

20 September 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 3

CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for the past week from their teachers.

Mr Dean	-	Freddie Rimmer
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Ellie Edgell
Miss Abraham	-	Jack Hartley
Miss Ramli	-	Frankie Young
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Isla Maynard
Mr Evens	-	Oscar Estcourt
Mr Garcia	-	T-Jay Williams
Mrs Leonard	-	Stephen Muxworthy Dyer
Miss Hake	-	Oli Vornicu

Reception classes will start to receive certificates when they start full time in school.

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE



LEAVERS 2021

It was lovely to see the Year 6 children from last academic year back at Almondsbury for their leaver's send off bus trip and party at the beginning of this term. They had a great afternoon and evening at Cattle Country as well. We wish them all the very best at their new schools.



It is with sadness that I report that Mr Roger McLean, the previous headteacher before myself, has sadly passed away at the age of 74. Roger was an active man and well regarded by all who knew him. Our thoughts and best wishes are with his wife, Avril, and his grandchildren at this time.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



Last Tuesday, Year 3 and 4 took part in a 'Times Tables Rockstars' Launch Day. The children dressed up as rock stars and they all took part in a number of activities, including designing their own rock star characters, times tables games and exploring the use of Times Tables Rockstars. Times Tables Rockstars is a fantastic app that can be used to support the recall of times tables facts. It is fun, interactive and

engages children to improve on the areas mentioned above. However, as a school, we want to maximize this potential. There will be monthly awards, class battles and house battles where children can gain house points. These will be added onto the house points tally and contribute towards the winning house at the end of each term. It is also helpful to prepare children for the Multiplication Check at the end of Year 4. The Multiplication Check determines whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.



WELLBEING FORTNIGHT

During Wellbeing fortnight, Year 1 and 2 read the lovely picture book, *The Sky Garden* by Linda Sarah and Fiona Lumbers. This story inspired the children to design and write about their own secret gardens, design and make kites to fly, sketch the school grounds, and consider how we can help to improve the school environment by putting litter in the bins and looking after all the equipment. We finished the fortnight with team building games and songs around the fire pit.



Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful first two weeks in school, taking part in activities based around the book 'The Promise'. These activities included a nature walk and writing poetry, building dioramas of cities, making marshmallow and spaghetti towers and creating postcards with our visions for the future. All of the children enjoyed our Wellbeing Fortnight, learning lots about how to care for our environment, and are looking forward to the rest of the year.



Year 5 and 6 have based their learning for well-being fortnight around *The Promise*. We went out for walks to explore the local area and created poetry inspired by our observations in nature. We have also created artwork linked to being outside. We have discussed how to effectively deal with worries and had a go at making our own worry dolls to help with this.



CLUBS

We now have a full list of the clubs that will be available for the Autumn term. The letters for the clubs being run by teachers, if after school will be sent out this week. If clubs run during lunchtime the children will be asked to sign up. We have struggled slightly with finding providers to run some of the clubs. We do have one provider who gave all of the children a taster session of Tag Rugby last week, which they all enjoyed. They will be started a football and rugby club very soon as well. Please look out for the links to this and the booking.

Term	KS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 and 2	2	Film Club Y3 to 6 Miss Ramli 27 Sept – 6 Dec 3.30 – 4.30	Time tables Rock Stars Yrs 3 and 4 Mr Evens 28 Sept – 7 Dec 12.45 – 1.15	Netball Yr 5 & 6 Valerie Williams 3.30 – 4.30 29 Sept – 8 Dec Cricket Yr 5 & 6 Dave Wallace 29 Sept – 8 Dec 3.30 – 4.30	Junior Yoga Yr 3 to Yr 4 Daisy Seaman 3.30 – 4.30 30 Sept – 9 Dec School Junior Choir Y5 to 6 Mrs Williams 30 Sept – 9 Dec 12.15 – 12.50	Chess Club Yr 3 to 6 Mr Dean 12.15 -12.45 1 Oct – 10 Dec Dance Club Yr 3 – 6 1 Oct – 10 Dec 3.30 – 4.30
	1&2	Gymnastics Club Yr1 to Yr4 Abbie Carvell 27 Sept – 6 Dec 3.30 – 4.20	Karate Club Yrs 1 to 6 Pierre 3.30 – 4.30 28 Sept – 7 Dec	Library Club All children 29 Sept – 8 Dec 12.45-1.20pm Karate Club Yrs 1 to 6 Pierre 3.30 – 4.30 29 Sept – 8 Dec		
	1	Numbots Club Mrs Leonard 27 Sept – 6 Dec 12.45 – 1.15pm				

