

27 September 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 4

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Evie North
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Rishik Chilukuri
Miss Abraham	-	Samuel Atherton
Miss Ramli	-	Lexie-Leigh Dunn
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Corey Lillis
Mr Evens	-	Arjan Voual
Mr Garcia	-	Daniel Evans
Mrs Leonard	-	Poppy Ford
Miss Hake	-	Elaya Merlino-Thompson

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

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

The children have been working hard over the past three weeks, which have flown by. We are trying to maintain the healthiness of the children to keep the attendance levels up high and the children in school learning. The attendance figure for the past three weeks stands at 97.3% - so let's keep that up.

WOW DAYS



On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 took part in a fun packed WOW Day based on their new topic 'Day of the Dinos'. The children came into school dressed as dinosaurs, palaeontologists and researchers and participated in a number of activities. These included making their own fossils using salt dough, using instruments to create sound effects from Jurassic Park and measuring and comparing the size of different dinosaurs using metre sticks and chalk on the playground. We found out that the height of a Brachiosaurus is the same as twenty Year 3 and 4 children! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and we look forward to discovering more about the Dinosaurs in the future.



CROSS COUNTRY

We have our School Cross Country championships this week. The children will need to come to school on this day in their PE kits if it is not their usual PE day.

Years 1 and 2: Monday 27 September (changed from original date)

Years 3 and 4: Tuesday 28 September

Years 5 and 6: Friday 1 October

PARKING

This is the usual plea for all parents to please park sensibly and safely for the good of all the children. These are difficult times and the parking issue should not be adding to them. Therefore, I am asking every single parent to really think carefully about where and how you park your car. Be considerate of others and be aware of the time you need to be at school so plan ahead and ensure you leave yourself plenty of time to park

safely to drop off and collect your children. Thank you in advance.

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>

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.

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

PA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the outdoor uniform, book and cake sale on Friday. The PA raised £280 in the 20 minutes the sale was open for, which is excellent. There is plenty secondhand uniform in stock and it is much more environmental friendly to purchase this. Please see details below on how to obtain the uniform if you weren't able to get to the sale on Friday.

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>

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. Don't forget we have our AGM on Thursday 7 October at 7.30pm.

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".

Uniform

Alongside raising money for the school, our uniform sales are a fantastic way of recycling. On Friday alone we recycled more than 100 items. Outside of playground sales, uniform can be purchased via the Parents Association website

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/index.cfm?event=login¬LoggedIn=true&success=event-products&eventId=34647&productAdded=true#.YU4r5SV4WEc> Sizes range from 2 years to 13 years.

If you have any items to donate, please leave them in the blue box in reception. We only accepted good condition, stain and rip free items which can be worn again.

Amazon Wishlist

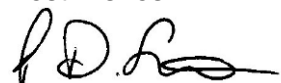
Thank you to everyone who has bought items so far from the Amazon Wishlist for the new Forest School area. We are looking forward to bringing the plans together for the children to enjoy more experiences. If you can help, please take a look at the Wishlist, items start from £2

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WA57Q7YFH4Y6?ref_=wl_share

Christmas cards

I know!!!! Christmas cards design packs have been delivered to school. Parents will get them by the 8th of October for orders by the 15th. Order will be returned by the 3rd December at the latest. If you would like a design pack for siblings or own design. Get in touch with the PA.

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
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DATES 2021/22

TERM 1

Monday 27 September

Reception children start full time
Year 1 and 2 school cross country pm
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

Friday 1 October

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

Tuesday 5 October

Year 5 and 6 school cross country pm

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

Wednesday 6 October

Year 1 and 2 visit to SS Great Britain

Thursday 7 October

PA AGM and meeting 7.30 virtually

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 (now postponed due to 12-15 Covid vaccination roll out)

Friday 22 October

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

End of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday 1 October

Start of Term 2

Friday 5 November

Book Week and Remembrance fortnight

Tuesday 9 November

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

Friday 12 November

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

Parents Evening 4.00- 7.00pm

Friday 19 November

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

Tuesday 23 November

Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm

Friday 26 November

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

Tuesday 14 December

Whole School Christmas lunch

Friday 17 December

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

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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 18 February 2022 Friday 27 May 2022	