

12 December 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 14

CERTIFICATES

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

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| Mr Dean | - | Christopher Barnard |
| Mrs Goode and Mr Allen | - | Imogen Sander |
| Miss Abraham | - | Caitlin Davies |
| Miss Ramli | - | Arthur Robinson |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw | - | Zachary Taylor |
| Mr Evens | - | Isabella Suggitt |
| Mr Garcia | - | Whole class |
| Mrs Leonard | - | Whole class |
| Miss Hake | - | Whole class |
| Mrs North and Ms Hill | - | Willow Hammond |
| Miss Wingett | - | Henry Belisario-Elford |



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

It was a real treat to be able to invite parents in to watch the performances by Reception and Years 1 and 2. Well done to all of the children.

The Reception children performed 'The Sleepy Shepherd' to their family members. They all sang, danced and spoke their words really well. It is always a joy to see the Reception children perform their nativity. It was a magical memorable performance.



'The Angel who missed it all' was performed by Years 1 and 2. The two performances were also warmly received by their families, who appreciated all of the hard work they have put in to delivering a great production. The children performed their lines really well. All of the children were clear in their diction both in their speaking parts as well as their singing. A particular mention to the soloists and main parts for their great performances, plus all the narrators who learnt and delivered their lines so well.



Thank you for your support with practicing words and coming along to support your children. There are more photos on the school website. A special thank you to all the Reception and Key Stage 1 staff for all their efforts in producing the performances so well. We were collecting for Action for Children and The Luke Wheaton Foundation, a local charity. We will collect again at the carol service on Wednesday and let you know a total at the start of next term.

UKELELE PERFORMANCE

Since September, the Year 4 children have been taking part in weekly ukulele lessons with Mr Davis as part of the Music curriculum. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these lessons and learnt a lot in a short space of time. On Monday, the children performed in a ukulele concert to showcase their songs. Many Year 4 parents and the Year 3 children joined us. The children performed amazingly well and we were astounded by their talent. Thank you to all those who were able to share this special moment. The children had so much fun!



CHRISTMAS

We are looking forward to the year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday this week. 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 tomorrow, 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 today. 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 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.

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

COST OF LIVING HELP

We have been made aware of support that can be accessed through South Gloucestershire council if you meet certain criteria and are finding things a struggle financially at the moment. Please use the link below for more information on what services and support is available.

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

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.northpole.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/almondsburypa>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

I would like to wish all parents and children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a year of lots of excitement and activity. I would like to thank the children for their hard work and efforts, staff for their tremendous hard work and for keeping the children safe and well. I would also like to thank parents for their continued support. We have a great school community working in partnership. I am looking forward to 2023 and the challenges and successes it will undoubtedly bring. We will see you all during this week and then again on Wednesday 4 January 2023.



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

| CONTENT | YEAR GROUP | INFORMATION OR ACTION |
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DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 2

Tuesday 13 December
Wednesday 14 December

Christmas lunch day
Year 3 and 4 Christmas party pm
Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church 6.30pm
Year 5 and 6 Christmas party pm
End of Term 2

Thursday 15 December
Friday 16 December

TERM 3

Tuesday 3 January
Wednesday 4 January
Friday 6 January
Friday 13 January
Tuesday 17 January
Friday 20 January
Friday 27 January

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Start of Term 3 for all pupils
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
SEND Coffee morning – Playscheme 9.00am
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
PA Movie Night 6.00-8.00pm

Friday 3 February
Saturday 4 February
Friday 10 February

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
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
Parents Evenings 4.00- 7.20pm
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
PA Cake Sale and uniform sale after school
End of Term 4

Term dates for 2022/23

| Term | Starts | Ends |
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| 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 | |