

29 March 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 27

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

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	George Sanderson
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Erin Hooper
Mr Dean	-	Emily Dixon
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Ashton Dunn
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Sam Betty
Mr Evens	-	Jacob Weaver
Mr Garcia	-	Jessica Moody
Mrs Leonard	-	Lily Watkins
Miss Hake	-	Meenakshi Chandrasseril
Mrs North	-	Oliver Plumb
Miss Wingett	-	Maisie Watson

COVID RELATED ITEMS

Just a couple of reminders. Can I please ask that the children picked up at the end of the day, and then need to wait to collect their siblings, stay with you as parents. They should not be running around the car park mixing with children from other bubbles and potentially damaging the cars in the car park.

There are many children who are catching colds this week. You know your child well and know if they have just a cold or something more. Please think carefully on whether there is a need for a Covid test but this will be up to you as parents. We ask that you let us know if there are any issues. You will have received last Friday the communications from the local authority regarding the Easter holiday activities, reporting a positive test for your child, if needed and a letter from our local PHE. Hopefully, you will all have a lovely Easter holiday and enjoy being able to see friends and family outside as from this week and into the middle of the holidays.

NEXT TERM

We are looking forward to what will hopefully be a very stable and successful summer term. As I stated last week in the newsletter following on from my conversation with parents, that we are hoping to open things up once we have the go ahead and restrictions are eased or lifted. Firstly, the extra-curricular clubs will be a test and a boost to the children who will be able to attend them. It has been a year since clubs have run and we are sure these will be very successful. We then hope to extend the bubbles during May to key phases for outside playtimes and working together as different classes. This will be a positive step for the children as they are longing to play with their friends across the classes. We also would like to engage in sports events outside in key phases. We look forward to having everyone return to school fit and healthy to enable these things to happen.

LUNCH MENU – The current menu for lunches will continue in its current form after the Easter holidays. There will be the usual addition of school sandwich option. However, due to delivery of fresh produce this will not begin until Monday 26 April 2021.

INSET DAY – Please note that we have our INSET Day this Thursday 1 April so the last day for all children is Wednesday 31 March.

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.



EASTER AT ST MARYS

Holy Week Services will be live streamed:

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 2pm Meditation

Good Friday Family Activities Morning 2021. Although we can't meet in person on Good Friday this year for our normal Activities Morning of Easter themed crafts, stories, songs, hot cross buns and drinks – we can 'meet' virtually on the church's Facebook page.

So, please join us at 10am on Good Friday, 2 April, at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Church-Almondsbury-730715950415825/> for a video activities morning, which will last about 20 minutes. It will include a short video about Good Friday and Easter and some suggested craft activities for you to do at home. If you can't join us at 10am, the video will also be available on the Facebook page from Good Friday onwards. We look forward to seeing you.

Easter Sunday Holy Communion in Church at:

10am in St Mary's Almondsbury and live streamed

10.30am in All Saints Compton Greenfield

3pm in St Peter's Pilning

We return to Church with the same covid precautions we had before. These includes track and trace by code or on paper, hand sanitisation, wearing face covering, restricted socially distant seating in households and no mingling between households in the Church and churchyard.

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/almondsburypa>

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.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk





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://www.activityvillage.co.uk/easter>

Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
 Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE		
CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Residential visit for next academic year	Year 5	Information and action

DATES 2020/21

TERM 4

Monday 29 March

Tuesday 30 March

Wednesday 31 March

Thursday 1 April

Arts themed week in school

Parents Evenings 4-7pm via Zoom

End of Term 4

INSET DAY – School closed to children

TERM 5

Monday 19 April

Thursday 22 April

Tuesday 18 May

Monday 24 to Thursday 27 May

Friday 28 May

Start of Term 5

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

Class photos

Sports Week including key phase house games and mini sports afternoons

INSET day – school closed

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TERM 6**Monday 7 June****Thursday 10 June****Tuesday 22 June****Monday 28 June****Friday 9 July****Monday 12 July****Tuesday 20 July****Wednesday 21 July****Start of Term 6****PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm****New Reception 2021 parents meeting and tour****Year 1 phonics week****New Reception children to stay for lunch****Celebration Day (details to follow)****Reports to be sent home****Year 6 leavers and family celebration afternoon picnic and activities (details to follow)****Leavers Service for Year 6 pupils (details to follow)****End of the school year****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	