

29 November 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 12

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Chosen Amaefule
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Kayden Lillis
Miss Abraham	-	Mila Tudor
Miss Ramli	-	Ethan Jenkins
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Laith Amin
Mr Evens	-	Yash Bohra
Mr Garcia	-	Rory Smith
Mrs Leonard	-	William Jarvis
Miss Hake	-	Felicity Street
Mrs North	-	Layton Wakeham
Miss Wingett	-	Jack Jones

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

Thankfully, the cases in school seem to be slowing down due to the new restrictions that we have in place. We will continue with virtual worship and separate key phase lunches until the end of term. This will enable the school to minimise any further disruption and fingers crossed not prevent everyone from having a good Christmas holiday with their family and extended family. It would be good to extend these measures. In that respect, we would ask that you wear masks on school grounds, especially if you are waiting for over 15 minutes at each end of the day. Thank you for your support.

We sent out a letter regarding the Christmas performances with the additional dates to enable each class's to have their parents to attend safely. We will make the final decision regarding live in person or live on zoom by this time next week. The children are so looking forward to performing for you, especially after such a long time not being able to.

Don't forget non - school uniform day on Friday this week in exchange for donations for the colour hampers. The hampers are always fantastic and let's see which class wins the prizes this year.

PLAYGROUND LEADERS

All the children in Year 5 and 6 classes have had a great week training to be playground leaders. They developed their leadership skills of organisation, team work, assertiveness, as well as learning a range of games to play with the younger children.

It was amazing to see the older children show such a kind and caring way and such empathy with the younger children. As well as, the ability to organise and adapt their games to the needs of the children.

Both the Reception children and the Year 5 and 6 leaders had a great time and were smiling all the way through.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor as the term of office for one of our Parent Governors has come to an end. Nomination slips and declaration forms to be returned to school by 3.30pm on Monday 13 December 2021. There is a separate letter that has been sent via email along with the newsletter for more information.

SEND SUPPORT

You may have heard that Supportive Parents has changed their name and refreshed their branding. Supportive Parents are now known as SEND and You (SAY). SEND and You provides the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service for Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset.

To see the new video explaining more about SEND and how we can support parents, carers, children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities visit the updated website – www.sendandyou.org.uk

They also have a new animation to promote their service. This can be found on the website or on Youtube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3rUkCdy_cU

PA NEWS –

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- o Elf Christmas shop, Christmas Jumpers and Letters from Santa - open until the end of term
- o Non Uniform Day - 3rd December
- o **Christmas Movie Night- POSTPONED until the New Year - see below for more information**
- o Colour hamper raffle - donations in by 3rd December
- o Colour hamper raffle- tickets in by 9th December
- o Colour hamper raffle Draw - 10th December at 5pm via zoom
- o Reindeer Run- Tuesday 14th December

Christmas PA Fundraising and Events

Christmas Movie Night - postponed until the New Year due to rising covid cases in school. All tickets purchased will stand for the new date (tbc) and refunds will be offered if you can't attend.

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

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Reindeer Run - On Tuesday 14th December, the children will be decorating reindeer antlers (kindly donated by Sword Dynamic Services) and wearing them to take part in the Reindeer Run. Each year group will set off to complete laps of the playground in a set duration. There will also be a number of stalls to look around: cakes and tuck shop, fidgets, festive goodies, lucky dip and a secret gift stall (no grown-ups allowed), where children can purchase a Christmas gift for their grown-ups.

To raise much needed funds for the playground project, we are asking the children to raise donations for the numbers of laps they complete, or as a total. You can either donate here:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/almondsburyreindeerrun2021?invite=true or manually via the donation form (please return all donations by Thursday 16th December).

Parents are welcome to attend, and you can collect your child after their run to look around the stalls. If you are unable to attend, your child will return to their classroom with their teacher until 3.30pm. Stalls will be open until 4pm. Timings for the run are as follows:

-Reception: 14:30

-Year 1&2: 14:45

-Year 3&4: 15:00

-Year 5&6: 15:15

Stalls will be open from 2.30- 4pm.

The PA are welcoming Christmas clothes donations which can be resold to raise funds for the playground project. Please drop items into the blue box in reception and to purchase items, visit: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta>

LETTERS FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

Enter Discount Code ALM21

at the checkout of the Lapland Mailroom to get a discount on your personalised Santa letter and activity pack

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

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
		Information and action
		Information and action

DATES 2021/22

TERM 2

Friday 3 December

Non Uniform day

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

Tuesday 7 December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 9.30am (Miss Hake's class parents)

Wednesday 8 December

Reception Christmas performance 9.30am (Mrs North's class parents)

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.00pm (Mrs Leonard's class parents) or Zoom performance if parents are not able to attend

Thursday 9 December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 9.30am (Mr Garcia's class parents) or Zoom performance if parents are not able to attend

Reception Christmas performance 2.00pm (Miss Wingett's class parents) Zoom performance if parents are not able to attend

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

KS1 Number Day

Tuesday 8 February

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Paralympic athlete visiting school for the day and working with pupils

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	