

7 November 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 9

CERTIFICATES

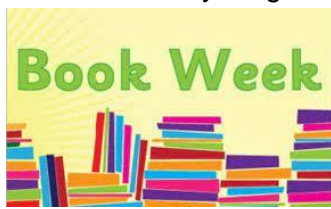
Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers.

Mr Dean	-	Emilia Weaver
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Sebastian Timmins
Miss Abraham	-	Imogen Truscott
Miss Ramli	-	Will Dawson
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Rocco Thompson
Mr Evens	-	Finley Stewart
Mr Garcia	-	Anaya Curpad
Mrs Leonard	-	Zoe Cheung
Miss Hake	-	Ronnie Rae Butler
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Sophia Moore
Miss Wingett	-	Tanvika Devaram



BOOK WEEK

Once again our annual Book Week has been a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed the texts they have been studying linked to Diversity and created very good pieces of writing and artwork linked to the activities. Drop and read and the Big Read were great successes. The children had a fantastic time sharing books with the younger children during The Big Read.



The week kicked off with the Reading Breakfast. It was so good to see lots of parents join their children to share and read books in the library area of school as well as enjoying the toast, coffee and squash.



Book at Bedtime was very well attended with just under 130 children coming back to school to listen to different stories read by the staff and enjoy their hot chocolate and cookies before going home to bed. The fires were roaring (virtually) as the children listened intently. Thank you to the PA and parental helpers for the making the drinks. Many parents also attended the Reading workshop and were able to buy books from the Book Fair.



Reception enjoyed their first ever Book Week at Almondsbury. They especially enjoyed their Year 6 buddies coming down to them for the afternoon to share a story and going to the library for the first time to borrow a book. We looked at the book 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin and Diane Evans. We thought about what we would pack in our suitcases if we had to move countries and created self-portraits of ourselves to share with each other like a passport.

KS1 had an exciting book week packed full of activities. In class, we looked at the book 'Rice and Rocks' by Sandra L Richards. We thought about the food in the book and that rice and beans are eaten all over the world. We shared our traditional family meals and the countries they come from as well as cooking some things ourselves. The week ended with the children dressing up as their favourite book characters, they all looked amazing as they strutted down the catwalk in our KS1 fashion show!

Year 3 and 4 have based their activities during Book Week on 'Masala's Magic Pencil' by Masala Yousafzai. The book is based on the experiences of Masala and how she wanted to change the world. We were inspired to write what we would do if we could change the world to make it a much better place to be.

Year 5 and 6 have spent Book Week reading a book of poetry called 'Out of Wonder'. This is written by the same author Kwame Alexander that we looked at during Diversity Week before half term. It inspired the children to write their own poetry about the wonders of the world and who provided awe and wonder for them.

The children also were challenged to create a Potato Character – their favourite book character made from decorating or making a costume for the potato. There were some cracking entries, which were all fab! Here are just a few of them.



The children looked fantastic in their costumes on Friday which made it extremely difficult to choose the various class winners who received prizes. It was good to see lots of homemade costumes being worn.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you all so much for your involvement and enthusiasm for Book Week this year - we have been so impressed by how many people have taken part in our events! To keep this enthusiasm going, we are really keen to open our school library after school one or two days a week. If you would be interested in being one of our volunteer librarians or if you would like to be a regular volunteer who listens to our readers in school, please email either Mrs North, Miss Hake or Mrs Goode for more details.



POPPY SALES AND MERCHANDISE

We have poppies for sale in school and associated merchandise. These will be on sale at the end of the day at the front of the school for parents and children to buy. There are suggested prices for the merchandise and a suggestion of 20p for a poppy (or more if you

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would like to donate more). Although there won't be the usual services up and down the country with different uniformed groups we will still be completing activities next Wednesday to mark the day.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Also at the end of next week Children in Need takes place. Once again we will be participating in collecting money for the Children in Need charity. This year the School Parliament have decided that our school participation will be all the children coming into school in **WEARING SPOTS**. They children can also wear their dressing gowns to help them stay warmer. The suggested donation is as usual a £1 coin to be brought into school on Friday 18 November for the collection. Thank you in advance for your support.



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.

COMPASSION HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Compassion. 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 'Too much selfie isn't healthy' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Mark 12:31

"Love your neighbour as you love yourself."



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.activityvillage.co.uk/remembrance-day>

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.

Monday 14 November 1.30pm	
Tuesday 22 November 1.30pm	Tuesday 22 November 2.30pm

PA Auction Ball – tickets on sale until 30 November

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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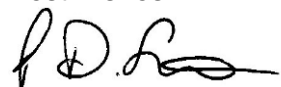
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If you or your business would like to support this event by donating or sponsoring a prize please get in contact with:

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

Best wishes



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 2

Monday 7 November

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

Wednesday 9 November

Individual photographs in school

Reception parents Mathematics workshop 9.00am in the Hall

Thursday 10 November

Year 3 and 4 Egyptology Day

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 in school day

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class

Tuesday 22 November

New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Friday 25 November

Non uniform day for PA events donations

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 2 December

Reindeer run and Christmas fayre 2.30 – 4.30pm

Wednesday 7 December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.00pm

Thursday 8 December

Reception classes nativity performance 2.00pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm

Friday 9 December

Reception and KS1 Christmas party pm

Tuesday 13 December

Christmas lunch day

Wednesday 14 December

Year 3 and 4 Christmas party pm

Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church 7.00pm

Thursday 15 December

Year 5 and 6 Christmas party pm

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	

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