

22 February 2021

Dear Parents

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 22**

Hopefully, you will have had a good half term and lots of family time doing a variety of activities with the children. I hope that the children enjoyed reading their book gift over half term. Thanks to Almondsbury Charity for their donation, which was put to good use in paying for some of the books that the children received. The school then topped up the donation to ensure that all of the children had a lovely book to read and enjoy. Some of the books will also be used for learning this term, so dual purpose.



### **REMOTE LEARNING**

We will be continuing the teaching of the children remotely until we are fully back in school. There is an announcement later today but as I have mentioned before, we do not have prior notice of any announcements in advance. I will be in touch as soon as we know the outcome and when we will be expecting to welcome the children back. There has been lots of speculation on what to expect from the return to school and the other measures which may be put in place

to help the 'catch up' for the children. I am sure this will be swift for the children at Almondsbury due to the very high engagement of remote learning over the past 6 weeks. Thank you for supporting the children as you have been doing and continuing to do so during this term.

You will have received the latest Zoom codes for the live teaching sessions (if they have changed) and I look forward to joining some of the lessons as I did before half term.

### **PARENTS EVENINGS**

As we have not had the majority of children in school this term we have decided to delay the Parents Evenings until the end of this term. This will allow time for us to see the children in school, if that is what is decided, after 8 March. We will hold the parental discussions with the teachers via Zoom, as we did last November. The booking system will be open shortly on the school website link. You will have your username and passwords from last November to enable you to book. You will receive an email when the booking is open. If you would rather have a telephone conversation please email your child's class teacher to request this. Of course, the conversations may be very different this time around and will focus on the children's wellbeing as well as their academic progress during home learning, plus work we have received from the children in school.

**WISDOM HOME DISCUSSION SHEET** - This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Wisdom. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. Please do take the time to do the activities and discuss the different questions posed with your children. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be investigating 'Don't forget to let love in' in our Heartsmart lessons for PSHE and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

*Proverbs 12:19*

*"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue only lasts a moment."*

## PA NEWS

### Valentine's Virtual Balloon Race:

Congratulations to Jessie Vine and her family, Almondsbury's winner of the Virtual balloon race, and 7th overall in the main race (receiving a book token from the event organisers too).

Thanks to everyone who bought a balloon to support the PA. We've raised just under £200! We hope you enjoyed the race!

### Virtual Gin Tasting Evening:

We've teamed up with Six O Clock to do a Virtual Gin Tasting evening on Thursday 4th March at 7.30pm.

The virtual tasting lasts 90 mins, and you'll receive 3 different gins and 3 tonics.

Discover how Six O Clock create strikingly smooth artisan gins at their family-run distillery in Thornbury from the comfort of your own home. This virtual experience will take you behind the scenes, showing you around just like we would if you were here in person. Think of it as a 'Home Lockdown Lock-in' with other sociable gin lovers.

Feel free to invite friends and family - just add them to your booking.

There are only 30 places, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Book here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta>

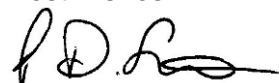
## LOTTERY NEWS

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: <http://games.e4education.co.uk/groupone/>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith  
Head Teacher

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

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Letter re France residential	Year 6	Information

## DATES 2020/21

### TERM 4

Monday 22 February

Thursday 11 March

Friday 19 March

Thursday 25 March

Monday 29 March

Tuesday 30 March

Wednesday 31 March

Thursday 1 April

Start of Term 4

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

Comic Relief Day

Parents Evenings 4-7pm via Zoom (note date change)

Arts themed week in school

Parents Evenings 4-7pm via Zoom (note date change)

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

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<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>	