

28 June 2021

Dear Parents

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 37**

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

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	The Whole Class	
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Sonny Mayo	
Mr Dean	-	Lottie Lewis	Niamh Robinson
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Kalyani Chandrasseril	
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Jake Hartley	Alfie Jones
Mr Evens	-	Sophia Osborne	
Mr Garcia	-	Tianna-Lily Aylette-Steele	
Mrs Leonard	-	Hiteshree Zala	
Miss Hake	-	Jacob Little	
Mrs North	-	James Jermy	
Miss Wingett	-	Carolina Fudulu	

### **COVID UPDATE**

Unfortunately, we had a positive case from an adult who accompanied the children on the Year 6 trip to Barry Island last Friday, therefore all Year 6's are currently self-isolating at home and engaging in remote learning for the next week. The staff on the trip, including myself, are also self-isolating. Luckily this was on a Friday and we didn't have contact with anyone else so the rest of the school has not been affected. Cases locally are rising again, so we do need to be extra vigilant whilst on the school premises. Parents please ensure you are socially distancing whilst bringing your children to and collecting from school – waiting in the car park and playground. I would also like to remind you to keep wearing your masks while you are on the school site. Thank you for your co-operation in our efforts to keep everyone safe and healthy.

The Year 6's did have a great day at Barry Island being able to explore the beach, build amazing creative sandcastle structures and sculptures, enjoy a paddle in the sea, buy some Barry rock and eat chips and a side of their choice along with ice-cream for dessert. It was well worth seeing the children's joy of being able to go on a trip and venture outside the school gates. The children and the adults had a very good time. I think it has been summed up by one parent's comments after the trip and the subsequent news



***'School is so much more than pure academic learning and finding areas socially, pastorally and creatively where children can find their strengths has been more important than ever. I just wanted to tell you how much difference your approach has made from my perspective as a parent.***

***It is a shame that the children might now have to isolate for 10 days but these are events well outside of your control and in my mind the Barry Island trip was a risk very much worth taking. Thank you very much.'***

I would very much echo the sentiment in those words and hope that all parents can see that we need to continue to provide the wide range of variety of experiences to the children within the current circumstances and take a measured view as to risk mitigation.

## SPORTS DAYS

A reminder that the children will participate in their key stage mini sports days this week.

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

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.

## GROUNDS DAY

Many thanks to the PA for organising the Grounds Day and an even bigger thank you to all those parents (and children) who came along yesterday to provide much needed touch ups to various areas around the school grounds. The parents managed to repair the playhouse and sand pit in the Reception area, replace the planters at the front of the school, tidy up the vegetable patches, weeded and replant the borders around the school, replace the broken target boards in the KS2 playground, paint the bottom half of the gazebo, install a bug hotel and make an outdoor class area within the Forest Schools section of the field and much more. Thank you to Almondsbury Garden Centre who donated many different plants and resources for the day, Selco a local company who donated all of the gravel, paving stones, paint and wood which is brilliant, Tesco's and Morrisons for providing snacks for the workers. I would like to thank the organisers of the day Carly Little and Sophie Truscott. Without them it won't have been possible.

Before and after photos.



## YEAR 5 TO MOJO

The Year 5's had a fantastic morning at Mojo Active, following on from the other visits by Years 1 to 4 last term. Lots of co-operation, team work and competitive spirit were undertaken and shared with each other, as well as individual achievements in completing the tasks.



## MESSY CHURCH –

A reminder that there is Messy Church this Wednesday 30 June from 3.45 – 5.00pm in the Vicarage garden. Everyone is welcome to come along and participate in the activities of offer.



## 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.

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## 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

### RAFFLE DRAW

Thank you to all those parents who have bought and returned the raffle tickets so far. The raffle is the main source of income this term for the fundraising efforts of the PA and is instead of a Summer Fayre. Please have all tickets back to school by Thursday 1 July – see attached PDF for the long list of amazing prizes which have all been donated by local companies. The draw for the prizes of the raffle will be hosted on Friday 2 July at 5pm live from Mr Smith's self-isolation home. The zoom code for this will be sent out on Thursday for you to join in. As Mr Smith will not be able to collect the raffle tickets the draw will be pulled by a member of the PA. Please do join us.

### 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](http://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.**

Any help appreciated [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WA57Q7YFH4Y6?ref=wl\\_share](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.



### 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.sciencemuseum.org.uk/games-and-apps>

Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith  
Head Teacher

### LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Forms for residential to Paris	Year 5	Information and action

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**DATES 2020/21****TERM 6****Monday 28 June****Year 1 phonics week****Year 2 Scooter training****New Reception children to stay for lunch****Mini Sports days for the children only****Friday 9 July****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)****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**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 7 June 2021</b>	<b>Wednesday 21 July 2021</b>

**Term dates for 2021/22**

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