

5 December 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 13

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Ria Jones
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Molly Taylor
Miss Abraham	-	Isla Drewitt
Miss Ramli	-	Matthew Wilkosz
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Rocco Bear Jenkins
Mr Evens	-	Bella Scott
Mr Garcia	-	Oli Vornicu
Mrs Leonard	-	Jake Nelson
Miss Hake	-	Amelia Wood
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Lara Higham
Miss Wingett	-	Eloise Collard



REINDEER RUN AND CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Reindeer Run was a huge success with the children and the parents. We were so pleased that so many parents came along to support the children as they ran in their reindeer antlers. The children ran for their allotted time and were very pleased by their efforts.



The Christmas fair took place at the same time as the Reindeer run and afterwards. There were lots of sweets, decorations, chocolates and other cuddly items on offer as well as refreshments.

The PA Colour hamper draw took place at the end of the Christmas fair. The eleven winners were drawn in turn for the hampers. Thank you so much to all those parents who donated items for the hampers, which looked fantastic as ever. The winning hampers for the key stages were in Key Stage 1 – Mr Garcia's class the pink one and in Key Stage 2 – Mr Dean's class the blue one. These classes received some prizes for the class as well as a £25 gift voucher to spend on books for their classrooms.



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The overall figure raised so far is an impressive £3,000. Thank you to everyone for their sponsorship and the buying at the fair. However, there are still donations coming in so this may rise. The funds raised will go towards the KS1 play equipment which is the current focus of the PA's efforts.



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



A Year 5 and 6 team participated in a local football tournament last week playing against schools from the local area. The whole group gelled really well together considering it was their first time playing as a team and showed excellent teamwork and communication skills. They played 4 games and ended up with 1 win, 1 loss and 2 draws although those draws could quite easily have been wins if it wasn't for some expert goalkeeping from the opposing teams. The boys all had a really enjoyable afternoon and should be proud of their efforts in representing the school.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 23 November, a team of 9 boys and 9 girls of Y5&6 represented the school at a sportshall athletics event at Yate Academy. They took part in a range of field events including standing long jump, standing triple jump, speed bounce, javelin and chest push as well as a variety of track events working in pairs, teams and fours against other schools in South Glos. They had an amazing evening and finished in first place scoring 114 pts, well ahead of the other teams. As a result, they will be going on to the Level 3 competition at UWE in January. A great result, well done!



CHRISTMAS

The children will be able to bring in Christmas cards as from Monday 5 December (today) and placed in the postal sacks in the corridors. They will then be distributed. We are looking forward to all of the Christmas performances that we have planned for the coming fortnight. We will be collecting for charity at these performance. This year will be collecting for Action for Children and The Luke Wheaton Foundation.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH is on Tuesday 13 December this year, made by Mrs Byrne and the kitchen staff. The children will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers if they've got one and will make party hats in class beforehand.

Please make sure you order your child's Christmas lunch in plenty of time on Parent Pay so we have an idea of numbers. These need to be on the system by Monday 12 December. Thank you.



RECEPTION SCHOOL TOUR

We have added an additional date for a tour of the school. Please contact the office if you would like to come along on Thursday 5 January 2022 at 1.30pm.



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.

We can see those collection jars in each class growing daily and weekly. Thank you so much for your contributions so far.

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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: www.merry-christmas.com

PA NEWS

Christmas Jumpers, PJs and Wow clothes

If you have any good condition Christmas jumpers, onesies, PJs or outfits, please leave them in the blue box in reception. If you have any wow day clothes/ fancy dress, please consider donating these to the PA for resale too. We want to provide affordable options to parents, and encourage recycling. All items will be available on the PA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsbury>

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
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DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 2

Wednesday 7 December

Thursday 8 December

Friday 9 December

Tuesday 13 December

Wednesday 14 December

Thursday 15 December

Friday 16 December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.00pm

Reception classes nativity performance 2.00pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm

Reception and KS1 Christmas party pm

Christmas lunch day

Year 3 and 4 Christmas party pm

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

Year 5 and 6 Christmas party pm

End of Term 2

TERM 3

Tuesday 3 January

Wednesday 4 January

Friday 6 January

Friday 13 January

Friday 20 January

Friday 27 January

Friday 3 February

Saturday 4 February

Friday 10 February

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Start of Term 3 for all pupils

Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon

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PA Movie Night 6.00-8.00pm

Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon

PA Auction Ball from 7.00pm at Village Hotel, Patchway

Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon

PA Cake Sale and uniform sale after school

End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 20 February

Friday 24 February

Friday 3 March

Thursday 9 March

Friday 10 March

Tuesday 14 March

Friday 17 March

Friday 31 March

Start of term 4

Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon

Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon

Parents Evenings 4.00- 7.20pm

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End of Term 4

Term dates for 2022/23

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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 10 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 this academic year	Tuesday 3 January 2023 Friday 26 May 2023	