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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 32

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

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen - Steffan Davies
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter - Jack Tremlin
Mr Dean - Lily Tuck
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy - Millie Farler

Miss Moore and Miss Ramli - Abi Sander Andre Daley

Mr Evens - Molly Taylor
Mr Garcia - Naimah Odunuga
Mrs Leonard - Pawel Rozpedowski

Miss Hake - Izzy Tyson

Mrs North - Elaya Merlino Thompson

Miss Wingett - Rio Rosling

COVID UPDATES

Today marks the next stage on the road map to lifting of restrictions. As a result of this we are able to open up slightly at school as well as within the wider community and world. From today the children will be able to play outside within their key stage rather than just within their usual class bubble. As this is outside and contact is minimal there are no further associated risks involved.

We will still maintain the class bubbles inside the building and will still request that staff and parents continue to wear masks until the last phase which should take place on Monday 21 June. The guidance from the DFE and the LA has not changed in terms of keeping bubble sizes the same limited numbers inside as well as the staggering of entry and exit times for the school day. These will probably not change until after the end of term in July. Therefore, we will be keeping the entry and exit times the same for the rest of this academic year. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation in everything we have tried to do to keep the children safe within our school environment.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



This year's Walk to School Week challenge focuses on the walking superpowers that benefit individuals, communities and the planet. Walking has so many benefits from physical to mental wellbeing; aiding concentration and creativity and creating safer, less polluted and more welcoming streets. All that makes for a happy, healthy child set up for success in and out of the classroom. The theme as you may have gathered is Walking Superpowers and the children may be asked to create their own show covers to promote themselves as superhero walkers. We understand that for many it would be

impossible to walk all the way to school due to either distance or unsafe roads. We would ask that rather than parking outside the school that you do leave a little earlier next week and park a bit further away, perhaps the garden centre, to add that extra bit of walking into the day. We have moved our Walk to School Week from the national one to coincide with our Sports Week so will start on Monday 24 May to Thursday 27 May.

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CLASS PHOTOS

Tomorrow morning our photographer, Sarah Purnell, will be visiting school to take the children's photos as a class. Please make sure that all children are wearing their school uniform including ties rather than PE kits/Forest Schools clothes. Thank you.



NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS

The National Book Token company are currently running a competition for which the winning school will win £5,000 worth of book tokens to spend on books. This would be a fantastic prize should we be lucky to win. To enable the school to be in with a chance we need as many nominations as possible from staff, parents, governors and the wider Almondsbury community. To nominate the school all you need to do is click the link and enter your details and our school name. Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school If your nominated entry is picked you will also win £100 worth of book tokens for yourself. The closing date for this is 31 July 2021. Thank you in advance.

BOOK SUCCESSES

At the end of the spring term the year 5's had the opportunity to submit a short story to the Young Writer's competition. Quite a lot of children wrote their best short story and these were sent to the judges for their consideration. Well done to Georgia Begbey and Lily Tuck for having been selected to be part of the published book as a result of the judges choosing their stories. It is great to see your work in print and both girls are thrilled.

ADSA DONATIONS

Thank you very much to Asda, Cribbs Causeway store for their extremely kind donations of lots of role play, small world items for play as well as lots of items to aid our relaunch of the cooking bags for Reception and Key Stage 1. The children are very much looking forward to playing with the items. Thanks to Asda and Kelly Jenkins, from the PA, who sent in the grant application to allow us to be in with a chance of receiving the new resources.



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.

PANEWS

LOTTERY NEWS

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

Sweet Cones Sales on 26 and 27 May: at pick up - £1.00.

MAY HAIR MAYHEM THURSDAY 27 MAY

Bring a £1 donation into school and wear your hair as crazy as you would like! All proceeds will be going to our playground project for all children to enjoy. Please see the poster attached.

FAMILY GROUNDS DAY - SUNDAY 27 JUNE

Come along and support the PA on Sunday 27 June, 10am to 2pm to help make improvements to the school grounds, i.e. weeding, painting, planting etc. Please see the poster attached.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM AND WOW/ FANCY DRESS

Due to COVID restrictions and keeping everyone safe, we have moved our second hand uniform sale online. All age groups (apart from 10+ Sam 07426 611531) including Summer Dresses and Playsuits are now on the PA fundraising Website: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa

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.

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WOW day and fancy dress clothes are also online, and the online bookstore. Purchase of the products work in the same way as the uniform shop. Items can be viewed via the events section.

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.



SOLAR BUDDIES SUNCREAM APPLICATOR AFFILIATION: As the weather gets sunnier and the children need suncream applied more regularly, Solar Buddies are fab! For use by children, refillable and easy to apply. We've negotiated a 10% discount, and additionally for every sale, 10% goes towards our fundraising initiatives. https://www.solarbuddies.co.uk?ref=1921



Coupon code: Almond10

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://blockly.games/

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 5

Tuesday 18 May Class photos

Monday 24 to Thursday 27 May Sports Week including key phase house games and sports events

Monday 24 May

Year 1 (am) and Year 2 (pm) visit to Mojo Active

Wednesday 26 May

Year 3 (am) and Year 4 (pm) visit to Mojo Active

Friday 28 May INSET day – school closed

TERM 6

Monday 7 June Start of Term 6

Thursday 10 June PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

Monday 14 June Year 6 visit to Legoland

Tuesday 22 June New Reception 2021 parents meeting and tour

Friday 25 June

Year 6 visit to Barry Island

Monday 28 June

Year 1 phonics week

Year 2 Scooter training

New Reception children to stay for lunch

Friday 9 July Celebration Day (details to follow)

Year 6 school sleepover and BBQ

Monday 12 July Reports to be sent home

Monday 19 July Year 6 leavers and family celebration afternoon picnic and

activities (details to follow)

Tuesday 20 July Year 6 MAD activity day in school

Wednesday 21 July Leavers Service for Year 6 pupils (details to follow)

End of the school year

Term dates for 2020/21

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 5	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Wednesday 21 July 2021
INSET DAYS	Friday 28 May 2021	
confirmed		

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Term dates for 2021/22

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 2 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
Term 2	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Term 3	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
Term 4	Monday 28 February 2022	Friday 8 April 2022
Term 5	Monday 25 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022
INSET DAYS	Thursday 2 September 2021	Plus one other INSET Day to be
confirmed	Friday 3 September 2021	confirmed
	Tuesday 4 January 2022	
	Friday 27 May 2022	

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