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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 5

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Grace Smith-Gray
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Jaspa Wilkinson
Miss Abraham	-	Hana Rozpedowska
Miss Ramli	-	Ruhee Babariya
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Jessica Vine
Mr Evens	-	William Jarvis
Mr Garcia	-	Sebastian Winstanley
Mrs Leonard	-	Marlow Bendall
Miss Hake	-	Keira Whitlock
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Theodore Pinteala
Miss Wingett	-	Rosa Sackett



ATTENDANCE

High attendance is very important for all of the children to be able to achieve and do well throughout their time at Almondsbury. We aim to have this as our minimum attendance from now on for every child. **For every missed day of school it takes time for the children to catch up with their learning. If your child's attendance is 95% then they will have missed a whole unit of work over the year that they will have to catch up on. For attendance below 90% this is equivalent to over 4 weeks' worth of missed learning which does have a massive impact on the progress the children make.** As usual any child's attendance that falls below 90% will be contacted by myself to discuss how we can make sure the attendance improves. I am sure that this will not be the case and I do hope we will be able to see all children's attendance at a high figure and that they are able to succeed in their learning.

I also need to remind you that no term time absence for holidays will be authorised. I look forward to reporting another high attendance year and even higher achievement by the children.

Lateness can also cause the children to have an unsettled time during the first part of the morning as they miss the social interaction at the start of the day as well as registration and the first part of the lesson. It is very important that the children arrive on time in the morning. Thank you for your support.



CHARLIE FROUD FOUNDATION

This year the School Parliament have decided to support a very local charity, which is based in Almondsbury – The Charlie Froud Foundation. The charity support mountain rescue teams as well as other local charities such as the Jesse May Trust. The children have been set the challenge of collecting as many

one penny coins as possible between now and 30 June 2023. We know that at the moment there are some tough choices being made by families so please do not worry if you are unable to give anything between now and then but if you are able to then please do send in your one penny coins. This is also a competition between the other local schools. The school which collects the most coins will receive £1,000 as a reward kindly donated by the Forss family who are trustees. Thank you in advance.



CROSS COUNTRY

The children enjoyed participating in the school cross country championships running extremely well around the track. The children dodged in and out of the showers but persevered. Well done to these children who won their respective year group races. The children were presented with certificates for the top three boys and girls in each year group.

Year group	Boys	Girls
Year 1	Jake Nelson	Tia Lillis
Year 2	Oliver Plumb	Elaya Merlino Thompson
Year 3	Rocco Jenkins	Lois Day
Year 4	Oliver Dixon	Naimah Odunuga
Year 5	Riley Jenkins	Molly Taylor
Year 6	Alex Laczik	Alessia Merlino



HARVEST FESTIVAL

It is nearly time for our annual Harvest Festival. As usual we would appreciate donations for the Harvest display, which will be set up in the Hall. Once again this year we have decided to aid a charity that is close to us. We will be asking you to provide tinned or packet goods that can be used by Food Banks namely the Five Loaves and Two Fishes charity of St Paul's in Bristol. The goods will be displayed alongside the loaves of bread provided by Olveston bakery, one for each class, plus the large sheaf that will be for sale at the end of the day. Please send a donation in with your child on the Thursday morning. Many thanks in advance.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



Last Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 took part in a Times Tables Rockstars Launch Day. The children dressed up as rock stars and they all took part in a number of activities, including times tables game, designing their own rock star characters and exploring the use of Times Tables Rockstars. Times Tables Rockstars is a fantastic app that can be used to support the recall of times tables facts. It is fun, interactive and engages children to improve on the areas mentioned above. However, as a school,

we want to maximise this potential. There will be monthly awards, class battles and house battles where children can gain house points. These will be added onto the house points tally and contribute towards the winning house at the end of each term. It is also helpful to prepare children for the Multiplication Tables Check at the end of Year 4. The Multiplication Tables Check determines whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.



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/education/highlights/sections/primary>

SCHOOL CLEANER REQUIRED

We have recently made the decision to hire our own cleaners for school. We have a vacancy for a cleaner from 3.30pm – 6.00pm Monday to Friday term time plus a couple of days of holiday cleans throughout the year. Salary is approximately £10.00 per hour. If you are interested in the position please contact the office to collect more information and an application form.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

If you have a child in Year 6 a reminder that the admissions portal is open and will close for submissions on 31 October 2022 to allow you to choose a secondary school place.

If you have a child aged 4 by 31 August 2023 you will need to apply for a primary school place by 14 January 2023. The admissions portal is now open for applications.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2023 INTAKE

We have the dates now confirmed for the school tours for new prospective parents for the intake in September 2023. It will be lovely to show new parents around and share all that is great about our school.

Tuesday 1 November 9.00am	Tuesday 1 November 11.00am
Monday 7 November 11.00am	
Monday 14 November 1.30pm	
Tuesday 22 November 1.30pm	Tuesday 22 November 2.30pm

PA NEWS

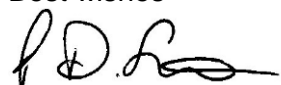
We will be holding our AGM on Monday 17 October 2022 at 7pm at the school, in the staffroom. This will be a chance for the new co-chairs to meet the invaluable team, who have already been working brilliantly together, to plan events for this next coming academic year. We welcome anyone who would like to contribute their ideas and time to these events. Remember, all events are to raise funds for the benefit of our children at Almondsbury School. Our main fundraising project this year is the KS1 play area, however, throughout the year there will be smaller items that may be needed (as well as some other projects that are needing funding for on a more immediate need - we have already been approached about two further areas that need funding). We realise that we are entering financially hard times and we are truly grateful for all continued donations made.

Auction Ball Update

PA members have had to make the tough decision to postpone the Auction Ball until February 4 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://pta-events.co.uk). 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

DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 1

Friday 7 October
Thursday 13 October
Friday 14 October
Monday 17 October

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
Harvest Festival afternoon
Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
Diversity Week in school
PA AGM starting at 7pm in the staffroom
Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
End of Term 1

Friday 21 October

TERM 2

Monday 31 October
Tuesday 1 November

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
Friday 4 November	Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
Monday 7 November	New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 9.30am and 11.00am
Friday 11 November	Individual photographs in school
Monday 14 November	New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 1.30pm
	Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
Tuesday 22 November	New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Friday 18 November	Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
Friday 25 November	Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
Friday 16 December	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	