

11 October 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 6

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Jake Hartley
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Joshua Newman
Miss Abraham	-	Jai Rajayogeswaran
Miss Ramli	-	Gianni Armstrong
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Verity Tuck
Mr Evens	-	Tianna-Lily Aylett-Steele
Mr Garcia	-	Tommy-Sol Schwarz
Mrs Leonard	-	Isabella Tyson
Miss Hake	-	Jenson Bennett
Mrs North	-	Jake Nelson
Miss Wingett	-	Seun Olaniyi

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival, which is this 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 Thursday morning. Many thanks in advance.



LIBRARY



We are thrilled to announce that our library will be reopening during Book Week after half term. We are so looking forward to getting the children back in the library and giving them opportunities to select and borrow books again. We promote a real love of reading at Almondsbury and the library sits at the heart of this.

The library will be open again on Wednesday afternoons and supervised by our Year 6 Reading Ambassadors and teachers. We also hope to open after school again but this will only be possible with some support from you. As you may have been aware, we used to have three parent library volunteers who would come into school once a week from 3:30 - 4:00 to allow the children to borrow books. If you think you might be able to give up half an hour of your time once a week (perhaps when your child is at a club?) then please do get in touch with the office or a member of the English Team: Mrs North, Miss Hake, Mrs Goode or Mr Allen. Many thanks in advance.

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.

PARENTS EVENING CONSULTATION

Thank you to the 145 parents who have responded to the Parent Evening consultation over the past few days. The survey will close this Wednesday so please make sure you have had your say. If you haven't completed this simple one question survey please follow the link : <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JU5rfCLisEqTVLApi5DMR7UHzyXABIgoXyZbj2TNXxUQ0xPSTU1R05ISUNOMDhKVEVFNTJTTVdaSy4u>

PARKING

I would like to draw your attention to the parking around and outside school once again. I know that parking is a contentious issue and always has been, not just at our school but at schools up and down the country. However, please remember to park safely and sensibly. Also remember to be courteous to each other as we are all looking out for what is best for the safety of all of our children in school. I just need to update parents regarding the use of the bus stop for drop offs. Please also do not pull into the school gates. This should not be an option. You are more than welcome to park at The Bowl from 8.30 – 9.00am or the garden centre for a little longer. Thank you for your co-operation and think about the safety of all the children in school.

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.

Tuesday 23 November 1.30pm
Tuesday 23 November 2.30pm

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

15th October: Playground Sale

3rd December: Non uniform Day and Christmas Movie Night

14th December : Reindeer Run plus stalls (more info to follow)

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas card designs have been sent home. Orders should be placed online and sheets returned to the office or teacher by the 15th of October, <https://www.icardsonline.co.uk/dmz/login>

If you need a spare design sheet, please ask at reception. Ordered placed will help to raise funds for the Playground Project.

DONATIONS

We are welcoming good condition book donations and costumes ahead of the Playground Sale on Friday. If you have any donations, please leave them in reception.

THE SPOOKY TRAIL RETURNS IN 2021

Spooky Trail Maps will be available from <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/> this week for a donation of £5 which will go towards the playground improvements.

The Spooky Trail takes place between 29th - 31st October, and is based around Lower Almondsbury featuring a number of ghostly ghettos... with some additional 'bonus' haunted houses thrown in too!

As in 2020, this is not a trick or treaty activity - simply a walk to find the decorated spooky houses. Enjoy!

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.

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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

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:

<https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/>

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

Wednesday 13 October

Thursday 14 October

Friday 15 October

Reception Parents Mathematics workshop in Hall 2.30pm

Harvest Festival in school pm

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	

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