

4 April 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 26

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Benjamin Mason
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Max Burrows
Miss Abraham	-	Alfie Jones
Miss Ramli	-	Anna Day
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	India Bulley
Mr Evens	-	Zach Tottle
Mr Garcia	-	Devon Bird Wheaton
Mrs Leonard	-	Maroof Zubair
Miss Hake	-	Oliver Plumb
Mrs North	-	Fox Lloyd
Miss Wingett	-	Ranice Wong

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

We are nearing the end of this term and what a term we have had in respect of staff and child absence due to Covid and other factors. Unfortunately, this does have an impact on the children and staff. There are times when we have to cover the classes with different staff members or agency staff. We aim for consistency, however the supply agencies have also been struggling so much with their own staff being out with Covid as well.

As from last Friday all restrictions were scaled back completely. However, in school until the end of this week we are maintaining these including the need to isolate if an adult or child in school tests positive for Covid. We would ask that the children who do test positive remain at home for 5 days to prevent the spread further. I hope that you will support the school in this manner to help keep everyone well.

NEW ADMISSIONS

We have recently been welcoming some new children into our school from a variety of different countries. These children are a very welcome addition to our school community. They are settling into life at Almondsbury very well. As a consideration for them we will be looking at some information regarding travelling to new countries and how tricky learning a new language may be as well as finding out information about the many regions around the world where conflict is meaning that people have to make that move away from their homes and livelihoods. It is important that the children know this information and consider themselves as not only citizens of Almondsbury or the UK but of the world. I am sure that you will be supportive of the children and their families.

PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWS

We have now bought into a subscription from Knowsley Council a monthly newsletter to update and keep parents abreast of the issues faced by many regarding keeping children safe online. These will be attached to the newsletter when they are published and posted on the E-Safety page of the school website. Alongside this month's is a document aiding parents in the use of parental controls. I hope that you find these useful and we would appreciate any feedback you would like to provide. Thank you.

TOUCH RUGBY

On Tuesday 29 March, a team of Year 5 children took part in a Touch Rugby coaching clinic and Touch Rugby festival at Colston's Secondary School. During the morning, they took part in a coaching clinic, where they were taught the game and different rugby skills by Girven Demsey, 82 cap Ireland International player.

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After replenishing themselves on the tasty lunch provided by the school, they then took part in a Touch Rugby Festival. Although, they were new to Touch Rugby, they had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Thursday, the Almondsbury netball team took part in their second netball tournament this term, at Brimsham Green Secondary School in Yate. This was a level 2 Partnership tournament in which the team again showed their great netball skills and how well they play and support each other as a team. There were 4 games where they won two, drew one and lost one, resulting in them winning the tournament overall. As a result, they are going on to take part in an all-day level 3

competition this coming Wednesday at Bristol Grammar School grounds. Competing against the winners of teams across different Partnerships. Good luck to them for Wednesday!



YEAR 3 AND 4 PERFORMANCE

We are really looking forward to welcoming parents into school to watch the Year 3 and 4 Easter performance of 'The Gospel Show'. Please could we ask all audience members to be kind enough to wear a face mask to protect everyone. The dress rehearsal went very well last Thursday so you are in for a treat. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be at the performances but I wish the children well.

INSET DAY CHANGE

As you know we were due to hold an INSET Day on Friday 18 February. Unfortunately, due to Storm Eunice, this training did not take place. We need to re-arrange the INSET day and training. This will now be on Thursday 26 May. Therefore we will break up one day earlier for the end of Term 5.

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.



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

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.

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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.

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/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1--ks2-refugee-boy-by-benjamin-zephaniah/z6rtvk7>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Swimming Summer Term Mr Evens's class	Mr Evens's class	Information and action
NFER sample tests for Year 2 pupils	Mr Garcia's class	Information and action

DATES 2021/22

TERM 4

Monday 4 April

SMSC Week

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

Playground sale: cakes and secondhand uniform

Tuesday 5 April

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

Wednesday 6 April

Year 3 and 4 visitors

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Thursday 7 April
Friday 8 April

Year 6 residential visit to France Parents Evening via Zoom 6pm
Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Parents meeting via Zoom 5pm
End of Term 4

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

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
Mr Evens's class swimming
Last day of Term 5
HM The Queen's Jubilee School celebrations
INSET DAY – School closed to children (in lieu of one missed due to Storm Eunice)
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Thursday 26 May

Friday 27 May

TERM 6

Monday 6 June

Monday 13 June
Friday 10 June
Friday 17 June
Friday 24 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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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 Friday 18 February 2022 now see below Thursday 26 May 2022 Friday 27 May 2022	