

1 November 2021

Dear Parents

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 8**

### **LETTERS OF COMMENDATION**

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

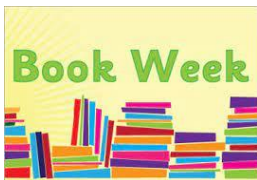
Mr Dean	-	Neve White	Remi Jeremy
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Josh Newman	Leah Brooke Detheridge
Miss Abraham	-	Andre Daley	Abigail Sander
Miss Ramli	-	Sophie Board	Frankie Young
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Laith Amin	Ruhee Babariya
Mr Evens	-	Amber Illingworth	Logan Scott
Mr Garcia	-	Zachary Taylor	Effie Macleod
Mrs Leonard	-	Bella Scott	Logan Cox
Miss Hake	-	Maverick Haynes	Rio Rosling
Mrs North	-	Marnie Rea	Evie Rea
Miss Wingett	-	Ronnie Rae Butler	Lotte Abola

### **GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE**

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break with the children (those of you who were able to get some time as a family). As you know there has been a continual rise in cases of Covid-19 nationally and locally. We ourselves have had spates of positive cases amongst the children in a couple of year groups.

We continue to take the children's health and hygiene very seriously with regular handwashing, ventilation in classrooms and restricting the number of children coming together for lunch in the hall at once. However, if cases still continue to rise and we receive more than 5 positive cases within a class then we will have to consider returning to class bubbles. We may well also return to mask wearing when in school and around the school site. Depending on the number of cases we may have to move all of the Parents Evenings online. We will inform you if we need to make this change. Please do be vigilant and make sure your family unit remains safe and well.

### **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. Unfortunately, we have postponed the Reading Breakfast for the time being due to the rise in cases.

The Book Fair will be running after school from 3.30 – 4.00pm every day from Monday to Friday this week. This will take place in the library area of school and KS2 corridor. Please note that due to the rising cases we have limited the number of people attending at once. Therefore, key phases have specific days of this week to attend.

Monday - Years 5 and 6

Tuesday – Years 1 and 2

Wednesday – Year 3 and 4

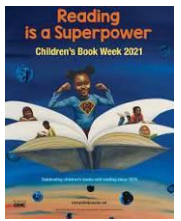
Thursday - Reception

Friday – anyone who has not been able to come on their allotted day.

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- 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 next week's learning theme of Remembrance.



### YEAR 1 AND 2 WOW DAY

Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful day as they travelled back in time to 1831 for their Brunel inspired, Victorian WOW day. The children participated in 3 activities; they became budding Brunel engineers, designing and building suspension bridges in groups. The children experienced a Victorian Classroom, writing with chalk and chanting the times tables. They played playground games from Victorian era: hoop and stick, marbles in the ring, quoits, cup and ball and the parlour game 'Pass the Slipper'. All the children enjoyed the day and look



forward to learning more about how Bristol has changed over time.



### RECEPTION AUTUMN DAY



On Thursday 21st October Reception took part in an 'Autumn day'. They began by following clues around the field to find Leafman, who had gone missing! They were very excited when they finally found him in the vegetable patch! The children then had great fun getting muddy, digging up the carrots, potatoes and pumpkins.

Once back inside, the children listened to the 'Pumpkin Soup' story and learnt how to safely use peelers and knives to prepare the vegetables to make their own vegetable soup.

During the day the children sang song around the fire pit and also used clay and twigs to make their own clay hedgehogs.

In the afternoon, the children enjoyed tasting their homemade soup, which warmed us all up after a chilly but fun Autumn day!



### ATTENDANCE

The current attendance for the whole school for the end of Term 1 was 95.6%. Our overall attendance has been effected by the prevalence of children awaiting PCR tests or being in isolation after a positive test result. The attendance has also been effected by the numerous cold and flu like viruses that have been spreading around as well as the other viruses that have reared up recently. I think we were all cocooned for so long the immune systems have been reduced. Hopefully, these will now be out of the way and the children remain fit and healthy. Please make sure that if your child is unwell either with Covid like symptoms or other general illnesses that you isolate them and check with LFD or PCR tests.

Attendance codes have also changed this year for those effected by Covid. If you are self-isolating awaiting a test result then this will show on the registration certificate as an X. If then the result is positive this would change to the I code (for illness).

When the children are in school please ensure that they are here on time and ready to learn.

Thank you for your continued support.

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## POPPY SALES AND MERCHANDISE

We do have poppies for sale in school and associated merchandise (see the image below). These will be on sale at the end of the day at the front of the school for parents and children to buy. There are suggested prices for the merchandise and a suggestion of 20p for a poppy (or more if you would like to donate more). Although there won't be the usual services up and down the country with different uniformed groups we will still be completing activities next Wednesday to mark the day.



## 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)

**REMINDER - Rags2riches collection Monday 8th November. Please bring your bags into school by 9am on the day. The bags can be left by the school entrance under the foyer cover for collection.**



### Spooky Trail

Thanks to everyone who purchased maps, and to all the houses who took part in the trail. It was super spooky, and we raised £145.

### Looking towards Christmas

We're hoping to do a Christmas themed movie night as well as the Colour Hamper Raffle.

Normally we'd be planning for the Christmas Fayre, but we're shaking things up this year in favour of an outdoor event. The Reindeer Run will take place from 3pm on Tuesday 14th December. Each child will be given some festive reindeer antlers to decorate in school during the day, and then will do a lap of the field in their antlers. We'll ask the children to gain sponsorship, but to take part, this event is free. We're hoping to do some stalls too to get into the Christmas spirit such as cakes, parents gift shop, lucky dip and hot chocolate. This is all weather and covid restrictions permitting, so watch this space!

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](mailto: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](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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1/>

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 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****Swimming for Miss Ramli's class starts 12.30 – 1.30pm****Monday 15 November****New Parents tours 9.30am and 11.00am****Thursday 18 November****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 Zoom****Tuesday 14 December****Whole School Christmas lunch****From 3.00pm Reindeer run and stalls****Wednesday 15 December****Year 3 and 4 Christmas party****Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church****Thursday 16 December****Year 5 and 6 Christmas party****Friday 17 December****End of Term 2****Term dates for 2021/22**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Thursday 2 September 2021</b>	<b>Friday 22 October 2021</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 1 November 2021</b>	<b>Friday 17 December 2021</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Tuesday 4 January 2022</b>	<b>Friday 18 February 2022</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 28 February 2022</b>	<b>Friday 8 April 2022</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Monday 25 April 2022</b>	<b>Friday 27 May 2022</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 6 June 2022</b>	<b>Thursday 21 July 2022</b>
<b>INSET DAYS confirmed</b>	<b>Thursday 2 September 2021</b> <b>Friday 3 September 2021</b> <b>Tuesday 4 January 2022</b> <b>Friday 18 February 2022</b> <b>Friday 27 May 2022</b>	