

17 January 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 16

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Madoc Medwell
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Erin Bulley
Miss Abraham	-	Abi Sander
Miss Ramli	-	Amir Arshad
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Macy Cheung
Mr Evens	-	Ava Merlino
Mr Garcia	-	Rupert Arnott
Mrs Leonard	-	Phoebe Fuller
Miss Hake	-	Sophia Day
Mrs North	-	Lawson Dix
Miss Wingett	-	Ronnie-Rae Butler

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

Famous last words were written in the newsletter last week by myself who stated that all has returned safe and healthy after the holidays. However, we have had a rush of positive cases across the school but concentrated in one or two classes who we have been advised by UKHSA to 'bubble isolate' the classes to try to contain the spread. We are carrying out our usual risk management duties such as enhanced cleaning, ventilation, hand washing, virtual worship and separate lunchtimes in the hall. This we will continue to do and hope that you at home are minimising the risks of transmission as well. We are hopeful that the case numbers, as with the national numbers will reduce.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Last term the children made the final decisions as to their preferred options for the new playground equipment. It was a close run decision as there was so much to choose from. The installation is hopefully going to take place during the Easter holidays, Covid permitting. Thank you to the PA for providing £12,000 towards the cost of the equipment. The school fund that we collect from various sources and donations is paying for the remainder of the cost.



Tryfan Climber with Platform and Slide

Forest up and over bar

Puzzlewood Forest Circuit

MATHEMATICS APP FOR USING AT HOME

White Rose Maths have launched a new app called '1-Minute Maths'. It helps children build greater number confidence and fluency and targets practise in engaging, one-minute chunks. Currently, the first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils and focuses on adding, subtracting and on subitising. An updated version aimed at Key Stage 2 will be available in the near future. The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle by following the link to download: <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

CLUBS

Here is an updated version of the clubs that will be running (isolation permitting) for the Spring Term

Term	KS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 and 2	2	Film Club Y5 and 6 Miss Ramli 24 Jan- 28 March 3.30 – 4.30 Football 24 Jan- 28 March 3.30 – 4.30	Athletics Y 3 - 6 Jason Michael 11 Jan – 29 March 8.10-8.40 Time tables Rock Stars Yrs 3 and 4 Mr Evens 11 Jan – 29 March 12.45 – 1.15	Netball Yr 5 & 6 Valerie Williams 26 Jan – 30 March 3.30 – 4.30 Cricket Yr 5 & 6 Dave Wallace 12 Jan – 30 March 3.30 – 4.30	Junior Yoga Yr 3 to Yr 4 Daisy Seaman 3.30 – 4.30 13 Jan – 31 March Basketball Y 5 and 6 13 Jan – 31 March 3.30 – 4.30 School Junior Choir Y5 to 6 Mrs Williams 17 Jan – 31 March 12.15 – 12.50	Dance Club Yr 3 – 6 Katie Kettle 14 Jan – 1 April 3.30 – 4.30
	1&2	Gymnastics Club Yr1 to Yr4 Abbie Carvell 10 Jan – 28 March 3.30 – 4.20	Karate Club Yrs 1 to 6 Pierre 3.30 – 4.30 11 Jan – 29 March	Library Club All children 12 Jan – 6 April 12.45-1.20pm Karate Club Yrs 1 to 6 Pierre 3.30 – 4.30 12 Jan – 30 March	Tag Rugby Y1-6 Sports Project 13 Jan – 31 March	Football 14 Jan- 1 April 3.30 – 4.30 Jason Michael
	1	Numbots Club Mrs Leonard 17 Jan – 28 March 12.45 – 1.15pm				

PARKING

We have had a few emails re parking around the village from residents. Can I ask you to ensure you are not parked on the double yellow lines and do not move the large stones from the bottom of Hollow Road which are there to prevent parking on the corner and verge. As we have been thinking about the environment can I also ask that when you are parked that you switch off your engine. Every little helps and especially around the children. This is better for the air quality when on the walk home. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested in becoming part of our lunchtime team, then please contact the office for more details. The hours are 12 noon to 1.30pm Monday to Friday. Hopefully, we will be able to recruit very shortly.

PA NEWS –

Fundraising Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday 25th January @ 19:30

Playground and Forest School Updates:

The KS2 Playground & Forest School plans are coming along well, with both expected to be completed for term 5.

The groundwork for the forest school is costing a little more than expected.

Is anyone aware of any funding sources, companies who match fund or any companies who would be willing to support, sponsor or donate to the Forest School project?

We will soon be asking for materials to help: bricks, wood, tyres, tiles, stones, etc, if anyone has any to recycle from home projects keep us in mind. Please email almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com if you can help.

You can still donate directly to the playground project via:
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Almondsburyplayground>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Playground Project

Help us fundraise to improve the outdoor provisioning at Almondsbury CoE school. We're looking to install a gym trail, new markings, canopy, safety surfaces in the KS2 area, and new equipment and surfacing in the KS1 area.
www.justgiving.com

One Lottery:

Signing up to One Lottery is quick and easy and makes an amazing difference to our fundraising goals for the school. Get signed up for your lottery tickets now!! Go to www.onelottery.co.uk and search for "Almondsbury School". See the latest opportunity to win £500 worth of Sainsbury's vouchers too!



Secondhand Uniform:

Please pop any good condition uniform in a size labelled bag in the blue box in reception. Aka uniform you'd be prepared to buy yourself- no holes, repairs, marks or stains. We won't be accepting white shirts from now on, unless they are brand new.

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: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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 3

Wednesday 19 January

Friday 21 January

Friday 28 January

Friday 4 February

Year 3 and 4 WOW day

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

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 4

Monday 28 February

Friday 4 March

Start of Term 4 for children

Year 1 and 2 WOW day

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Friday 11 March

Comic Relief Day

Friday 18 March

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Friday 25 March

Monday 4 April

SMSC Week

Friday 8 April

End of Term 4

Term dates for 2021/22

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 2 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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	