

28 February 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 21

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Mr Dean	-	Jack Baines	Maya Frankcom
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Evie Williams	Kaden Lillis
Miss Abraham	-	Shane Ramsden	Millie Farler
Miss Ramli	-	Eva Janiak	Molly Pudney
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Amos Reynolds	India Bulley
Mr Evens	-	Poppy Male	Caspar Male
Mr Garcia	-	Daniel Evans	Lois Day
Mrs Leonard	-	Ameera Rowe	Libby Bendall
Miss Hake	-	Eva Lazz Onyenobi	Mia Lazz Onyenobi
Mrs North	-	Tilly Milton	Brooks Parratt
Miss Wingett	-	Luke Hallworth	Hollie Rutter

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

I hope you had a lovely and restful half term holiday with your children, despite the stormy weather. Hopefully, all will be well this term with little or no disruption to classes due to Covid case numbers. In school we are going to keep in place the restrictions to our risk assessments ie staff wearing masks in communal areas and working in classes and outside in key phases only until the end of this week. As long as the cases remain the same we will return to normal as from this Friday. This will include a return to us being able to have worship as a school in the hall, which we are looking forward to.

This is the advice that has been provided to schools under the latest guidance and removal of all restrictions From Thursday 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. **Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government will:**

- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- End self-isolation support payments, national funding for practical support and the medicine delivery service will no longer be available.
- End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.
- End the legal obligation for individuals to tell their employers when they are required to self-isolate.

After the publication of this information we will ask that if children do test positive then they remain at home until they return a negative lateral flow test to ensure that the infection rates in school do not take us back to an outbreak situation as at the start of January.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If the children do remain at home we will of course continue to provide home learning for them to undertake.

Please read below the guidance as issued by the DFE last week.

Welcoming children back to school

In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19 Schools COVID-19 operational guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk)

It is recommended in relation to respiratory viruses in The Spotty Book that 'individuals with symptoms should be excluded from school until they have recovered and for at least 24 hours after the resolution of any fever (usually 5-7 days)'.

RECEPTION VISITORS

Reception have had a very busy week learning about people who help us. They started with a visit from local dentist Elise, who taught the children that they should brush their teeth twice a day, for 2 minutes. The 'Hey Duggee Tooth Brushing Song' is perfect for this!

Next, they had a police car arrive in the playground! PC Will and PC Adam explained about their jobs and showed the children the different things they have on their uniforms and in their police cars. The children all had lots of fun trying on the police uniform and sitting in the police car. The highlight was seeing the flashing blue lights and hearing the siren, it was very loud!

We then visited Mrs Byrne in the school kitchen. The children loved seeing their fish fingers being cooked in the big ovens and finding ice-cream in the huge freezer! Mrs Byrne explained where the food comes from and it was great for the children to see where their food is made.

Finally, we had a visit from Ray the paramedic. He explained about the various types of uniform they have to wear and ambulances he uses. The children asked lots of interesting questions and again loved trying on the different pieces of uniform.

This week the Reception children will be going for a walk around the village to find things in our local community which help people. They will also be thinking about what they want to be when they grow up!



YEAR 5 AND 6 WOW DAY

The year 5 and 6 children came to school dressed in costumes inspired by anything to do with the Amazon and completed art, drumming and 'Fairtrade' game creation activities. We all had a fantastic time and enjoyed being creative in different ways.



PARALYMPIAN AND SPONSORSHIP

Thank you for all of your hard work in collecting the sponsorship money from after our visit from Jack Rutter for the Paralympic charity and our school. The fantastic grand total is £2,500. Half of the money collected is going to pay for new playground and PE equipment for the children to use.



RED NOSES

It is coming up to that time of year again when Comic Relief will be heading our way. We have purchased boxes of red noses from the charity to sell to the children from today. We have 240 and when they are gone they are gone. You can buy these from school at the end of the day.

PARENTS EVENING

You should have received the link to book your Parents Evening slot. The Thursday 10 March is going to be our face to face session and Tuesday 15 March the virtual session. Please make sure you choose the evening which best suits your needs.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

FRIENDSHIP HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Friendship. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be investigating 'Fake is a Mistake' with Heartsmart and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Proverbs 12:19



"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue only lasts a moment."

ROAD CROSSING PATROL

Unfortunately, we have lost our Road Crossing Patrol, which is a real shame as we waited so long for Jackie to be in place. However, she is unable to continue in the role. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the position please do contact the school.

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



CLOTHES BANK

It's here! Have a look just to the left of reception and our fab new clothing bank is there! As well as clothes, it takes paired shoes, handbags and soft toys!!!

We're looking to rearrange Movie Night for just before Easter. We're planning another Grounds Day Lite on 26th March (10am - midday), a playground sale selling cakes and secondhand uniform on Monday 4th April, and a Family Fun Day on Saturday 25th June which is a refresh of the Summer Fayre. Mayhair Mayhem and a non-uniform day is also in plan - we are just working out dates, so watch this space!

We need lots of help at each event and this year, we are asking all parents to volunteer for at least one event, so please speak to Caroline, Elise, Sammy, Nat or your class rep, or contact the PA inbox to let us know how you can help: almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com

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.learninggamesforkids.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
		Information and action
		Information and action

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DATES 2021/22**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

Swimarathon at Thornbury Leisure Centre

Parents Evening 4.00pm -7.00pm

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Year 5 and 6 visit to Westonbirt Arboretum

Parents Evening 4.00pm -7.00pm

Comic Relief Day

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Year 1 and 2 visit

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Grounds Day 10am - midday

SMSC Week

Year 3 and 4 visitors

Playground sale: cakes and secondhand uniform

End of Term 4

Saturday 5 March

Thursday 10 March

Friday 11 March

Monday 14 March

Tuesday 15 March

Friday 18 March

Wednesday 23 March

Friday 25 March

Saturday 26 March

Monday 4 April

Wednesday 6 April

Friday 8 April

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	