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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 33

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

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Jack Keary-Burrows
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Lucy Jenkins
Mr Dean	-	Jack Baker
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Henry Day
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Imogen Street
Mr Evens	-	James Begbey
Mr Garcia	-	Arjan Voual
Mrs Leonard	-	Logan Scott
Miss Hake	-	Taylor Detheridge
Mrs North	-	Phoebe Fuller
Miss Wingett	-	Luca Trematore

SPORTS WEEK

We are looking forward to our Sports week with many different activities including the trips to Mojo Active, house matches and lots of fun keeping fit. On the days the children are competing in their house matches we would love to see as many in t-shirts of the same colour. These are the days when these will be taking place.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning	Year 1 to Mojo	Reception minibeast obstacle race	Year 3 to Mojo Year 1 and 2 house matches	Year 5 and 6 problem solving activities
Afternoon	Year 2 to Mojo Year 5 and 6 house matches	Year 3 and 4 house matches	Year 4 to Mojo	Year 1 and 2 cricket

I am sure that the children will enjoy participating in all of the activities and events.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



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. This week, as well as being Sports Week, is also Walk to School Week. There will be a competition between the classes to gain as many points for using healthy and environmentally friendly modes of transport to get to school. The class with the most points in KS1 and KS2 will both win a prize at the start of next term. For each day, children can earn the following points:

Walking to school (inc. parking and walking from Garden Centre) - 10 points	Bike/ Scooter - 10 points	Car share with another family - 2 points
	Bus - 6 points	Own car - 1 point

HEARTSMART PSHE



As you know, at Almondsbury we teach PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) mainly through our Heartsmart programme. We introduced Heartsmart just before the first lockdown in 2020 and have continued to support the children's PSHE through the programme. The character of Boris shares the stories and values linked to Heartsmart. These are Get Heartsmart, Fake is a Mistake, No Way through isn't true, Don't forget to let love in, Too much selfie isn't healthy and Don't rub it in, rub it out. Through these themes the children learn important values that

will aid and carry them through life, now and in the future. We are currently investigating 'Too much selfie isn't healthy'. The Year 5 and 6's have created a #Unselfie challenge to identify where they can see this being acted out in real life situations and share these as positives. Recently, Mr Smith, Mrs Long and Mr BM reviewed the successes of Heartsmart across the school. A selection of children from each key stage were chosen to talk about the impact of the programme. They spoke very positively and enthusiastically about how Heartsmart helps them to develop their own and other's well-being. We were very proud of how the children conducted themselves during the pupil conference and how animated they were when discussing their feelings about Heartsmart.

'The Bible verses (linked to Heartsmart) help to remind us that we are a Christian school and I like the verse at the front of each assembly. It shows respect to everyone and it links these to our values and what we do as a school.' – F Y5

'Heartsmart teaches us important lessons about ourselves' – N Y2

'Heartsmart has helped us think about others, not just ourselves. Especially during the pandemic. People like bin men and teachers as well as the NHS.' – E Y4



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.

MAY HAIR MAYHEM

This Thursday we have a great day planned with May Hair Mayhem. Don't forget to bring a £1 donation into school and wear your hair as crazy as you would like! Why not double plait your hair, fashion a Mohican, spray it the colour of your house team or rainbow (parental permission needed of course) or think of something even crazier. All proceeds will be going to our playground project for all children to enjoy.



PLAYGROUND SCHEME DEVELOPMENT

We are very excited to have the next project to raise funds for a new playground adventure trail starting this term. We have great plans which include installing a gym trail and safety surface in the KS2 playground, new court markings, improved forest school area, canopy, revamp of KS1 playground and lots more. Due to the size of the project, there will be a number of phases which will depend on funds available. The

plans are extensive but will need considerable funding of up to £45,000 to complete all phases. Once we have enough funds and have identified a supplier then the children will be consulted on what they would like to see in the trail and help design this. All very exciting.

Phase 1 - The first planned phase will include the gym trail, safety surface and new playground markings in the KS2 playground for everyone to enjoy. We hope to get this underway either in the Easter or Summer Holidays in 2022.

Phase 2 - This phase will include an improved forest school area, canopy and a revamp of the KS1 playground.

The Parents' Association has already earmarked £9,000 towards Phase 1 and has a number of grant applications outstanding. If you'd like to donate directly to the Playground Project: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Almondsburyplayground>

Many thanks in advance for your continuing support of this project and everything that you do to help raise funds for the school. It is greatly appreciated.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

INSET DAY

A reminder that we have our final INSET DAY this Friday. Therefore, school will be closed on Thursday until Monday 7 June for the children. Have a great half term holiday.

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.

PA NEWS

Launching our Playground Project

We're delighted to be supporting exciting plans to revamp the outdoor play space for all the children to enjoy at school. We've been able to earmark £9,000 towards the project already through the various fundraising projects this year...

We'll keep you updated regularly on how fundraising is going, and as plans progress.

How can you help?

If you'd like to donate directly to the Playground Project:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Almondsburyplayground>

To support the project on a more regular basis, sign up to:

- One Lottery: www.onelottery.co.uk and search for Almondsbury School.
- Amazon Smile - Sign up via Amazon and we get 0.5% from any purchases.
- Easy fundraising - download the app and sign up! Just remember to use every time you shop online.
- Volunteering, and utilising matched giving employee schemes.

This is the biggest fundraising project the PA has taken on in many many years, it's going to be a huge, but incredibly rewarding to see the children enjoying the improved outdoor space. We are all enthusiastic and positive that if we ALL pull together it is achievable, so please support however you can.

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

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.

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://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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

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
Wednesday 9 June	Year 1 and 2 Fire of London workshops
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 confirmed	Friday 28 May 2021	

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 confirmed	Thursday 2 September 2021 Friday 3 September 2021 Tuesday 4 January 2022 Friday 27 May 2022	Plus one other INSET Day to be confirmed