

6 September 2021

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 1

# Welcome back to school It's great to see you!

Welcome back to all parents and children. I do hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and been able to have some relaxation and recuperation and managed to get away either on a staycation or ventured further afield. Hopefully we will have a more stable and regular routine this term and into the future.

I would like to welcome all of the new children in Reception and new parents who will be joining us this week. I am sure you and your child will have seven wonderful years at Almondsbury. All of the staff look forward to getting to know your children as well as yourselves.

### COVID UPDATE

We are hopeful that this year we can return to some form of normality in school. As the rules changed on periods of isolation in August, we don't envisage many situations when this will be applied to us in school to whole classes. However, we do need to remain vigilant as cases are still above 30,000 per day. The updated guidance has been published by the DFE which states that any positive cases must still self-isolate. However, contacts of positive cases who are under 18 years old or are double vaccinated are not required to self-isolate.

**If your child begins to show signs or symptoms of COVID, then please book a test for them as soon as possible. Whilst waiting for the results of the test to be returned we would ask that you do not send your child into school. This will slow or halt the transmission of the virus.** As a school we have a responsibility for the general health and safety of all pupils and staff. Therefore, should there be a positive case within the school parents will receive a 'Warn and Inform' letter to let them know of the positive case within the class. It is then for parents to make decisions as to whether they would choose to arrange a PCR test for their child to rule out any worries in case of transmission. If there are more than 5 cases within a class or across the staff/school we will invoke our Outbreak Management Plan and isolate the children involved with either a return to class bubbles or alternative arrangements for teaching and learning. I have attached our updated whole school risk assessment and the Outbreak Management Plan for parents to read through and become familiar with. We will be following and using the guidance from the DFE. Here is the link if you wish to read it as well - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

The children will still be asked to maintain their hygiene such as hand washing and using 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it' campaign. I am sure that the classes would appreciate boxes of tissues donated by parents. Thank you in advance.



We also return to our regular start and end times of the school day. Children will be able to come into school from 8.45am when staff will be on duty in the playgrounds with the school day starting at 8.55am. We finish school at 3.30pm. It is such a long time since this was the case.

## **STAFFING**

We welcome Miss Anna Abraham who will be with us this year to teach Year 5. We also welcome Mrs Samantha McDowall as our new SENCo, who many of you met at the end of last term. We also welcome back Miss Chloe Fielding who is now working in Reception and Miss Anwen Thomas who is working in Reception and Year 4. I am sure they will enjoy their time at Almondsbury.



**Mrs Samantha McDowall**



**Miss Anwen Thomas**



**Miss Anna Abraham**



**Miss Chloe Fielding**

## **WRAPAROUND CARE**

During the summer holidays I informed parents of the sad passing of Donna McDonald who ran the Almondsbury After School and Breakfast clubs. As a school are doing everything we can to make alternative arrangements. However, long term solutions are to be put into place. These will take time due to the process we have to undertake and follow. I will be writing to parents separately this week to gauge the need for wraparound care as part of this process. Please look out for the letter and I would appreciate a prompt response. Thank you.

## **MEET THE TEACHER**

The annual Meet the Teacher sessions for you to meet and introduce yourself to your child's new class teacher are next week on Monday and Thursday. They start at 3.30pm until 4.00pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

Please let the office know if there have been any changes in your address or contact details to enable us to update our records, including mobile numbers and email addresses. Thank you.

## **NAME LABELS**

Please do ensure that you have labelled all of your children's jumpers, ties, shirts etc. It is very important that this is done as it is very difficult to return any lost property that is not labelled. Thank you.

## **PARKING AT THE BOWL INN**

Parents have an allocated time slot of 8.30-9.30am in the morning and 3-4pm in the afternoon to park in the Bowl Inn car park. If you are going to be in the car park for longer please pop into The Bowl and input your registration into the tablet.

## **WATER BOTTLES**

Children can bring a small plastic bottle of drinking water to school. This bottle should be clear (see through), with a sports top and named – and taken home each day. Bottles can be refilled in school during the day to ensure freshness of water and ensure the children have enough to drink.

## **LUNCH OPTIONS**

Please remember to select what your child will be having for lunch each day using the Parent Pay system (including if your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home). Selections can be made several weeks in advance. Log in details for Parent Pay for children joining the school this September will be issued by the office shortly.

## **TOAST**

This will be back at playtimes for KS2 from Monday 13 September. 10p per slice.

## **LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCIES**

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.

## **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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

## SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Thank you to all those who got involved in the Sunflower growing competition this summer and a huge thank you to Almondsbury Garden Centre for providing the supplies and prizes. We've had some fantastic entries.



The competition winners are;  
KS1 Sophia Day 335cm (not yet flowered and has 10 heads!)

KS2 Amir Arshad 305cm

Prizes will be delivered to the school from the Garden Centre this week. Thank you to everyone who got involved and helped the Parents Association raise money for the playground project

Best wishes

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

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

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
		Information and action
		Information and action

#### DATES 2021/22

##### TERM 1

**Monday 6 September**

**Start of term for Year 1 to 6**

**Home visits for Reception children joining us**

**Tuesday 7 September**

**Home visits for Reception children joining us**

**Wednesday 8 September**

**Reception children start today in school with Teddy's Bear Picnic**

**Monday 13 September**

**Meet the Teacher sessions from 3.30 – 4.00pm for Miss Hake, Mr**

**Garcia, Mr Evens, Mr Dean and Mrs Goode and Mr Allen's classes**

**Thursday 16 September**

**Meet the Teacher sessions from 3.30 – 4.00pm for Mrs Leonard,**

**Miss Moore and Mrs Williams, Miss Ramli and Miss Abraham's classes**

**Friday 17 September**

**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

**Monday 20 September**

**All Reception children in every morning and staying for lunch**

**Thursday 23 September**

**Reception Parents Reading and Phonics workshop in the Hall 9.15am**

**Friday 24 September**

**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

**Monday 27 September**

**Reception children start full time**

**Meet the Teacher sessions from 3.30 – 4.00pm Miss Wingett and Mrs North**

**Tuesday 28 September**

**Year 3 and 4 school cross country pm**

**Wednesday 29 September**

**Year 1 and 2 school cross country pm**

**Friday 1 October**

**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

**Year 5 and 6 school cross country pm**

**Tuesday 5 October**

**Reception Parents 'Funky Finger' workshop in the Hall 9.15am**

**Friday 8 October**

**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

**Wednesday 13 October**

**Reception Parents Mathematics workshop in Hall 2.30pm**

**Thursday 14 October**

**Harvest Festival in school pm**

**Friday 15 October**

**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

**Wednesday 20 October**

**Flu vaccinations for children all day in school**

**Friday 22 October**

**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

**End of Term 1**

##### TERM 2

Email address: [office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

**Monday 1 October**

**Friday 5 November**

**Tuesday 9 November**

**Friday 12 November**

**Start of Term 2**

**Book Week and Remembrance fortnight**

**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

**Individual children's and sibling photo's taken**

**Children In Need Day**

**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

**Thursday 18 November**

**Friday 19 November**

**Tuesday 23 November**

**Friday 26 November**

**Tuesday 14 December**

**Friday 17 December**

**Parents Evening 4.00- 7.00pm**

**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

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**Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm**

**Whole School Christmas lunch**

**End of Term 2**

**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 Friday 3 September 2021 Tuesday 4 January 2022 Friday 27 May 2022</b>	<b>Plus one other INSET Day to be confirmed</b>