

21 June 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 36

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

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Neve Douglas	
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Alec Harpham	
Mr Dean	-	Joshua Newman	Erin Bulley
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Harriet Evans	Sophia Evans
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Eva Janiak	
Mr Evens	-	Rosie Rimmer	Eloise Payne
Mr Garcia	-	Poppy Male	
Mrs Leonard	-	Hugh Watson	
Miss Hake	-	Lia Drewitt	Libby Bendall
Mrs North	-	Henry Hazell	
Miss Wingett	-	Harry Janiak	

COVID UPDATE

Unfortunately, we had a positive case of two children within school reported last week. Thankfully due to the weekend and time off absent we didn't have to take any further action due to the days passed since contact with the rest of the class. However, we still need to remain vigilant by maintaining social distancing, limiting mixing across bubbles and families as much as possible and mask wearing on the school site. You will know that the current restrictions are continuing until Monday 19 July at least. Therefore, some of the activities we had planned for the rest of this term will have to be curtailed or cancelled. We have received updated guidance from the DFE and the LA on events that usually take place during Term 6. Below are the updates on decisions we have made in consultation with the LA after their advice.

SPORTS DAYS

We had planned for the children to compete in 'mini sports days' for their key phase over four days during the week beginning 28 June. These will go ahead as follows

Monday 28 June	Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 29 June	Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 30 June	Reception
Thursday 1 July	Years 5 and 6

The children will be asked to come into school in their PE kits for those days. It would be great for them to be able to wear the colour of t-shirt of their house – so red, blue, green or yellow. The guidance from the DFE is that sports days can still go ahead within the bubbles that each school operate. As we now have key phase bubbles when the children are outside this is feasible and we can continue. We had hoped that the guidance would allow us to invite parents to come and join us. It does state that we can have up to 30 parents on site in a group at once but they must not cross bubbles. As many of you have children in different classes we would not be able to accommodate this. Therefore, it is with regret that we won't be able to share the sports days with you this year. Photos will be posted on the website for the classes for you to see.

CELEBRATION DAY

Unfortunately, this is the same situation as above but we are not able to have 30 parents in classrooms at all. Therefore we will not be able to hold our normal Celebration day for parents. We will look to do something virtually if possible. We will be in touch shortly about this.



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.

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

How you can 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.

Aztec Hotel have chosen our school to support as one of their June charities, pop in for a coffee and use your token to gain the PA £150 towards our Playground Project.

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. Thank you for all of those parents who have volunteered to come along on Sunday. We do need a few more parents. So if you can spare an hour or two that would be fantastic. And... if you can't make it to the Family Grounds Day on Sunday, there is a Amazon wish list to support the project. Any help appreciated

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WA57Q7YFH4Y6?ref_=wl_share. Alternatively, Almondsbury Garden Centre are collecting donations at Customer Service in the way of gift cards. If you'd like to donate via the GC, please purchase a gift card and make customer service aware it's for the Benefit of the school.

£90 GO APE SILENT AUCTION

We've kindly been donated a £90 voucher for Go Ape by a member of staff at school 🙌. The expiry date is the 28 July and therefore rather than use as part of the Summer Raffle, we thought we'd see who would like to bid for the voucher! Highest bid wins! Email your bid by 22 June to: almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com



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.maketime2play.co.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 6

Tuesday 22 June

Friday 25 June

Monday 28 June

New Reception 2021 parents meeting and tour

Year 6 visit to Barry Island

Year 1 phonics week

Year 2 Scooter training

New Reception children to stay for lunch

Mini Sports days for the children only

Year 6 school sleepover and BBQ

Friday 9 July

Monday 12 July

Monday 19 July

Reports to be sent home

Year 6 leavers and family celebration afternoon picnic and activities (details to follow)

Second hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday 20 July

Year 6 MAD activity day in school

Second hand Uniform Sale

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 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Wednesday 21 July 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