****Start of Term 4****Parents Evenings 4-7pm****PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm****Parents Evenings 4-7pm****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**

<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 Thursday 1 April 2021 Friday 28 May 2021</b>	