

25 April 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 27

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	-	Madoc Medwell	Clara Della Porta
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Lily Tuck	Max Burrows
Miss Abraham	-	Jaspa Wilkinson	Alessia Merlino
Miss Ramli	-	Theo Young	Jaida-Paige Waterhouse
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Sophia Osborne	Isla Maynard
Mr Evens	-	Lenny Polak	Abhista Lakkapogu
Mr Garcia	-	Henry Millman	Leo McCarthy
Mrs Leonard	-	Evie Gardner	Seb Winstanley
Miss Hake	-	Sheharyar Faisal	Felicity Street
Mrs North	-	Estee Kingman	Layton Wakeham
Miss Wingett	-	James Tezkan	Avika Gahlyan

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

We hopefully will be more Covid free during the coming term. In fact we only had two cases during the final week of the Spring term, a far cry from the start of the term. With that in mind and the relaxation of the rules and expectations we will be returning to whole school events this term including worship, full lunch settings and whole school playtimes. We hope that this time we will be able to maintain this. Below are the new rules for all schools and all society. With these in mind, if you suspect your child may have Covid or Covid like symptoms please try to follow the rules, especially if your child isn't feeling well. Thank you for your co-operation throughout the past term.

The following latest guidance issued to schools by the DfE:-

- From 1st April, children and young people and staff who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they feel well enough.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.
- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended.

We are also hope that our kitchen staff will be returing to full health and we will be able to get back to our normal service for lunches cooked on site by Mrs Byrne and the rest of the kitchen staff. There is a new menu, which is now online on Parent Pay and will be sent to all parents this week. There has been a delay due to the lack of staff to approve and publish this menu both in school and at Integra, our catering contractor.

YEAR 3 AND 4 PERFORMANCE

What a fantastic performance that was given by the children in Years 3 and 4 during the last week of last term. They sang and delivered their lines in such a professional and superb manner. I was unable to attend the parental performances but the dress rehearsal was so well polished it could have been a live performance for an audience. It was very well received by parents and told different stroies from the Bible of Jesus's life plus many different parables. The individual narrators remembered their lines so well with such

geat delivery and the soloists and duets were sung so beautifully as well as the whole choral songs. Well done everyone.



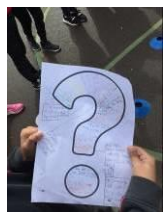
We also collected funds towards the DEC charity collection for Ukraine at the performance. This raised a £134.00. Thank you for your contributions.

SMSC WEEK

The children had a great week for the SMSC week. The week started brilliantly with the volunteers from St Mary's Church setting up and running 'Prayer Spaces' for the children. They undertook different exciting activities including creating their own prayer pebble. The children really enjoyed the time for quiet reflection and thinking about themselves, others and spirituality.



Over the week the children participated in many different thought provoking activities including 'I wonder why.....?'; healing and how they could help with this themselves through mediation, mindfulness exercises, yoga to alleviate their worries, fears and anxieties; looked at 'awe and wonder' responding to music, scavenging around the school grounds at the awe of nature, responding to music through artwork and creating their own peaceful images and sounds; asking big questions 'What would you ask God?' writing questions to ask God and then trying to answer them, creating themselves as butterflies and their aspirations; finally thinking about values, our own school values, their own values and what it is like to be human with all the thoughts, feelings and experiences that brings.



HOUSE POINTS

Well done to Earth who once again won the house points for Term 4. They have been busy collecting their house points along with everyone else. Hopefully one of the other houses will manage to pip them to the post next term.

CREATIVITY HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Creativity. 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 'Don't Hold on to what is Wrong!' with Heartsmart and Rule of Law within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term

Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."



VACANCY FOR ROAD CROSSING PATROL HERO

We are still looking for our very own School Road Crossing Patrol Hero. We are very keen for someone to join the Road Safety team to ensure that the children (and parents) remain safe on their way to and from school. If you are interested in helping out and doing your bit for our local community please see the details below.

