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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 7

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	- Dylan Gale
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	- Evie Tottle
Miss Abraham	- Anna Day
Miss Ramli	- Astin Wong
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Amber Illingworth
Mr Evens	- Kabir Degaonkar
Mr Garcia	- Eva Street
Mrs Leonard	- Alfie Grace
Miss Hake	- Ranice Wong
Mrs North and Ms Hill	- Archie Tremlin
Miss Wingett	- Javesh Rajkumar



HARVEST FESTIVAL



Our Harvest festival went very well with the children singing beautifully. We focused this year on the work of the farmers to tend the land and harvest the crops that we eat and how thankful we should be for this. The harvest display looked fulsome with tinned and packet goods alongside the harvest loaves. All of the food that was donated by yourselves has been sent to the food bank namely the Five Loaves and Two Fishes charity

of St Paul's in Bristol. The loaves were shared during the afternoon with all of the pupils, they were delicious! Thank you for all your contributions, they were much appreciated.



PARENTS EVENINGS

We have set the Parents Evenings booking system up via the school website as previously. This is now live and available for booking. Please note that due to requests and the success of the hybrid meetings that we held last year, **Thursday 10 November will be virtual on TEAMS and Tuesday 15 November will be face to face.** This is to support those parents who find it difficult to attend in person due to either work or family commitments.

BOOK WEEK



Straight after half term when we return on Tuesday 1 November, it is our annual Book Week. We have linked this in with our Diversity week which starts today. There are lots of exciting things happening. We have the Book Fair every evening after school from 3.30 – 4.00pm in the library area, Big Read, drop everything and read sessions, reading swaps lessons, homework linked to reading and dressing up day on Friday. On Tuesday you are invited into the library for a reading breakfast from 8.15am. We also have our Book at Bedtime on Wednesday evening from 6.00-7.00pm alongside a workshop for parents on reading plus time to buy any books secretly when the children are otherwise engaged. A letter came home last Friday with more details.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

There have been many changes recently to school lunches. We can but apologise for these changes, especially those that have been made at short notice. Unfortunately, these have been out of our control. Some of the changes have been due to supply or delivery issues with various parts of the menu ie no BBQ sauce for Hunter's chicken or beans rather than beans and peas. Others have been due to staffing issues. If we have a member or two members of staff out sick then there may have to be changes to the menu choice due to the time it takes to create/cook certain meals for that many children. We run a four person kitchen, however for the past year we have only had either two or three at the most members of catering staff in the kitchen. This limits the capacity of the team. This is a local authority wide issues with sickness and also recruitment to posts that have not been filled for a long time.

Hopefully, these will be resolved somewhat with the new menu that will be sent out shortly to start in Term 2. Please do bear with us though as we want to do our best to make sure the children are fed properly at school.

PACKED LUNCHES

We also have noticed that for some children their packed lunch boxes are starting to be filled with sweets, lollipops and lots of chocolate. We want to discourage these types of choices in lunchboxes. Not only are they lacking in nutrition but lollipops are dangerous and not needed here in school for lunchtimes. Please do not send these items in lunchboxes. Can I also remind you that we are a nut free school so no nuts or bars containing nuts should be present in lunchboxes. Thank you for your co-operation on this.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In these difficult times we would like to remind that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please check out this link www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals. This even applies to children in Reception and KS1 who are already entitled to Universal Free School Meals as this brings in additional funding to support your child.



CHARLIE FROUD FOUNDATION

This year the School Parliament have decide 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.

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

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PA NEWS

We will be holding our AGM this evening, 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.

PA Auction Ball – tickets on sale until 30th November – see attached poster

Join us for a fun filled evening whilst raising funds for the school.

Buy tickets here: [Almondsbury School Parents Association \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk)

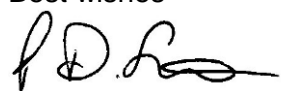
We have some great auction lots and raffle prizes donated by:

Racks Bar & Kitchen The Village Hotel LV Insurance Komedia Bristol Golf Course Wolfridge Alpaca Barn	LS Active Mendip Activity Centre City Mazes Ronnie's of Thornbury Almondsbury Tennis Club Little Love Bakes	Bristol Bears Rugby Team Sport Avonmouth- Karting Rackham Planning And more!
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If you or your business would like to support this event by donating or sponsoring a prize please get in contact with:

Emma Tottle – emma.fitzgibbon@hotmail.co.uk

Best wishes



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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

Monday 17 October

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

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 1 November

Start of Term 2 for all pupils

Book Week in school and Book Fair every evening after school

3.30- 4.00pm outside the library area

Reading Breakfast 8.15am in the library

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

Wednesday 2 November

Book at Bedtime 6.00- 7.00pm and Parental Reading workshop

Friday 4 November

Book Character Day

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

Wednesday 9 November

Reception parents Mathematics workshop 9.00am in the Hall

Year 3 and 4 Egyptology Day

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Thursday 10 November	Parents Evening – 4.00- 7.20pm PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A VIRTUAL MEETING
Friday 11 November	Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
Monday 14 November	New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 1.30pm
Tuesday 15 November	Parents Evening – 4.00 – 7.20pm PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A FACE TO FACE MEETING
Friday 18 November	Children in Need Day – Wear Spots
	Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
Tuesday 22 November	New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Friday 25 November	Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
	Movie Night 'The Grinch' 6.00-8.00pm
Monday 28 November	Year 5 and 6 visit to Imperial War Museum, London
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	