

6 December 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 13

CERTIFICATES

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

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| Mr Dean | - | Vinnie Young |
| Mrs Goode and Mr Allen | - | Emilia Weaver |
| Miss Abraham | - | Tyler Tremlin |
| Miss Ramli | - | Sophie Board |
| Miss Moore and Mrs Williams | - | Shay Drewitt |
| Mr Evens | - | Pawel Rozpedowski |
| Mr Garcia | - | Rocco Merlino Thompson |
| Mrs Leonard | - | Aarav Prasanna Balaji |
| Miss Hake | - | Rio Rosling |
| Mrs North | - | Phoebe Wallace Daniells |
| Miss Wingett | - | Gino Lattuca |



GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

Thankfully, we have seen the cases within school reduce significantly over the past week and we are now confident that we can go ahead with 'live' performances of the Reception and Year 1 and 2 Christmas productions this week, as well as the Year 5 and 6 Carol service next week in the school car park.

We ask that parents who are attending within the class 'bubble' of parents wear a mask whilst in the Hall and if possible take an LFT test before arriving for the performance. If you have Covid like symptoms and/or have a positive LFT test result we ask that you do not come into school. We are recording the dress rehearsals of the performances and will be sending out links for you to see these on our closed youtube account. You will find the times and dates of the performances below.

We will let you into the hall just before the children are ready to perform so not to have you inside for too long. As usual, we will be collecting for charity at the end of the performances. This year we will collect for Save the Children, in lieu of collection for Christmas jumper day for Christmas lunch. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

Don't forget the Colour hamper prize raffle draw this Friday live on zoom. The code and password will be sent out to all parents via text message on Friday morning. The hampers will look amazing after your generous donations from last Friday. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



The children have been busy making decorations for St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival, which is being held until Wednesday in church. The children have contributed to a key phase tree. These are called – Reception – Twinkle, Twinkle Little star, Year 1 and 2 – Tree of Light, Year 3 and 4 - O Christmas Tree and Years 5 and 6 – Festive Baubles.

The children are looking forward to visiting the festival during the school day this week.



CHRISTMAS

The children will be able to bring in Christmas cards as from Monday 6 December and placed in the postal sacks in the corridors. They will then be distributed after being quarantined. We are looking forward to the other events we have planned for the coming fortnight.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH is on Tuesday 14 December this year. We will be holding this in key phase bubbles in the hall. Christmas dinner made by Mrs Byrne and the kitchen staff. The children will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers and will make party hats in class beforehand. Please make sure you order your child's Christmas lunch in plenty of time on Parent Pay so we have an idea of numbers. These need to be on the system by Monday 13 December. Thank you.



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.

RECEPTION SCHOOL TOUR

We have added an additional date for a tour of the school. Please contact the office if you would like to come along on Friday 7 January 2022 at 13.30pm.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH AND PLAY TEAM IN SCHOOL

Enriching Our Children's Playtime Experience

The Sports Council are working hard at looking at how all the children can make the most of the outside areas during their playtimes and lunchtimes. So that the school can build on and make the most of all that the PA are doing to raise money for the **Playground Project**.

We want the children to be able to explore the field in the winter months. To achieve this we have timetabled the different areas of the field and playground so that all children will have days they can access the field. This will also give children much more space on the playground to make use of the playground activities and equipment that the PA are already purchasing.

We need your Help!



We need everyone's help to ensure the children have the right outdoor wear to access the activities available to ensure that we are able to keep clothing and the indoor spaces as clean and looked after as possible.

After Christmas, the children will need the following:-

- A pair of named **WELLIES** (*that they can leave in school*).
- Waterproof warm clothing e.g. coats, gloves, neck scarves, gloves, hats.

Please help us make this happen!

CHANGES FOR PE DAYS IN JANUARY

Year 6 (Mr Dean's) and Y5 (Miss Abraham's) classes will now be having PE on Tuesday instead of Thursday.

Year 3&4 (Mrs Williams) and Year 4 (Miss Ramli) classes will now be having PE on Thursday instead of Tuesday

Year 1/2 (Mrs Leonard's class) will be doing Forest school on a Tuesday

Year 3 (Mr Even's class) will be doing Forest school on Thursday

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Reception will continue with Muddy Monday's in the new year.

Please can we request that the children wear more suitable outdoor clothing for their Forest Schools day. It will be cold and possibly wet on these days; sequenced skirts, t-shirts, leather jacket are not really appropriate for these sessions. It is not a non-uniform day but a working time for outdoor learning. From next term those children who come inappropriately dressed will have a phone call home for more suitable clothing to be brought into school. Thank you.

PA NEWS –

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- o Elf Christmas shop, Christmas Jumpers and Letters from Santa - open until the end of term
- o Colour hamper raffle. Thank you for your amazing donations to the Colour Hampers.... We'll send some pictures out once they are ready. Raffle tickets need to be back in school by Thursday 9 December. The zoom draw will take place on Friday 10 December at 5pm. Zoom details to follow.
- o Colour hamper raffle Draw - 10 December at 5pm via zoom
- o Reindeer Run- Tuesday 14 December

Christmas PA Fundraising and Events



Reindeer Run - On Tuesday 14 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

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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: www.merry-christmas.com

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

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| 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) |
| Thursday 9 December | Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 9.30am (Mr Garcia's class parents) Reception Christmas performance 2.00pm (Miss Wingett's class parents) |
| 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 2.30pm Reindeer run and stalls |
| Wednesday 15 December | Year 3 and 4 Christmas party Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at school starting at 5.45pm Flu Immunisations |
| Thursday 16 December | Year 5 and 6 Christmas party |
| Friday 17 December | End of Term 2 |

TERM 3

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| 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 Reception School Tour – 13.30pm |
| 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 Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming |
| Tuesday 8 February | 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 |
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| 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 |

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| INSET DAYS confirmed | Thursday 2 September 2021 Friday 3 September 2021 Tuesday 4 January 2022 Friday 18 February 2022 Friday 27 May 2022 | |
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