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.

We are extremely short of lunchtime cover. We may require to have some parental volunteers until we can recruit. I hope it doesn't get to the stage that we have to request some children go home

for lunch as a last resort. Any help would be hugely appreciated.

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.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2022 INTAKE

We have the dates now confirmed for the school tours for new prospective parents for the intake in September 2022. It will be lovely to show new parents around after so long not being able to.

Monday 15 November 9.30am	Monday 15 November 11.00am
Thursday 18 November 1.30pm	Thursday 18 November 2.30pm
Tuesday 23 November 1.30pm	Tuesday 23 November 2.30pm
Friday 26 November 9.00am	Friday 26 November 11.00am

CHANGE IN END OF YEAR DATE

It is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and the country has been granted an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate this momentous achievement. The Bank Holiday falls in May half term and as a result the government have decided to give schools an extra day for this occasion. The local authority have decided that all schools will close a day early at the end of the summer term. Therefore, the new end of term date is now Thursday 21 July 2022.

PA NEWS

Within the Parents' Association we are planning a fun filled year of fundraising which will ensure we can continue to support the School. Our fundraising goal is to raise enough to transform the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. If you would like to donate directly please click here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/almondsburyplayground>

Secondhand uniform, wow day clothes and bottle buddies can all be purchased via our PA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?even>

Please do get in touch if you like to volunteer to support the PA. We can only fundraise for the school when parents support us and offer to help or lead on events/ initiatives- if you can give some time, please speak to Caroline, Amy, Nat or Carly or email: almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Remember to buy your lottery tickets to support us to raise funds for the school playground project. Tickets only cost £1 and you get the chance of winning £25,000! There is also the usual smaller weekly pots to win. Anyone can enter so please share with your family and friends. Get signed up for your lottery tickets now!! Go to www.onelottery.co.uk and search for "Almondsbury School".



FOREST SCHOOLS

We are working on the plans for the new Forest School. The grant from Morrison's Community Fund will go towards the main structure.

If you would like to support this project, we would really appreciate help with:

- 1- Professional services to help dig out a fire pit.
- 2- Learning resources. Items available on from our wishlist

If the delivery address doesn't work, please deliver to your home and bring any donations into school. We also welcome purchases from

businesses and if you have any good condition pre loved items at home.

Thank you for your help, From the Parents Association Fundraising Team. https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WA57Q7YFH4Y6?ref=wl_share

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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 20 September

Thursday 23 September

Friday 24 September

Monday 27 September

Tuesday 28 September

Wednesday 29 September

Friday 1 October

Tuesday 5 October

Friday 8 October

Wednesday 13 October

Thursday 14 October

Friday 15 October

Wednesday 20 October

Friday 22 October

All Reception children in every morning and staying for lunch
Reception Parents Reading and Phonics workshop in the Hall 9.15am
Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm
Reception children start full time
Meet the Teacher sessions from 3.30 – 4.00pm Miss Wingett and Mrs North
Year 3 and 4 school cross country pm
Year 1 and 2 school cross country pm
Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm
Year 5 and 6 school cross country pm
Reception Parents 'Funky Finger' workshop in the Hall 9.15am
Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm
Reception Parents Mathematics workshop in Hall 2.30pm
Harvest Festival in school pm
Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm
Flu vaccinations for children all day in school
Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm
End of Term 1

TERM 2

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

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	Thursday 21 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