

23 May 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 - NEWSLETTER NO 31

CERTIFICATES

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

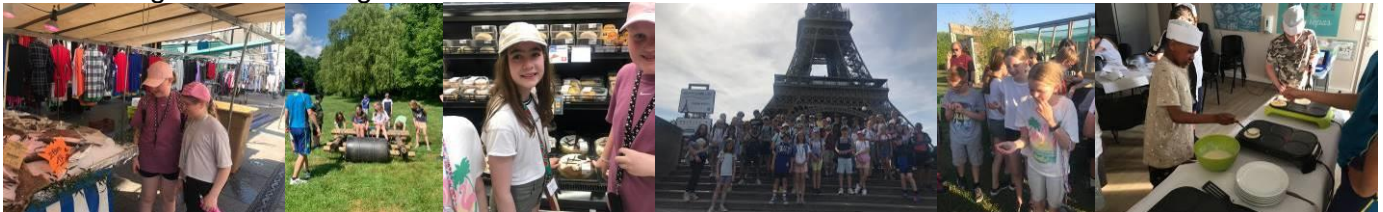
Mr Dean	-	Mawgan Smart
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Sophia Evans
Miss Abraham	-	Alessia Merlino
Miss Ramli	-	Molly Pudney
Miss Moore and Mrs Williams	-	Verity Tuck
Mr Evens	-	Logan Scott
Mr Garcia	-	Valeria Pena Vallejo
Mrs Leonard	-	James Jermy
Miss Hake	-	Ananya Curpad
Mrs North	-	Fox Lloyd
Miss Wingett	-	Arya Bohra

GENERAL SCHOOL UPDATE

We are still remaining well, fit and healthy, in the main. Please do still be aware of any signs of Covid in your children and check how they are feeling.

YEAR 6 VISIT TO PARIS

What a fantastic time the Year 6 children and the adults had in France last week. The weather was beautiful and the children were on their very best behaviour and represented themselves, our school and the UK extremely well. There were lots of comments from the public as they went around Paris and Brie on how well behaved and polite they were. Well done children! As usual the adults behaved themselves as well and provided such great care and support for the children. Thank you to Mrs Goode, for organising the visit, Mr Dean, Mr Allen, Miss Winter, Mrs Bryant, Mr Evans and Mrs Vicary for giving up their time to accompany the children and give them such great memories.



In terms of activities, the week was action packed, leaving school at 4.30am on Monday and returning at 8.30pm on Friday. On Tuesday they visited Brie, a little French market town, and bought some lovely gifts for their families, then completed exciting activities on the chateau grounds as well as an evening trip to a snail farm. Wednesday saw the trip into Paris and a swift climb up the 700 steps of the Tour Eiffel, then over to the Bateaux Parisiens for a sail down the Seine before heading to see the artwork on display at the Musee d'Orsay. Thursday brought the Disney day and a longer than usual wait to get onto the rides. Lastly, en route back to Almondsbury a visit to a chocolate factory on Friday. I am sure they have all now recovered after a restful weekend after packing so much into the past week.



WORLD BEE DAY

Last week, Reception spent the week learning all about bees. Their focus text was 'Bee and Me' by Alison Jay, which they used as part of their 'Drawing Club' sessions. They also read some non-fiction texts which explained the different parts of a bee and their role within the hive. They learnt why bees are so vital to the environment and that without them we wouldn't have things such as baked beans and tomato ketchup!

On Friday they celebrated 'World Bee Day' and enjoyed joining in with activities which included making honey sandwiches, navigating the Beebots from the hive to the flowers and back again, painting pictures of bees using water colours and making wild flower seed bombs. Next time a bee flies into the classroom, the children will no longer scream, but instead watch it carefully and remember how important they are!



YEAR 5 ENTERPRISE PROJECT

Year 5 have had a fantastic week working on a business project in the style of 'The Apprentice'. The children were put into teams and had to choose one product out of bookmarks, fans, bracelets and coasters which they thought they could sell to their target market – the year 3's and 4's. Over the course of the week, they designed and made their products as well as creating their own TV adverts. The week ended with the children dressing up in business suits and dresses and selling their products at their own mini market. It was a huge success, and we are so proud of them.



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We are looking forward to our Platinum Jubilee celebrations for HM The Queen. The children will be investigating her reign and reasons for the celebrations during the week as well. **We are asking all of the children to make a crown at home to bring in to wear for our celebration street party picnic on Wednesday 25 May** in the afternoon. The children will be making goodies to eat for the afternoon. The children can also wear red, white and blue clothing on the day. We are really looking forward to the whole exciting week of activities.



VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS

Please find attached a flyer to remind everyone of the celebrations that are taking place in the village next week. Everyone is welcome to go along to the Jubilee Village Fete on Friday, take your own picnic and enjoy the stalls, music and classic cars that will be there.

SPORTS WEEK

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The first week back after half term will be our Sports Week. Hopefully, the rain will hold off and the sunshine will prevail. Our Sports Day will be on Tuesday 7 June with Reception and KS1 starting off the proceedings at 9.15am. Please do stay after you have dropped the children off and make your way around to the field at the back of the school. KS2 sports events start at 1.15pm. Parents can arrive from 1.00pm, however will not be allowed to enter the grounds until the end of lunchtime for safeguarding reasons. We are looking forward to welcoming you back properly after such a long time.