Post Details:

Role: School Crossing Patrol - Almondsbury

Site Location: Sunday's Hill, opposite Church

Times: 8.30am – 9.05am

3.20pm – 3.55pm

Hourly rate: £9ph

Full training and uniform is provided, we are happy to consider part time and/or job share for further details please contact myself, Martina Byrne-Obee 01454 863611.



PA NEWS

EASTER VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE

After the success of last year's virtual balloon race we are delighted to announce that we will be bringing it back for Easter! On the 17th April we will be competing in a seven-day virtual race against other good causes where everything is real except the balloon. Live weather data will determine the progress of each balloon and each entry can be tracked on Google Maps and Satellites once launched.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

You can buy a virtual balloon for £4 and give it a name, colour, shape and pattern. In addition to this, you can select the different features of your balloon, such as weight, which will determine its flight performance in order to enhance your chances of winning.

The Easter race, will 'set off' from Alice Springs, Australia at midday on the 17th April. The PA will also be offering a prize for the Almondsbury balloon that travels the furthest. As well as the prizes on offer from the national race; First prize, for the balloon that travels the farthest, is £500 cash, second prize is an Amazon Alexa/Echo Dot 4th Generation and there will also be 10 lucky winners of £10 book tokens. You can buy for yourself, relatives and of course your child. Balloons will go on sale week commencing 21 March and we hope to see a virtual sky full of Almondsbury balloons!

To get your balloon, or find out more, go to <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/2142>

All money raised will go towards the new playground project.

Dates for the Diary:

8th April: deadline for Dance Off rehearsal replies

TBC: Rearranged Movie Night (ticket holders only)

TBC: Mayhair Mayhem

25th June: Family Fun Day 12:30-3:30pm

Chair and Secretary Vacancy:

Caroline McCarthy and Natalie Day will be departing the Chair and Secretary roles at the end of this academic year. An EGM will be held in July to appoint the newly elected trustees of the charity. Samantha Waterhouse will continue as Treasurer until the end of the 22/23 Academic Year. Please have a chat with Caroline or Nat if you're interested... further details of what's involved will be published shortly.

Wow day continuation and fancy dress moving to clothes recycling bank

Thanks to everyone who has donated wow day and fancy dress clothing. With the introduction of the clothes recycling bank, please place any general fancy dress items in there.

Please continue to put any of the following wow outfits only in the blue box in reception: Victorian, Roman, Egyptian, pirates, explorers, Stone Age and evacuee/ WW1&2.

Clothes Bank

Thanks for all your Fantastic donations. The clothes bank has been full twice already! Keep the clothes, duvet covers, soft toys, bags and paired shoes coming!

Message from St Mary's Church

We are running a 6 week course for parents of teenagers in the vicarage starting on Friday 29th April, 2 to 3.15pm. Helpful for Year 5/6 parents. Please contact the Vicarage if you are interested.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

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 5

Monday 25 April

Friday 29 April

Monday 2 May

Friday 6 May

Monday 9 to Thursday 12 May

Friday 13 May

Monday 16 May

Friday 20 May

Wednesday 25 May

Thursday 26 May

Friday 27 May

Start of Term 5

Mr Evens's class swimming

BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Mr Evens's class swimming

Year 6 SAT week

Mr Evens's class swimming

Year 6 visit to Paris, France

Year 2 SAT assessment week

Mr Evens's class swimming

HM The Queen's Jubilee School celebrations

Last day of Term 5

INSET DAY – School closed to children

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TERM 6

Monday 6 June

Monday 13 June

Friday 10 June

Friday 17 June

Friday 24 June

Saturday 25 June

Friday 1 July

Friday 8 July

Friday 15 July

Thursday 21 July

Start of Term 6 for all children

Year 1 Phonics Check this week and next

Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4's this week

Mr Evens's class swimming

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PA Summer Family Fun Day starting at 12 noon

Mr Evens's class swimming

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Year 6 Leaver's Service 9.30am

Last day of the school year

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 Thursday 26 May 2022	

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