

28 March 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 25

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Tobias Lazz Onyenobi	Libby Ryan
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Charlotte Thomas	
Miss Abraham	-	Esmee Chan	
Miss Ramli	-	The Whole Class	
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Jacob Weaver	
Mr Evens	-	Euan Laing	
Mr Garcia	-	Harper Stewart	
Mrs Leonard	-	Ameera Rowe	
Miss Hake	-	Leo Sansum	
Mrs North	-	Olivia Bridson	
Miss Wingett	-	Hollie Rutter	

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

As you know the recorded cases across the country is at a high and this is impacting on what we can do at Almondsbury as well. We are still receiving notification of more cases of Covid each day both adults and children. Therefore, we have maintained our virtual worships and separate key stage playtimes. This alongside the continuing hygiene and ventilation routines will hopefully go some way to stem the tide again. Unfortunately, due to the numbers of staff off with Covid and the lack of agency cover the children may have a few different people covering. This can't be helped and we will do all we can to mitigate any issues occurring from this.

The kitchen staff have also been decimated and so as per the email we are having to revert to jacket potatoes one day and sandwiches the next. This is the best we can do as there are no staff available to help cover. Hopefully, this will only be for the next week. We will let you know when things return back to normal lunch service.

SPORTING EVENTS AT TOCKINGTON



Two teams of Year 5 and 6 Footballers and a Netball team took part in an afternoon of sport at Tockington Manor. The sun was shining and there were smiles everywhere. The footballers played some excellent football and had a great time competing. A special well done to Jaspa Wilkinson and Chosen Amaefule as players of the team. The netballers also played brilliantly and won all of their matches. A special well done to Mia



Joicey and Alessia Merlino for their players awards. A massive well done to you all!

Well done to all the amazing runners who took part on Friday at the Tockington Manor annual cross country. It was a tricky course with a steep hill at the beginning. However, all the children rose to the challenge and worked well in their relay teams to complete the course, coming in exhausted but still with smiles on their face. The competition was tough with many experienced runners competing from a range of schools.

An extra well done to the Year 4 girls who did brilliantly and came in third in their race. All in all, a great experience for us to build on.

Hopefully, many of our keen runners will join us on Tuesday morning at the school running club to build up stamina, technique and experience ready for the next competition. Make sure you sign up for the Summer term when the clubs letter comes out soon.

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Here's to lots more events as we head into the Spring and Summer months.

YEAR 1 AND 2 VISIT TO AEROSPACE MUSEUM

Year 1 and 2 had a very enjoyable day at the Aerospace Museum last week. The children enjoyed looking round the museum and seeing how aviation has changed over the years, comparing old propellor planes with modern fighter jets. We were also lucky enough to be able to step on board Concorde and learn about the famous plane and its links to Bristol. Finally, the children took part in a workshop where they learnt about what astronauts take with them to space before building their own rockets and launching them. A lovely day was had by all in the warm sunshine.



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

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 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:

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

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.

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!

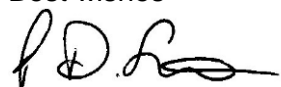
Message from St Mary's Church

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

Thursday 7 April

Year 6 residential visit to France Parents Evening via Zoom 6pm

Friday 8 April

Year 4 Multiplication Table Check Parents meeting via Zoom 5pm

End of Term 4

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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****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)****INSET DAY – School closed to children****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****Mr Evens's class swimming****Mr Evens's class swimming****Mr Evens's class swimming****Mr Evens's class swimming****Mr Evens's class swimming****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	