

18 October 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 7

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Neve White
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Leah-Brooke Detheridge
Miss Abraham	-	Millie Farler
Miss Ramli	-	Hana Rozpedowska
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Isla Drewitt
Mr Evens	-	Dougie Layson
Mr Garcia	-	Isabella Suggitt
Mrs Leonard	-	Eva Street
Miss Hake	-	Eva Lazz-Onyenobi Mia Lazz-Onyenobi
Mrs North	-	Edward Wilkosz
Miss Wingett	-	Tia Lillis

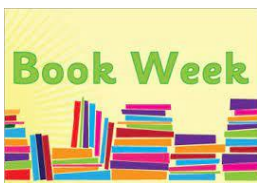
GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE



The Harvest Festival display on Thursday looked so abundant and colourful with the donations and the Harvest bread as well as the foliage that accompanied the display. It was a shame to dismantle it to send to the foodbank at the Five Loaves and Two Fishes charity of St Paul's in Bristol, who were extremely grateful for the donated goods. Thank you so much for your contributions that made it possible.



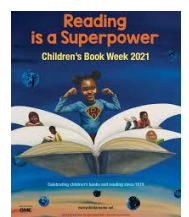
BOOK WEEK



We are very much looking forward to Book Week which begins on 1 November. You will have received a letter outlining the wealth of activities that are on offer for the children over the course of the week. There are a few days that need your attention and I will remind you of now.

- The Book Fair will be running after school from 3.30 – 4.00pm every day from Monday to Friday that week. This will take place in the library area of school.
- Tuesday 2 November from 8.15am is the Reading Breakfast in the Library with free toast and drinks for the children and their parents.
- Tuesday 2 November children to bring in their old books to swap for new ones. These will be collected from your child's classrooms in readiness for the swap on Thursday 4 November
- Wednesday 3 November at 6.00pm Book at Bedtime returns with hot chocolate, biscuits and a child free visit to the Book Fair if you would like.
- Friday 5 November – Book Week costume dress up day of a book character of your child's choice.

We are also linking the books and poetry the children will be learning about and reading to the following week's learning theme of Remembrance.



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.

PARENTS EVENING CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Parents Evenings. The verdict was practically 50/50 for both online and face to face meetings. Therefore we are going to operate both. The first day Thursday 18 November will be face to face and Tuesday 23 November will be held online via Zoom. You will receive an email to book your time slots online for both sessions. The Zoom code for each class for the Tuesday evening will be sent out on the Monday by the class teachers. There will only be a certain number of slots for each day, so make sure if you wanted either option to book early.

DOGS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

I am pleased to see the number of parents and children walking to school with their dogs. However, not all children or parents like to have contact with dogs. Please make sure that you are keeping a tight control over your dog when around lots of other children and adults for safeguarding of everyone. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2022 INTAKE

We have the following dates available 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. We now only have available slots on these days and times.

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:

3rd December: Non uniform Day and Christmas Movie Night

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

PLAYGROUND SALE

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Playground Sale on Friday. We sold out of cakes and the fidget sale was very popular. We raised £115 for the playground project. Thank you to the Year 4 Entrepreneurs, who did a fantastic job selling the fidgets.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Card campaign. We had some beautiful designs and 134 orders which helped raise £242.50 for the Playground Project.

THE SPOOKY TRAIL RETURNS IN 2021

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

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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 treat 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

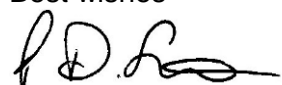
AMAZON WISHLIST

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.twinkl.co.uk/blog/top-10-half-term-activities-for-kids>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Book Week	All Year Groups	Information and action
		Information and action

DATES 2021/22

TERM 1

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

Monday 15 November

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

Thursday 18 November

New Parents tours 9.30am and 11.00am

New Parents tours 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Parents Evening 4.00- 7.00pm

Friday 19 November

Children In Need Day

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

Tuesday 23 November

New Parents tours 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm

Friday 26 November

New Parents tours 9.30am and 11.00am

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

Friday 3 December

Non Uniform day and Movie Night 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wednesday 8 December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.00pm

Thursday 9 December

Reception Christmas performance 2.30pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm

Friday 10 December

Reception and KS1 Christmas party

5.00pm raffle draw for Coloured hampers on Zoon

Tuesday 14 December

Whole School Christmas lunch

From 3.00pm Reindeer run and stalls

Wednesday 15 December

Year 3 and 4 Christmas party

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Thursday 16 December
Friday 17 December

Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church
Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
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	