

5 July 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 38

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 for their remote learning
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	The Whole class of Year 5's
Mr Dean	-	Tyler Rew Emmie Pocock
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Eleanor Edgell Ria Church
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Ethan Hall Harry Tremlin
Mr Evens	-	Macy Cheung
Mr Garcia	-	Jessica Dedman Will Dawson
Mrs Leonard	-	The Whole class for their remote learning
Miss Hake	-	Poppy Ford Evalyn Benbow
Mrs North	-	Ronnie Young
Miss Wingett	-	Oli Vornicu

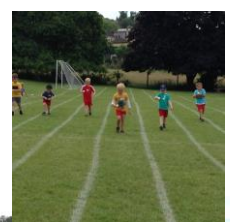
COVID UPDATE

Thankfully no more outbreaks or cases have been reported during the latter part of this week. We look forward to welcoming the Year 6 children and staff back to school tomorrow and the children in Mrs Leonard's class next Monday. They have had to get used to online learning once again and have been completing their English, mathematics and science projects. The Year 6's have been rehearsing for their end of year production – Pirates of the Currybean! We look forward to seeing this being recorded and presented virtually. Unfortunately, due to the restriction we are not able to have 'live' audiences.

SPORTS DAYS



What does the weather do we have our sports days planned? Of course it rains. Unfortunately, that meant the Year 1 and 2 had to postpone their races until next Monday and Year 5 will do theirs along with Year 6 this coming Thursday afternoon. Fingers crossed for the weather to hold up. However, Reception and Year 3 and 4



went ahead and had a great time running, jumping, navigating obstacles and generally having fun. We can't reveal the winners of the Sports Day trophies until all year groups have completed theirs, so will announce that next week.

Reception had a very hot and sweaty Sports Afternoon on Wednesday. They enjoyed the sense of competition and cheering for their houses. Everyone took part in all the races and Sun won!



Year 3&4 had a fantastic afternoon on Tuesday in our key phase sports day. The weather stayed dry and the children ran and cheered one another on with great team spirit. Everyone took part in all the races and really challenged themselves. The final results were -

4th place - Water - 43pts, 3rd place - Air - 57pts, 2nd place – Earth - 77pts, 1st place - Sun - 99pts



STAFFING AND CLASSES 2021/22

I am now in a position to be able to let parents know the staffing structure and class teachers as well as teaching assistant support for the next academic year. As you know, there are some changes that will be implemented throughout the coming year with myself becoming the Executive Headteacher at both Almondsbury and St Peter's, Pilning and Mr Baykaa-Murray being seconded to St Peter's for the next year. As a result of Mr Baykaa-Murray not being at school, we have appointed Mrs Katie Goode and Mr Tim Dean as Acting Deputy Headteacher's in a job share role for the year. We have had to make some new appointments due to Mrs Duffy and Mrs Long retiring as well. Here are the details.

Year group	Class teacher(s)	Teaching assistants	Specialist teaching assistants	Number in class
Reception 1	Miss Rebecca Wingett	Mrs Rachael Edwards Mrs Paula Vicary		22
Reception 2	Mrs Kate North	Mrs Beckie Jones Mrs Paula Vicary	Miss Katie Bennett	22
Year 1	Miss Sarah Hake	Mrs Sarah Brooks Mrs Rachael Greenland Mrs Michelle Bryant (one day)	Mrs Sandra McAulay, Mrs Lizzie Swann, Miss Carolyn Hill	
Year 1/ 2	Mrs Debbie Leonard		Mrs Vicki Laing	
Year 2	Mr Nick Garcia		Mrs Trudy Challis, Miss Michelle Richards	
Year 3	Mr Gavin Evens	Miss Sharon Ivory Mrs Christine James Mrs Michelle Bryant (one day)	Miss Anwen Thomas Mrs Sally Spicer	
Year 3 /4	Miss Caroline Moore and Mrs Jenny Williams			
Year 4	Miss Yasmin Ramli		Mrs Amanda Davis Jones, Miss	
Year 5	Miss Anna Abraham	Mrs Sarah Bailey Miss Elaine Jamieson Mrs Michelle Bryant (three days)		
Year 5/ 6	Mrs Katie Goode and Mr Tom Allen			
Year 6	Mr Tim Dean		Miss Karen Barker Mr Sam Evans	
SENCo	Mrs Samantha McDowall			
PPA cover	Miss Susan Winter (Year 5 and 6) Mrs Jenny Williams (Year 1 to 4 Music)	Mrs Paula Vicary (Reception to Year 4 Forest Schools) Mrs Christine James (Year 1 to 4 French)	Mr Harley Foley (Year 5 and 6 PE Sports Coach)	

I am sure that we will welcome those new members of staff warmly to the Almondsbury team and they enjoy their time teaching and working at our school. You will receive individual letter next week with your child's report as to which class they will be going into in the next academic year. As we have been advised not to mix bubbles inside we will now hold our usual transition time into the new classes on Tuesday 20 July, hopefully after the restrictions have been lifted.



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.

EU, EEA or Swiss nationals and their families

Following Brexit, the UK government launched the EU Settlement Scheme in 2019. EU, EEA or Swiss citizens and their families had to apply to the scheme by 30th June 2021 in order to secure rights to study, work and live in the UK, as well as accessing benefits and healthcare.

However, late applications will now be considered by the Home Office if there is a 'reasonable excuse' for delay. These can include applications on behalf of children and vulnerable adults. Children of EU nationals are required to make their own application and are not covered by their parent's status.

Local charity, Southern Brooks Community Partnerships, supported by South Gloucestershire Council, offers free support to local EU nationals with late applications. If you need support, contact us straightaway on euss@southernbrooks.org.uk or 07971 797 770.

PA NEWS

RAFFLE DRAW

Well done to those winners of the Summer Raffle organised by the PA. I hope you enjoy your prizes. Thank you to Amy Atherton for organising the raffle once again and to Caroline McCarthy for drawing the winning tickets in my absence of not being able to have the tickets physically with me. Winners will be contacted and prizes claimed from the school office. The raffle raised **£1064** towards the playground project funds. Thank you all once again for your continued support.

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.

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.



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



Best wishes

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LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
		Information and action

DATES 2020/21

TERM 6

Friday 9 July

Monday 12 July

Monday 19 July

Tuesday 20 July

Wednesday 21 July

Non-uniform day

Reports to be sent home

Second hand Uniform Sale

Year 6 MAD activity day in school

Second hand Uniform Sale

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