

4 October 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 5

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Will Gibbin
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Malackai Luckett
Miss Abraham	-	Poppy I'Anson
Miss Ramli	-	Sebastian Timmins
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Will Dawson
Mr Evens	-	Lenny Polak
Mr Garcia	-	Effie Macleod
Mrs Leonard	-	Annabelle Street
Miss Hake	-	Hunter Dawson
Mrs North	-	Brooks Parratt
Miss Wingett	-	Arya Bohra

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival, which is next Thursday 14 October, in the afternoon. We will be having the sheaf loaf and cobs provided by Olveston Bakery for the children to share after the service. It will be good to be altogether for the Harvest after being virtual last year. Once again this year we have decided to aid a charity that is close to us. We will be asking you to provide tinned or packet goods that can be used by Food Banks namely the Five Loaves and Two Fishes charity of St Paul's in Bristol. Please send a donation in with your child on the Tuesday morning. Many thanks in advance.

CROSS COUNTRY

The children enjoyed participating in the school cross country championships running extremely well around the track. The children dodged in and out of the showers but persevered. Well done to these children who won their respective year group races. The children were presented with certificates for the top three boys and girls in each year group.

Year group	Boys	Girls
Year 1	Freddie Davies	Elaya Merlino-Thompson
Year 2	Finley Stewart	Lois Day
Year 3	Casper Male	Naimah Odunuga
Year 4	Shay Drewitt	Isla Drewitt
Year 5	Jaspa Wilkinson	Ria Jones
Year 6	Freddie Rimmer	Georgia Begbey



REAL PE PERSONAL CHALLENGES

Keeping ourselves fit and healthy and having fun!

Today your child will be bringing home a letter with an individual log in. With this, you and your children will be able to access and use the REALPE HOME LEARNING website called JASMINE ACTIVE.

This online programme is designed to support the children in their physical literacy, in line with the PE lessons they are learning in school each term.



The activities and games are created to develop agility, balance and coordination in an inclusive, progressive and thoroughly enjoyable way. All the fundamental skills they will need to participate successfully in lifelong sport and activity, keeping them fit and healthy both physically and mentally.



The programme engages children and families in fun games, songs and activities. However, the main focus of the programme is to develop personal skills to create young people who are determined, resilient, creative, problem solvers and good winners and losers!

It would be great if you could log on EVERY WEEK with your children and GET INVOLVED in being active and having FUN! The children will love seeing you trying the

challenges too!

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Personal skills	Social skills	Cognitive skills	Creative skills	Physical skills	Health & Fitness

Any PHOTOS of you and your family taking part would be very welcome. Please email them to your class teacher. We would love to SHARE them on the WEBSITE and in the NEWSLETTERS so that we can inspire our community to be the best that they can be!

ZOOM/ MEETING WITH MR SMITH

I would like to invite any parents who would like to join me to discuss how the term is going and other aspects of the school. This will be on Friday 15 October at 2.45pm. If you have any questions please do send them in prior to the meeting so I am able to give full answers. The Zoom code will be sent via text on Friday morning for you to be able to join.



DONATED DEFIBRILLATOR

We have received a school defibrillator as a donation for the safety of the children and the local community. I would like to thank the Suez Company and one of our parents Erika Menus, for nominating the school to receive one of the defibrillator. This will be positioned in the main entrance so that it is readily available should the need arise.

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 11.00am
Thursday 18 November 1.30pm	Thursday 18 November 2.30pm
	Tuesday 23 November 2.30pm
	Friday 26 November 11.00am

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2022

If you have a child in Year 6 a reminder that the admissions portal is open and will close for submissions on 31 October 2021 to allow you to choose a secondary school place.

If you have a child aged 4 by 31 August 2022 you will need to apply for a primary school place by 14 January 2022. The admissions portal is now open for applications. We will be holding both virtual and very small group visits to school during November and December. More details to follow.

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

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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



Children's Christmas Cards designs will be sent home by the end of the week. Orders need to be placed online by the 15th of October to ensure cards printed and returned to school by the 3rd December at the latest. I agree toons are provided on the back of your child's design. If you would like a design pack for siblings or own design. Get in touch with the PA Almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com

Ordered placed will help to raise funds for the Playground Project.

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/education/highlights/sections/primary>

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

Tuesday 5 October

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

Wednesday 6 October

Year 1 and 2 visit to SS Great Britain

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Thursday 7 October PA AGM and meeting 7.30 in the staffroom
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
 Informal meeting with Mr Smith either in person or zoom 2.45pm
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
 Book Week and Remembrance fortnight
Friday 5 November Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 9 November Individual children's and sibling photo's taken
Friday 12 November 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
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	