

21 March 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 24

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Remi Jeremy
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Lily Tuck
Miss Abraham	-	Martha Rackham
Miss Ramli	-	Leo Bowen
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Roxie Nelson
Mr Evens	-	Matthew Wilkosz
Mr Garcia	-	Bastien Harris
Mrs Leonard	-	Evelyn Benbow
Miss Hake	-	Matthew Berry
Mrs North	-	Sean Adedeji
Miss Wingett	-	Lottie Abola

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

Unfortunately, no sooner had we attempted to return to having whole school gatherings and events these have had to be curtailed due to another rise in cases. Within school we are continuing to maintain our practices in hygiene and ventilation. We will try to return to whole school events again shortly however, we wish to minimise the case numbers currently. If your child feels unwell with Covid like symptoms then it is wise to test if possible using a LFD.

We are now just over half way through the year and it is going so quickly. I hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at parent evenings in the past weeks. It was good to see you being able to look at your child's work if you were able to attend in person. The children are making positive steps of progress across the curriculum which is very pleasing to see. They know more, can do more and remember more every day. You can support this at home by asking them about three things they learnt today and then the next day three things that they learnt yesterday to keep this fresh in their minds. We know, from research, that revisiting the learning enables this to 'stick' in children's long term memory. We always start lessons with a recap to engage that part of the brain. Try it over the coming fortnight and see what happens.



DAY FOR UKRAINE

Thank you for all your contributions towards the collection for the DEC fund for the relief effort in Ukraine. We collected £675. This has been paid into the account now and will be going to aid and support those in need.



COMIC RELIEF

It was good to see everyone supporting the Comic Relief charity by wearing their red clothes into school on Friday. It wasn't the same not being able to all get together in the hall for assembly but we were able to see each other on Zoom. We looked at how the money collected will be used to help other children both in the UK and across world through the different funded projects. Thank you to all those who donated and also bought the red noses over the past few weeks. The total collected on Friday was a massive £443.80.



YEAR 5 AND 6 VISIT TO WESTONBIRT

Year 5 and 6 had a wonderful day in the sun at Westonbirt Arboretum last Monday. They made the most of the fantastic weather, exploring the incredible variety of trees and wildlife and enjoying being outside. The children took part in a workshop linked to their topic, where they learned about sustainability and the impact that climate change has on wildlife and trees. They completed problem solving activities around the subject of tree conservation and also took part in a game to learn about the process of photosynthesis. They even squeezed in a run around in the play area! A great day was had by all.



FREEDOM CLUB

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer explaining how the Freedom Club aids and supports autistic girls. Please read the flyer for more details and how to join during Terms 5 and 6.

VACANCY FOR ROAD CROSSING PATROL HERO

We are still looking for our very own School Road Crossing Patrol Hero, actually this has now been for several years. 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.



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

Forest School

Wow! The Forest School looks amazing!!! Thanks to Carly Little who project managed this fantastic area over February Half Term. Almondsbury Garden Centre were also incredibly generous, and responded to the need for additional resources (thank you Richard Truscott). Thank you to Scott Brothers who were contracted to do the construction - working overtime as a result of the storms. Thank you to Morrisons who provided a £5,000 grant to enable this to happen, and lastly thank you to all the parent volunteers who have ferried resources and fundraised, so we could contribute an additional £5,500 from PA Funds.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

MOVIE NIGHT

We had hoped to plan in Movie Night for before Easter, but due to the rise in Covid cases in school, we're now hoping to secure a date in May. Watch this space!

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 17 April we will be setting off in a 7-day race across the sky, competing against organisations across the country for national prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Balloons will be on sale for £4 each via a URL link and customisable to you. 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!

All money raised will go towards the new playground project.

Dates for the Diary:

26th March: Grounds Day Lite (10-12)

4th April: Playground Sale: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 3-4pm

TBC: Rearranged Movie Night (ticket holders only)

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.



Clothes Bank

The clothes bank is now being used and we will wait until it is full to have our first pick up. If you are clearing out old clothes don't forget to drop them down into the clothes bank in school.

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.

If you know any parents with children likely to start in September, please let them know we have lots of great quality stock of age 3-6 uniform including branded items.

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.

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://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

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 4

Wednesday 23 March

Friday 25 March

Saturday 26 March

Monday 4 April

Year 1 and 2 visit to Filton Aerospace Museum

Miss Moore's and Mrs William's class swimming

Grounds Day 10am - midday

SMSC Week

Year 3 and 4 production of 'The Gospel Show' 6pm

Year 3 and 4 production of 'The Gospel Show' 2pm

Year 3 and 4 visitors

Playground sale: cakes and secondhand uniform

End of Term 4

Tuesday 5 April

Wednesday 6 April

Friday 8 April

TERM 5

Monday 25 April

Monday 2 May

Monday 9 to Thursday 11 May

Monday 16 May

Thursday 26 May

Start of Term 5

BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Year 6 SAT week

Year 6 visit to Paris, France

Last day of Term 5

HM The Queen's Jubilee School celebrations

INSET DAY – School closed to children

Friday 27 May

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	