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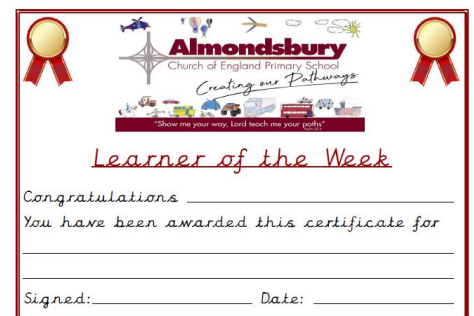
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 2

### CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for the first week of the new school year from their teachers.

Mr Dean	- Isabelle Portch
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	- Tyler Tremlin
Miss Abraham	- Molly Pudney
Miss Ramli	- Layla Rew
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Danny Gaffori & Zac Tottle
Mr Evens	- Evie Gardner
Mr Garcia	- Matthew Berry
Mrs Leonard	- Harry Janiak
Miss Hake	- James Tezkan



Reception classes will start to receive certificates when they start full time in school.



### HM THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II

As you know the funeral of the late Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II is taking place on Monday 19 September. This date has been made a Bank Holiday and therefore the school will be closed to all pupils and staff. We will be looking at her late Majesty's legacy with the children in school. We hope to mark this with something that will be a permanent commemoration of HM The Queen Elizabeth II.

**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL** - We are awaiting notification from PGL regarding the arrangements for the Year 6 visit to Paris, France that begins on Monday 19 September. We are hopeful that the residential visit will continue as planned as transport will still be running and operating on the day. Year 6 parents will be informed as soon as we have the correct information.

**READING** - Following an update from the Department for Education around phonics teaching we have moved to a new phonics scheme called Essential Letters and Sounds. It is a rigorous programme that will support your children in making quick progress to become fluent and confident readers. Reception will be starting this week and Year 1 started the first day back! The English Team will be in touch this week to give you more information about an upcoming phonics workshop for parents in Key Stage 1. There will also be changes taking place with how reading is structured at home so please watch this space!

### MATHS ATTACK

Mastery of Maths - 'Mastering maths means pupils acquiring a deep long-long term, secure and adaptable understanding of the subject.'

'Achieving mastery means acquiring a solid enough understanding of the maths that's been taught to enable pupils to move on to more advanced material.'

Last year, the school trialled the Mastery of Maths approach. The trial proved to be successful and this year we are rolling out this approach throughout the whole school. In order to keep in line with the Mastery approach, we have decided to change our Maths Attack scheme.

The new Mastery Maths Attack scheme will focus on the skills and facts needed for the year group the children are currently working in. They will have 2 or three weeks (depending on year group) to challenge themselves on each level. Following this period, the children will move to the next level. More information will be given during the Meet the Teacher sessions this week.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - We have very happy news to share with everyone. Mrs North is expecting a baby, due in mid-February 2023. We are all very happy for her and look forward to the birth of second baby North. When Mrs North does leave school to go on maternity leave, Ms Hill will become full time to teach the children in Reception 2.

## PE KIT

As usual we are straight back into all aspects of school life including PE and Forest School. As part of this healthy attitude to physical activity, we would like to remind all the children that it is essential to be properly prepared to participate. This is a reminder of the request that children come into school in their PE kits on their allotted PE days. The children have been told, a timetable has been put into the school newsletter and the days will be published on each class's webpage on the website.

**(With the Reception children this year, we have introduced the new PE hoody and tops with the school logo shown below. However, if you are replacing your child's PE kit, you may like to consider moving to this style with black shorts and tracksuit bottoms) They are available from the school uniform shop - Linela Embroidery, Unit 1, Tomorosa, Awkley Lane, Olveston, Bristol. BS354EW - Tel - 01454 615300**

**PE kit** White T-shirt/school red & black (new style) PE top, red or black shorts. School red & black hoody/red sweatshirt and red/black tracksuit bottoms

**Footwear** Trainers should be worn into school in readiness for PE

**Long Hair** Hair bands and clips to tie hair back.

**Jewellery** All jewellery must be removed including studs.  
(Please supply tape for newly pierced ears for the first 6 weeks only)



**Outdoor Playtimes, Lunchtimes on the field & Forest school** All children will need wellies, to be kept in school.

## PARKING

This is the usual plea for all parents to please park sensibly and safely for the good of all the children. These are difficult times and the parking issue should not be adding to them. Therefore, I am asking every single parent to really think carefully about where and how you park your car. Be considerate of others and be aware of the time you need to be at school so plan ahead and ensure you leave yourself plenty of time to park safely to drop off and collect your children. Thank you in advance.

## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for two lunchtime supervisors. 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. I hope that we will be able to recruit very shortly.

## FORGIVENESS HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Forgiveness. 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 looking at 'Get Heartsmart' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme

## MEET THE TEACHER

The annual Meet the Teacher sessions for you to meet and introduce yourself to your child's new class teacher are this week on Monday and Thursday. They start at 3.30pm until 4.00pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter. These will be held in the classroom and you are welcome to come in. We would though ask that you try to space yourselves out in the classroom and keep your children with you.

## 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/ks2/>

and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

**Matthew 22:36 - 40**



*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

**E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER**

Attached to this newsletter is the next E-safety newsletter for your information. The theme for this month is about how to keep safe when playing online games and the ratings for these games. Also featured are family settings. There are also some links to different safe websites that can be used at home.

**THIS SCHOOL IS  
NUT FREE**



**Please remember we are a nut free school. This includes any foods that contain nuts as well such as Nutella, etc. Please do ensure you check your child's packed lunch as to whether anything contains nuts. We have children in school who are extremely allergic to peanuts, in particular, and would need hospital treatment should they come into contact with nuts. Thank you for your consideration.**

**PA NEWS**

Welcome back to school and a BIG welcome to all our new children and parents.

Within the Parents Association we are planning an exciting year of fundraising which will ensure we can continue to support the school. Our fundraising goal is to raise enough to transform the KS1 playground.

In order to help keep you up to date on all of the events over the school year each class will have their own communications representative. They will be our go-to person for sharing all the latest and greatest in the PA world with you.

Please do get in touch if you would like to volunteer to support the PA. We can only fundraise for the school when parents support us and offer to help or lead on events/initiatives. If you can give some time please email: [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com)

In addition, second-hand uniform, wow day clothes and bottle buddies can all be purchased via our PA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?even>

We'll be updating shortly on the date of our first PA committee meeting for anyone who wishes to join, and our Annual General Meeting is in October.

We look forward to another successful year of fun and fundraising with you!

**Auction Ball Update – see attached PDF**

PA members have had to make the tough decision to postpone the Auction Ball until February 4<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Those that have already bought tickets/tables should have received an email on Friday evening; we apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope you can still make the new date.

Tickets remain on sale at: [Almondsbury School Parents Association \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?even) We believe the new date will be more appealing to more parents, something to look forward to in the new year and raise some fantastic funds for the school, whilst having a fun night out. We hope you will be able to join us.

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

Email address: [office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

**DATES FOR 2022/23****TERM 1****Monday 12 September****Tuesday 13 September****Wednesday 14 September****Thursday 15 September****Friday 16 September****Monday 19 September****Tuesday 20 September****Wednesday 21 September****Friday 23 September****Wednesday 28 September****Friday 30 September****Friday 7 October****Thursday 13 October****Friday 14 October****Monday 17 October****Friday 21 October****TERM 2****Monday 31 October****Tuesday 1 November****Friday 4 November****Monday 7 November****Friday 11 November****Monday 14 November****Tuesday 22 November****Friday 18 November****Friday 25 November****Friday 16 December**

Reception children all in school mornings plus lunch

Meet the teacher 3.30 – 4.00pm Miss Hake, Mr Garcia, Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw, Mr Dean, Mrs Goode and Mr Allen.

Reception parents reading and phonics workshop 9.15am in the Hall

Meet the teacher 3.30 – 4.00pm Mrs Leonard, Mr Evens, Miss Ramli, Miss Abraham

Swimming starts at Tockington for Miss Ramli's class

Year 6 residential visit to Paris, France

School closed for the state funeral of late HM The Queen Elizabeth

Reception children start school full time

Reception parents 'Funky Fingers' writing workshop 2.30pm in the Hall

Meet the teacher 3.30 – 4.00pm Miss Wingett, Mrs North and Ms Hill

Year 6 return from Paris, France

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class and catch up for Year 5

Reception parents Drawing Club workshop 9.15am in the Hall

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Harvest Festival afternoon

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class and catch up for Year 5

Diversity Week in school

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class and catch up for Year 5

End of Term 1

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Start of Term 2 for all pupils

Book Week in school

New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 9.30am and 11.00am

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Individual photographs in school

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End of Term 2

**Term dates for 2022/23**

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 1 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 October 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Friday 11 February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023
INSET DAYS confirmed for next academic year	Thursday 1 September 2022 Friday 2 September 2022 Monday 31 October 2022 Tuesday 3 January 2023 Friday 26 May 2023	