

24 January 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 17

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Evie North
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Sophie Price
Miss Abraham	-	Henry Day
Miss Ramli	-	Riley Jenkins
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Poppy Stevens
Mr Evens	-	Lily Watkins
Mr Garcia	-	Dhriti Patel
Mrs Leonard	-	Neve Bennett
Miss Hake	-	Rio Rosling
Mrs North	-	Marlow Bendall
Miss Wingett	-	Amelia Wood

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

We are still remaining very vigilant in school regarding the reduction in transmission of the virus as we still have cases being reported, however these are reducing in number thankfully. The isolating classes from last week have returned to their normal start and finish times as from today. However, have two new classes within isolating bubbles now. We are maintaining the key phase bubbles in school to ensure less mixing and continuing with virtual worship as well for the rest of the school. We still have staff out due to themselves testing positive so will continue to keep the minimising of risks in school. Fortunately, we have been able to cover classes to keep the children in school.

A reminder that even though the isolation period has now reduced from 7 to 5 days this can only end if there have been two negative lateral flow tests produced on day 5 and the morning of day 6. The children will not be able to return to school unless these are negative.

As you will know, there has been a decision to end Plan B guidance for the whole country as from this Thursday 27 January. This means that there will no longer be a requirement to wear masks should you wish not to. The staff may well continue to wear masks in communal areas and when bringing the children out at the end of the day. However, this is from personal choice rather than direct guidance. If you would like to continue wearing masks at the start and end of the day in the playgrounds then please do.

WOW DAYS

Reception Winter Day



On Thursday 13 January, it was a cold and frosty morning, perfect for the Reception children to take part in their 'Winter day'! They began by exploring the school field, looking for signs of winter, where they were able to crunch their welly boots in the frosty grass and leaves and make marks in the ice. They then split into groups to engage in 4 activities which included planting bulbs in the school garden, making bird feeders, experimenting how to melt ice cubes and

finally, warming up by drinking hot chocolate and learning winter poems. In the afternoon, the children made melting snowman biscuits and enjoyed eating them whilst watching The Snowman film. The children had a fantastic



day and have learnt lots about winter.

Year 3 and 4



Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic day on Wednesday when they had their WOW Day on Invaders! We had a mixture of Vikings and Roman gods and goddesses, and a fair few gladiators too! During the day, the children had the opportunity to create some amazing Roman mosaics, design and then play board games using Roman numerals and also learn about Roman culture, architecture and pastimes through dance. It was a fun-filled day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



PARALYMPIAN VISIT AND SPONSORED EVENT

On Tuesday next week, your child will be coming home with a sponsorship form for a whole school sponsorship event that they will be all taking part in. The event will take place on Tuesday 8 February and involve a special guest visitor to inspire the children on the day. Please look out for the form and a letter telling you all about the event which will also be emailed out to you on Tuesday 25 January.

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>

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!

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk



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

Tuesday 25 January

Friday 28 January

Friday 4 February

Paralympic athlete video assembly to the school

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 on sponsored event

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

Explorer Dome in school for Year 1 and 2 and Years 5 and 6

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
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	