

15 November 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 10

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Jack Baker
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Elijah Reynolds
Miss Abraham	-	Shane Ramsden
Miss Ramli	-	Jaida-Paige Waterhouse
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Ava-Marie Pearce
Mr Evens	-	Tia Belcher
Mr Garcia	-	Charlotte Wing-Li
Mrs Leonard	-	Braylee Bourton
Miss Hake	-	Harrison Sander
Mrs North	-	Myles Fox Allen
Miss Wingett	-	Alvin Ho-Li

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

Thankfully, the number of positive Covid cases in the school has been dropping. However, we still need to be vigilant and maintain good hygiene and keep distances if possible. We are hopeful that all will be well to perform the Christmas plays and carol service live. However, should things deteriorate then we will record the performance and post them online. We are mindful of how full the hall gets for these so we are looking to add an extra performance for parents in the form of the dress rehearsals. More details will follow.

We received a phone call from a resident from the village last week. This person was quite worried by the number of children that were playing on the bank opposite the village shop and The Bowl and then running or jumping out into the road, whilst they were driving past. When you are walking home or to your cars please be mindful of what the children are doing as we would not want to have a child injured or anything worse. Let's keep the children safe from harm.

CURRICULUM EXPERIENCE DAYS

Due to the themes of the topics in Key Stage 2 this term it has been difficult to find venue to visit to have first-hand exploration, therefore we invited different people into school to bring the topics to life for us.

Year 3 and 4 Day of the Dinosaurs

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic dinosaur experience day. We turned into palaeontologists for the morning and spent our time uncovering dinosaur fossils using specialist tools. We even had the opportunity to uncover the skull of an allosaurus, which we learnt was the true king of the dinosaurs. In the afternoon, we were visited by two baby dinosaurs who had just hatched. We then received a very special visit from Sophie the T-Rex. We all got a chance to stroke her and have our picture taken with her. Luckily, she had just had lunch so we managed to leave with all fingers and hands intact! We had such an exciting day and can't wait to learn more about dinosaurs during our Topic lessons.



Year 5 and 6 Greek day

Year 5 and 6 welcomed 'Portals to the Past' into school for a fascinating and fun-filled ancient Greek day! The children learned about the formation of ancient Greek society and the battles that were part of it. They took part in workshops to gather information, play an ancient Greek game (Petteia) and solve ancient Greek mathematical puzzles. It was a fantastic day and the children, as always, showed great enthusiasm.



REMEMBRANCE WEEK



It was a privilege to represent the school at the village Remembrance Service after a hiatus. As usual, some of the children came along in their uniforms to lay the poppy wreaths. The children in Reception classes went to the War Memorial last Friday as well to investigate this and lay some poppies.



PARENTS EVENINGS

Thank you to those who have managed to book onto the website their time slots for Parents Evenings. The opportunity to book ends today. If you have not managed to book for a variety of reasons then please contact the office as Tracey or Carlene will be able to book your time slot for you. The online meetings will be via Zoom and the class teachers will provide the codes and passwords via the text messaging service.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Also at the end of this week Children in Need takes place. Once again we will be participating in collecting money for the Children in Need charity. This year the School Parliament have decided that our school participation will be all the children coming into school in their pyjama's. The children can also wear their dressing gowns to help them stay warmer. The suggested donation is as usual a £1 coin to be brought into school on Friday for the collection. Thank you in advance for your support.



MESSAGES FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH



Next Wednesday 24 November from 3.30pm Messy Church is being held. Please do go along and join in the fun.

On Sunday 28 November at 10am in St Mary's there is a Toy and Gift Service. If you would like to donate a toy for a child in need please do go along. If you are not able to attend the service in person please bring your donations to school and we will make sure they are at the service. Thank you in advance.

PA NEWS – PLEASE ALSO SEE SEPARATE EMAIL TODAY FOR MORE NEWS.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

3rd December: Non uniform Day and Christmas Movie Night

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

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

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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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/index.shtml>

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 2

Monday 15 November	Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying week
	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 – PJ's and dressing gowns
	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
Sunday 28 November	Toy and Gift Service 10am in St Mary's Church
Friday 3 December	Non Uniform day and Movie Night 6.00pm – 8.00pm
	Almondsbury Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church from 2.30pm until Wednesday 8 December at 6.00pm
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	

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	