

22 March 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 26

CERTIFICATE - Well done to these children who received the certificates for the last week from their teachers.

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Katie Dolman
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Madison Estcourt
Mr Dean	-	Lily Tuck
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Samuel Atherton
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Noah Reynolds
Mr Evens	-	Isla Drewitt
Mr Garcia	-	Oliver Dixon
Mrs Leonard	-	Joshua Rutter
Miss Hake	-	Rupert Arnott
Mrs North	-	Braylee Bourton
Miss Wingett	-	Ananya Curpad

COVID RELATED ITEMS

We are now back in full swing in school. All of the children have been very quick in settling back into the routines and expectations. As the children are washing their hands several times per day they may become cracked. As before Christmas, the children are able to bring in their own hand cream from home to administer themselves after hand washing to prevent hands becoming cracked and sore.

COMIC RELIEF DAY

It was good to see everyone supporting the Comic Relief charity by wearing their red clothes into school on Friday. It wasn't the same not being able to all get together in the hall for assembly but we were able to see each other on Zoom. We looked at how the money collected will be used to help other children both in the UK and across world through the different funded projects. Thank you to all those who donated and also bought the old red noses (unused) at the start of the day. The total collected on Friday was a massive £418.77!



PARENTS EVENING

Just a reminder that if you haven't booked your Parents Evening slot that you need to do so by tomorrow. The teachers will send the codes for the meetings by Wednesday and there will be a waiting room to hold parents until it is your time slot. If you do wish a telephone conversation you will still need to book a time slot as we need to allocate this to you. Then please contact your child's teacher to inform them of this.

ZOOM WITH MR SMITH

Thank you to those parents who were able to join me on the Zoom call on Friday afternoon. It was good to hear about your remote learning lockdown experiences and how well parents felt the school supported that. Parents were appreciative of the efforts of the teachers and how well the children did during that time. We also discussed the use of the 'catch up' funding. We aren't particularly keen on the use of the words 'catch up' as it conjures up negative aspects. We would rather refer to this as strengthening the children's learning, social and emotional interactions. We are devising ways to use what funding the school has received for the summer term. If your child is going to be engaging in different groups then the class teachers will discuss this with you. We will be starting after school clubs in Term 5 and 6 so please look out for the emailed booking form. We also discussed the potential changes to the school day and year that have been reported in the press. These are ideas that will be discussed and consulted upon for next academic year or the one after. Nothing is going to change this year.

We are also hoping to open up the bubbles more as restrictions are lifted across the country. These would then extend the bubbles to key phases ie Years 3 and 4 outside. Some small groups may be able to be formed across the classes inside for learning but we will see how things go.

We are also hoping to open up the school to small groups of parents at a time to come in and see their children's work as we are conscious that you won't be able to see their books at parents evenings. This would not be until Term 6 at the earliest though. Hopefully, all will continue to go well and restrictions will be lifted so we can return to near normality by the end of this academic year.



CENSUS WORK

As you know the country was asked to complete the Census last weekend. The children have been undertaking some activities linked to the census towards the end of the week in mathematics. It's good that they have got an understanding of the census and the reasons for collecting all of the figures and what is done with them.



VACANCY FOR LUNCBREAK SUPERVISOR

We currently have vacancies for two lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested in becoming part of our lunchtime team, then please contact the office for more details. The hours are 12 noon to 1.30pm Monday to Friday. I hope that we will be able to recruit very shortly.

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/almondsburypta>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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/almondsburypa>) 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 are really excited to have secured a celebrity judge for our Easter Bake Off competition - Great British Bake Off 2018 semi-finalist Briony May Williams!

We look forward to seeing your entries.

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
		Information and action

DATES 2020/21

TERM 4

Thursday 25 March

Monday 29 March

Tuesday 30 March

Wednesday 31 March

Thursday 1 April

Parents Evenings 4-7pm via Zoom

Arts themed week in school

Parents Evenings 4-7pm via Zoom

End of Term 4

INSET DAY – School closed to children

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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****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	