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**Dear Parents** 





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# SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 24

## **RETURN TO SCHOOL**



It was so good to see you all this morning and we are so pleased to have all of the children back in school with us. I am sure you are also relieved, or slightly relieved that remote learning has come to an end and you can get back to your normal working patterns. Thank you so much, once again, for supporting your child/ren so well over the past 8 school weeks. We recognise how difficult things may have been for you to juggle your own work commitments and supporting school work. I am

sure that the children will settle back into the routine and expectations within school very quickly due to the high engagement with remote learning. We will be developing their resilience and independence, especially in the younger ages, as they have had your one to one or family support whilst working. Obviously, this will not be possible in school. They may also be tired by the end of term so be prepared for that as well.

#### PARENTS EVENINGS

As you know from previous newsletters and letters that we decided to postpone the scheduled Parents Evenings for this week until the last two weeks of this term. This will allow the teachers to see the children and assess where they are before speaking to you. The conversation will obviously be much more a dialogue as we discuss the learning over the whole of this term and that at home as well as social and emotional needs of the children. If you have any trouble booking online please contact either the office or myself directly so we can book you a time. You will receive this week an email asking you to book your time slots which will be via Zoom. You will receive the code and password a couple of days before the meetings. There will be a waiting room, which you will be held in until your time slot comes around. If you prefer a telephone conversation please email your child's class teacher directly to request this.

## CURRICULUM

I mentioned last week some of the areas we will be focussing on when the children do come back into school. There will be an emphasis on reintroducing them to social situations as well as speaking, listening, and oracy activities. We will also focus on PSHE and sessions designed to enable to children to work collaboratively again over a range of subjects and situations.

For the younger children in Reception and KS1 shorter sessions with movement breaks and building up of independence when work will also



be a key feature. Development of writing independently and focussing on grammar, handwriting and stamina of writing will occur. The teachers will be at some point assessing how much of the learning the children have retained from the Autumn and the Spring Term to see whether revisiting certain aspects of the curriculum is required before moving on. Those foundations need to be solid before building the next level of knowledge and skill. More information will be posted on the class webpages so please have a look.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS**

These will re-start from Term 5 and run into Term 6. We are hoping that those clubs we had set up ready for the Spring Term will be able to run. The clubs will be based with key phases ie Year 3 and 4 only to ensure that we maintain our bubble systems within school. More details will be sent home within the next week, so please look out for this. It will be good to get back to some sort of normality.

## COMIC RELIEF DAY

Next Friday 19 March is Comic Relief Day. We usually mark this in school with a non-uniform day and activities linked to the theme. This year is no exception. Therefore, we will be asking the children to come into school in something red next Friday. We would ask that the children bring in a donation towards the charity of whatever you are able to give. Usually that is a £1 coin.

## **INSET DAYS 2021-22**

We have the term dates for the next academic year. We have decided that the first two days in September will be **INSET DAYS – Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September.** This may be easier for you when deciding on your holiday plans for this coming summer.

# VACANCY FOR ROAD CROSSING PATROL HERO

We are still looking for our very own School Road Crossing Patrol Hero, actually this has now been for several years. We are very keen for someone to join the Road Safety team to ensure that the children (and parents) remain safe on their way to and from school. If you are interested in helping out and doing your bit for our local community please see the details below.

Post Details:

Role: School Crossing Patrol - Almondsbury Site Location: Sunday's Hill, Opposite Church

Times: 8.30am – 9.05am

3.20pm – 3.55pm

Hourly rate: £9ph

Full training and uniform is provided, we are happy to consider part time and/or job share for further details please contact myself, Martina Byrne-Obee 01454 863611.

# PA NEWS

#### LOTTERY NEWS

You can still sign up to the lottery by going to <u>www.onelottery.co.uk</u> 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: <u>http://www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames.html</u>

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 PGL residential	Year 6	Information	
Survey for residential for current Year 5	Year 5	Action	

DATES 2020/21 TERM 4 Wednesday 10 March Friday 19 March Thursday 25 March Manday 20 March	Year 1 and 2 WOW day Comic Relief Day Parents Evenings 4-7pm via Zoom (note date change) Arts themed weak in school
Monday 29 March Tuesday 30 March Wednesday 31 March Thursday 1 April	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 Thursday 22 April Friday 28 May	Start of Term 5 PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm INSET day – school closed
	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	Tuesday 1 September 2020	
confirmed	Monday 2 November 2020	
	Monday 4 January 2021	
	Thursday 1 April 2021	
	Friday 28 May 2021	