

15 March 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 25

CERTIFICATE - Well done to these children who received the certificates for the last week, our first week back fully in school, from their teachers.

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Brooke Michael
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Madoc Medwell
Mr Dean	-	Malackai Luckett
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Whole class for everything they have done
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Emilia McCarthy
Mr Evens	-	Emma Fudulu
Mr Garcia	-	Isla Maynard
Mrs Leonard	-	Rocco Merlino Thompson
Miss Hake	-	Devon Bird Wheaton
Mrs North	-	Eli Horsfield
Miss Wingett	-	Alfie Dunn

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Last week was just great to hear all the children back in school bringing their enthusiasm and voices back into the classrooms. All the staff have been so impressed by the way the children have re-adjusted back into the routines and expectations. I do have a theory about that – it is due to the fantastic engagement and work during remote learning by the staff and the children to maintain those all-important relationships and expectations. School is just never the same without a full complement of children – they are the heart of the school. We have two and a half weeks left before the end of term and the children will be undertaking lots of activities and learning. We are looking forward to our mini Arts Week for the last three days linked in with Easter.

After the last return to school I held a Zoom discussion with any interested parents as to how things were and what impact the absence had on the children, as well as future plans. I have planned another one of these sessions for this Friday 19 March at 2.00pm. The code will be sent via text message on Thursday for you to join in.

CURRICULUM

There have been lots to learn and see this past week. From the dissection of lambs hearts as part of the Science curriculum in Years 5 and 6 to the Year 1 and 2 Explorers WOW day, resumption of Welly Wednesday in Reception. The children have really enjoyed their first week back. Don't forget that the children can still log onto their Reading Planet website to have additional books to read. Also for mathematics using the Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars websites to maintain those aspects of learning.



EXPLORERS WOW DAY IN YEARS 1 AND 2

Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous Polar Regions Wow Day!

We all dressed up as polar explorers and had a great time taking part in a variety of activities throughout the day, including discovering different types of Inuit art, sketching emperor penguins, learning about explorers through the ages, baking sledging biscuits and making polar bear collages. All children had a great day of first hand learning experiences and enjoyed eating their biscuits helped by some chocolate spread!



COMIC RELIEF DAY

This 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

EASTER FUN!

As a PA, we've organised 2 fun activities for the children over the Easter Holidays.....

Easter Trail



Each class at Almondsbury Primary School have designed a giant Easter Egg picture. Follow the trail around Almondsbury to find all of the eggs, and receive a chocolate treat at the end of the trail.

The trail will take place from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 18th April.

Trail maps are £5 and available from the PA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsbury>

Easter Bake Off Competition

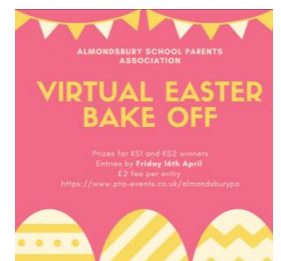
Ever dreamed of winning Star Baker? Well now is your chance! The theme is Easter! The bake can be in any medium you like. Sweet, savoury, pastry, cake, meringue, bread, dessert, patisserie - you name it, we want it!

Your bake will obviously only be tasted by those in your household, so this competition is all about presentation – we would still love to know what is in it, so feel free to include a description of the ingredients and flavours used.

The size of your bake is up to you – but remember the more impressive, the more likely it is to catch the judges attention.

To enter all you need to do is pay the £2 entry fee via the PA website (<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsbury>) and send a photo of your bake to almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com before Friday 16th April. There will be a prize for KS1 and a KS2 winners. The winners will be announced on Monday 19th April.

We look forward to seeing your entries.



Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

LOTTERY NEWS

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

Secondhand Uniform

Due to COVID restrictions and keeping everyone safe, we have moved our second hand uniform sale online. We currently have a wide range of age 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 8-9 and 9-10 years clothes available via the PA Website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa>

Age 6-7, 7-8 and 10+ are not yet available online, but can be purchased via the contact numbers below;

Age 6-7, Sarah 07813 777109

Age 7-8, Louisa 07967 975761

Age 10+, Sam 07426 611531

Summer dresses, which can be worn after the Easter holidays will be added soon.

How does it work?

Click on 'Shop' and then 'Uniform and Merchandise'.

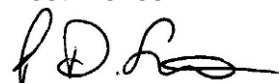
From there you can browse what is available by item and size. Payment is made online to avoid cash exchange. Once you have placed an order, the parent holding your item will be in contact via email to arrange delivery.

We have also started to add a selection of WOW days clothes online and have recently restocked the online bookstore. Purchase of both products work in the same way as the uniform shop. Items can be viewed via the events section.

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://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION

DATES 2020/21

TERM 4

Friday 19 March

Comic Relief Day

Zoom discussion with Mr Smith 2.00pm

Thursday 25 March

Parents Evenings 4-7pm via Zoom

Monday 29 March

Arts themed week in school

Tuesday 30 March

Parents Evenings 4-7pm via Zoom

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

Thursday 22 April

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

Friday 28 May

INSET day – school closed

Term dates for 2020/21

Term	Starts	Ends
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	Thursday 1 April 2021 Friday 28 May 2021	

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