

10 October 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 6

CERTIFICATES

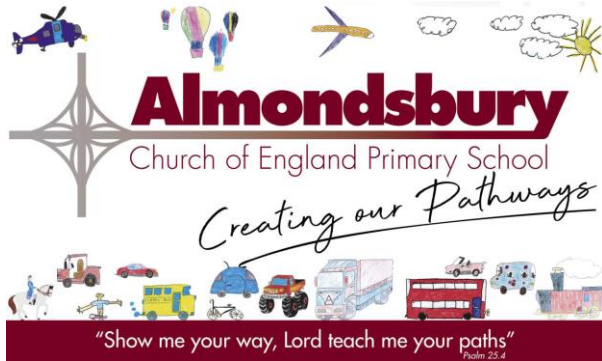
Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers.

Mr Dean	- Eleanor Edgell
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	- Jack Hartley
Miss Abraham	- Harriet Day
Miss Ramli	- Dougie Layson
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Leo McCarthy
Mr Evens	- Dade Ijlade
Mr Garcia	- Ozzy Knapp
Mrs Leonard	- Alice Ghetti
Miss Hake	- Seun Olaniyi
Mrs North and Ms Hill	- Jaxon Maggs
Miss Wingett	- Lily Taylor



OUR VISION

It has been just over three years now since we created our current vision and values for the school. Obviously those of you who were not present during that time may not be aware of the way in which it was created and shared.



The vision is rooted in the Bible verse 'Show me your way, Lord teach me your paths' Psalm 25:4. This then transfers into our strapline of 'Creating our Pathways'.

We decided upon this as we want to ensure that every child that passes through the doors of Almondsbury on their life's journey has the opportunities to discover their talents, skills and abilities to do anything they would like to. There is no limit or ceiling to their ambitions. We will provide them with the knowledge, tools and confidence to enable the children to realise their potential. The logo is linked to this as well.

The cross-like symbol not only links to our Christian

foundation as a Church of England school but also as a reminder that the Christian faith enables everyone to stay true to their convictions, morale compass and values that we all hold dear in school. It based on the interchange at Almondsbury (aerial view). As we know this road network can then lead to anywhere in the country and beyond. It creates the roads for later life. This all then encompasses our vision. The values remain constant. Our core values of 'Love, Hope and Respect' are acted out in school every day. We want the children to share these as well as the staff and hopefully you as parents will promote these at home.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This Thursday afternoon is 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.



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.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We had one parent who was nominated to become the newest parent governor to represent the parental body on the Governing Body. Dr Marco Boscolo has therefore been elected as the new parent governor. Marco has a child in Reception and we welcome him warmly.

PARKING

I would like to draw your attention to the parking around and outside school once again. I know that parking is a contentious issue and always has been, not just at our school but at schools up and down the country. However, please remember to park safely and sensibly. Also remember to be courteous to each other as we are all looking out for what is best for the safety of all of our children in school. I just need to update parents regarding the use of the bus stop for drop offs. Please also do not pull into the school gates. This should not be an option. You are more than welcome to park at The Bowl from 8.30 – 9.30am and from 3.30 to 4.30pm (if you need to park longer at The Bowl, please pop your registration number into the tablet in the pub) Please be mindful to park sensibly. You can also park at the garden centre for a little longer. Thank you for your co-operation and think about the safety of all the children in school.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Please remember that parents should not be parking in the school car park at any time during the day. This includes dropping off at breakfast club or collecting after the end of the day at extra-curricular clubs or wraparound care. There are often children and adults walking across the car park and this is a safety risk. Recently, we have had to find parents of cars parked in the car park for staff and visitors to be able to leave at the end of the day. Please do not park in the school car park.

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.learninggamesforkids.com/>

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

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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.

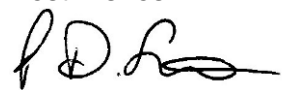
Auction Ball Update

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 \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Almondsbury School Parents Association (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.

St Mary's Messy Church		
FUN Crafts & Toys	FAITH Stories & Songs	& FOOD A light hot meal per child
Children must be accompanied by an adult		
12 October 2022	3.45pm – 5.30pm 16 November 2022	7 December 2022

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

Thursday 13 October

Friday 14 October

Monday 17 October

Harvest Festival afternoon

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class

Diversity Week in school

PA AGM starting at 7pm in the staffroom

Friday 21 October

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class

End of Term 1

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 9.00am and 11.00am

Friday 4 November

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class

Monday 7 November

New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 9.00am and 11.00am

Individual photographs in school (*please note change of date*)

Wednesday 9 November

Reception parents Mathematics workshop 9.15am in the Hall

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

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Friday 25 November
Friday 16 December

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
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	