

22 November 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 11

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Nathan Laing
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Lottie Lewis
Miss Abraham	-	Oliver Mancey
Miss Ramli	-	Olivia Beard
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Clara Harrex
Mr Evens	-	Evelyn Kalceva
Mr Garcia	-	Zachary Taylor
Mrs Leonard	-	Libby Bendall
Miss Hake	-	Carolina Fudulu
Mrs North	-	Jayden Norman
Miss Wingett	-	Florian Harris

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

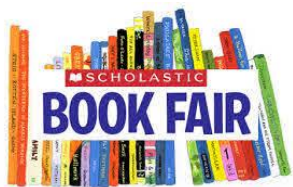
The numbers of cases in the school are rising again. We have reached a threshold in our Year 1 class of 6 adults or children all testing positive in a 10 day period. Therefore, we have taken the decision to go back to virtual worships and key phase separate lunchtimes in the Hall. We have ensured the ventilation and the hygiene of the children is being carried out meticulously. Please do make sure that you are doing all you can to minimise wide contact outside of school to help keep your families and all in school safe and well. As I said last week we still hope to perform our Christmas performances live to parents with additional dates to be added to the calendar for these, to spread out the number of parents in school at any one time. However, we will make a decision next week as to whether we can do this live or whether it will be recorded via Zoom. The Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight is now going to take place outside at school. This is because of the number of people we would be able to have in church safely. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can carry on as we normally would with the service. Letters will be sent out soon with all the details of performances and bookings.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Children in Need charity. The children thoroughly enjoyed coming into school wearing their PJ's and dressing gowns. The children also engaged in Joe Wicks Children in Need workout on the day as well. We collected a grand total of £275.70 for the charity. Thank you for your support.

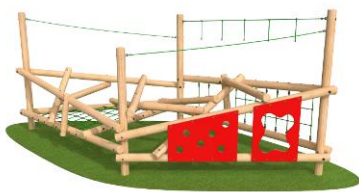


BOOK FAIR



Many thanks to all those parents who bought or ordered books from the scaled down Book Fair during Book Week. We sold £460 worth of books, which is great considering parents weren't able to visit to see the books alongside their children. As a result, as a school we gained £184 in commission. This will be spent on buying books for the classes to increase the numbers we can send home, especially during this time.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE



The School Parliament have been discussing the proposals for the new playground equipment. The children have been very excited about the proposed plans and have had a hard time choosing their favourite. They are all so good and appealing.



We are very excited that once the final design has been chosen the installation could be as early as the Easter holidays so we can all play on the new structures. It will be good to have this completed so that the current year 6's are able to benefit from this as well.



MESSAGES FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH



This 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 –

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Elf Christmas shop, Christmas Jumpers and Letters from Santa** - open until the end of term
- **Non Uniform Day** - 3 December
- **Christmas Movie Night**- 3 December 6-8pm
- **Colour hamper raffle** - donations in by 3 December
- **Colour hamper raffle**- tickets in by 9 December
- **Colour hamper raffle Draw** - 10 December at 5pm via zoom
- **Reindeer Run**- Tuesday 14 December

Christmas PA Fundraising and Events

Christmas Movie Night - Movie Night Returns on 3rd December 2021 - 6-8pm. **SOLD OUT**. No admissions on the night without a prebooked ticket.

Reindeer Run - please find attached more information and a donation form.

Christmas **COLOUR** Hamper Raffle

Once again, we will be going ahead with this fantastic fundraiser this year, the draw will be live on zoom on Friday 10th December at 5pm (zoom details to follow nearer the time).

As a reminder, and information for our new parents, we raffle hampers created by donations brought in by your children, as a class, each with a different colour theme. Please see below the colour assigned to your child(ren)'s class(es).

We are asking each child to bring a SMALL donation into school of that colour, it can be food (but must have an expiry of after February 2022), toiletries, gifts, small games, stationery, bottles of drinks, whatever you like. If you haven't got an item of that colour you can simply wrap your donation in coloured paper.

CLASS	COLOURS
Miss Wingett	SILVER
Mrs North	PURPLE
Miss Hake	YELLOW
Mrs Leonard	ORANGE
Mr Garcia	GREEN
Mr Evens	PINK
Miss Moore/Mrs Williams	RED
Miss Ramli	WHITE
Miss Abraham	GOLD
Mrs Goode/Mr Allen	BLUE
Mr Dean	BROWN



Reindeer Run - planning is underway for our first Reindeer Run on Tuesday 14 Dec from 3pm - 4-15, so save the date now! The children will each receive a pair of reindeer antlers to decorate at school, then will run around the playground. We'll ask the children to raise sponsorship, but this event is free to take part in. Thank you to Sword Dynamic Services for kindly donating the antlers for this event.

You will have received an email with lots of information and events links last week from the PA. Please do take up on the opportunities.

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: <http://www.kidsgames4free.com/>

Best wishes

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LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
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DATES 2021/22

TERM 2

Tuesday 23 November	New Parents tours 1.30pm and 2.30pm Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Wednesday 24 November	Messy Church at St Mary’s Church from 3.30pm
Friday 26 November	New Parents tours 9.30am and 11.00am Swimming for Miss Ramli’s class 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 Swimming for Miss Ramli’s class 12.30 – 1.30pm 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 school (change of venue)
Thursday 16 December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
Friday 17 December	End of Term 2

TERM 3

Tuesday 4 January	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 5 January	Pupils start Term 3 in school
Friday 7 January	Miss Moore’s and Mrs William’s class swimming 12.30 – 1.30pm
Friday 14 January	Miss Moore’s and Mrs William’s class swimming
Friday 21 January	Miss Moore’s and Mrs William’s class swimming
Friday 28 January	Miss Moore’s and Mrs William’s class swimming
Friday 4 February	Miss Moore’s and Mrs William’s class swimming
Friday 11 February	Miss Moore’s and Mrs William’s class swimming
Thursday 17 February	Last day for pupils of Term 3
Friday 18 February	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

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	