

14 February 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 20

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Mia Joicey
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Peyton Watt
Miss Abraham	-	Jaspa Wilkinson
Miss Ramli	-	Harriet Day
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Oliver Dixon
Mr Evens	-	Hugh Watson
Mr Garcia	-	Owen Lacoue Negre
Mrs Leonard	-	Finley Stewart
Miss Hake	-	Eddie Acford
Mrs North	-	Spencer Millman
Miss Wingett	-	Kiera Whitlock

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

Last Friday was the first day since the 10 January where we didn't record a positive result of a COVID test, a small win in helping to reduce the number of positive cases within school. We will continue to maintain the restrictions in school until the end of this week. We will review the lifting of these when we return depending on the reporting of cases over the half term holiday. Please do let us know if the children test positive during this time period so we are aware of case numbers. We look forward to the day when we can have whole school gatherings again and other parents in school.



SAFER INTERNET ACTIVITIES AND CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

There were many different activities that the pupils undertook this week in ensuring they remain safe online and respecting the relationships that they have using the internet in school and at home. Here are the children in Miss Ramli's class thinking about what an amazing person they are and learning self-help techniques such as breathing and counting as well as being calm and reflective whilst reading.

In Year 5 for mental health week we spent some time discussing things that make us feel stressed and positive strategies we use to deal with those feelings. We thought about our support bubbles and created some drawings to remind us of who we could turn to during difficult times. For safer internet day, we had a really good discussion about gaming issues we have faced when playing games online and thought about how we can ensure we are safe especially if communicating with others online.





PARALYMPIAN AND SPONSORSHIP

Last Tuesday our special visitor Jack Rutter, Paralympian and former England captain of the Team GB/England Cerebral Palsy football team, gave the children a fantastic experience in carrying out their four different tasks for the sponsorship. The children enjoyed their activities of press-ups, star jumps, etc.

Jack was a real inspiration as he gave an assembly talk at the end of the class activities. He spoke from the heart on his own journey over time to become a much valued member of TEAM GB and England football set up. Please do collect the sponsorship money so that it will benefit not only the children within school with new sports and play equipment but also go towards the funding of support for young people and athletes in Paralympic sports and activities. Thank you in advance.



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 the 28 February. We have 240 and when they are gone they are gone. You can buy these from school at the end of the day.

HOUSE POINTS

The children have been busy collecting House Points from a variety of people in school and for lots of reasons, good learning, behaviour, tidy uniform, having correct PE kit, etc. We have been totaling up the number of house points each week and now have a term total. The winning team this term is **Earth with 2330** points. As their reward for collecting the most house points they are able to come into school on Thursday this week in their own clothes or the colour of their house team. Well done to everyone in **Earth**. We will see how well we get on next term.

PARENTS EVENING

We have Parents Evenings coming up after half term. We are hopeful that these can be carried out face to face. It will provide parents with an opportunity to look at the children's books, which hasn't happened now for over 2 years. However, we realise that parents may also prefer to have a virtual meeting so we will set up the evenings with one virtual meeting and one face to face. Please look out for an email for you to book your time slot to meet your child's teacher(s).

MESSY CHURCH

It is the next meeting of Messy Church at St Mary's Church this Wednesday 16 February from 3.30pm onwards. There will be lots of exciting activities and snacks available for all the children attending.

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!!!

FOREST SCHOOL UPDATE

Our fabulous new forest school is being constructed over February half term. The new Forest School will include a stone fire pit, sensory paths, a den building area and lots more. Big thanks to Carly Little for driving

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forward the project management, working with Mrs Vicary, Mrs Leonard and Miss Hake to deliver this amazing vision. Thank you to all the other parents who have transported or sourced recycled items: Sam Curry, Claire Jarvis, Elisa Bennett, Elise Arnott, Sammy Waterhouse, Caroline McCarthy and Charlotte Roberts. We'll take lots of photos of construction and the finished area, so keep an eye out on our social media channels!

You can also support this project via the Amazon wish list
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WA57Q7YFH4Y6?ref=wl_share

Fundraising Meeting

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

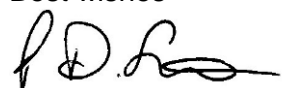
Secondhand Uniform

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: <http://games.e4education.co.uk/groupone/>

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
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DATES 2021/22

TERM 3

Wednesday 16 February
Thursday 17 February
Friday 18 February

Messy Church at 3.30pm St Mary's Church
Last day for pupils of Term 3
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
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
Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming
Grounds Day 10am - midday
SMSC Week
Playground sale: cakes and secondhand uniform
End of Term 4

Thursday 10 March
Friday 11 March
Monday 14 March
Tuesday 15 March
Friday 18 March

Friday 25 March
Saturday 26 March
Monday 4 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	