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TOUR D'ALMONDSBURY

On Wednesday 8th June for Reception and KS1 and Friday 10th June for KS2, it will be the return of the popular annual event, Tour D'Almondsbury. We would like everyone to bring in their bikes or scooters and participate in a challenge around the school grounds. Along with 7 other schools in the area, we are going to collectively aim to ride a bike or scooter the return distance from Bristol to Kyiv, which is approximately 2,800 miles, to raise money for a charity called Save the Children. This will support this charity to continue helping children and their families in Ukraine during the current conflict. Altogether, we will be aiming to cover the distance between us! Sponsorship forms have been sent out and the 2 highest fundraisers in Reception/KS1 and KS2 will receive a prize. Thank you for your support towards this great cause

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



To coincide with Sports Week the first week back after half term, we will also be running walk to school week to encourage the children to be active and eco-friendly. The children will earn points for their class depending on their mode of transport in getting to school. The classes with the most points at the end of the week

will earn a prize for their class. The points system is as follows:

Walking whole way/ Parking and walking from the garden centre - 10 points

Bike/ Scooter - 10 points

Bus - 6 points

Car share with a pupil from another family - 2 points

Car with own family - 1 point

LIBRARY CARDS



South Gloucestershire Council have backed a scheme to encourage all children to use and utilise their local libraries. This is to promote the love of reading and encourage children to read as much and often as they can or would like. As a result, all children in Reception, Year 1 and 6 will be issued with a library card unless you wish to opt out of the scheme. From next year all Reception and Year 6 children will be issued a library card and this will continue until all children within primary schools have one. There is a letter sent along with the newsletter to outline the information and provide an opt out route. We will be welcoming the Children's Library service at the start of July to talk to the children about the Summer Reading Challenge. So watch this space.

PLAY INSTALLATION

The work to install the new play equipment has begun. Last Thursday the people from Pentagon came to clear the old equipment and prepare the ground for the new structures to be put in place. This is an exciting time seeing the structure go in and develop. You will be able to see this on Sports Day.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested in becoming part of our lunchtime team or know of anyone who would enjoy working with our children, then please contact the office for more details. The hours are 11.50am to 1.20pm Monday to Friday. Hopefully, we will be able to recruit very shortly.



NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or nut-based products for snacks or in their lunch boxes.

PA NEWS

FAMILY FUN DAY - 25th June

Plans are coming together for a fun filled day... the day will start at 12:30, with games, inflatables, BBQ, afternoon tea, cakes, a bar and arena acts including school performances, the Dance off (30 children have signed up), and a tug of war competition for the parents. The last hour (2:30-3:30pm) will be a disco for the children (and adults!).

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You'll also be able to take a look at our fantastic new Forest School and Mrs Vicary will be toasting marshmallows around the fire pit with the children.

This year we're introducing an entrance fee of £1 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance via: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?> and just show your confirmation email on arrival on the day.

Family Fun Day: Tug of War Competition

New to the Family Fun Day is the Tug of War competition, an opportunity for a role reversal as the parents and carers do the taking part and the children stand on the side lines cheering on.

The cost is £5 for a team of six, at least two men and two women on each team please.

Please collect an entry form from reception, complete and return with your entry fee by Friday 17 June.

Dates for the Diary:

- 24th June: Non uniform day in exchange for a prize for the Tombola (bottles/Cans of soft drinks or alcohol, toiletries, Jars)
- 25th June: Family Fun Day 12:30-3:30pm
- 8th July: Hair Mayhem Day



Chair and Secretary Vacancy:

To continue all PA events and fundraising for the school, we need to fill the PA Chair and Secretary roles at the EGM on 14th July (letter and nomination form attached) otherwise the charity will need to be dissolved as per our charity constitution 😞.

No PA means no more:

- Movie Nights ✗
- Auction Balls ✗
- Christmas parties ✗
- Family Fun Days ✗
- Christmas Fayres or Reindeer Runs ✗
- Playground enhancements ✗

If you are interested in these roles, please speak to Caroline McCarthy or Nat Day. They can give you the lowdown on each role, and there is no pressure if you then don't want to be nominated.

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.busythings.co.uk/blog/learning-about-the-queens-platinum-jubilee/>

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

Wednesday 25 May

HM The Queen's Jubilee School celebrations

Last day of Term 5

Thursday 26 May

INSET DAY – School closed to children

Friday 27 May

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TERM 6

Monday 6 June

Start of Term 6 for all children

Year 1 Phonics Check this week and next

Tuesday 7 June

Sports Day – KS1 9.30am, KS2 1.15pm

Wednesday 8 June

Tour d'Almondsbury for Reception and KS1

Thursday 9 June

Class photos taken

Friday 10 June

Tour d'Almondsbury for KS2

Monday 13 June

Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4's this week

Reserve Sports Day

Friday 10 June

Mr Evens's class swimming

Friday 17 June

Mr Evens's class swimming

Friday 24 June

Non-uniform day.

Mr Evens's class swimming

Saturday 25 June

PA Summer Family Fun Day starting at 12 noon

Friday 1 July

Mr Evens's class swimming

Friday 8 July

PA Mad-hair day

Mr Evens's class swimming

Friday 15 July

Celebration Day with parental visits and picnic for children

Mr Evens's class swimming

Thursday 21 July

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 Friday 27 May 2022	