

4 January 2023

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 15



Welcome back to school in 2023 and we hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and New Year. We hope that 2023 will be a prosperous one for everyone.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Mr Dean	-	Quincy Ho	Kate Rybintseva
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Evie Tottle	Andre Daley
Miss Abraham	-	Charlie Garland	Jaida Paige Waterhouse
Miss Ramli	-	Will Dawson	Tianna Lily Aylette Steele
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Hiteshree Zala	Pawel Rozedowski
Mr Evens	-	Kabir Degaonkar	Poppy Ford
Mr Garcia	-	Oliver Plumb	Elaya Merlino Thompson
Mrs Leonard	-	Chloe North	Maverick Haynes
Miss Hake	-	Jack Jones	Aurora Gibson
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Willow Hammond	Jaxon Maggs
Miss Wingett	-	Ewan Smith	Rex Sansum

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

It was such a privilege to be back in St Mary's Church for our Carols by Candlelight. This was the first time since 2019. The children sang beautifully, especially our choral soloists at the start of the service. The readers were very clear and spoke with clarity and precision. Our two pianists who played at the beginning of the service were great. It was great to see so many parents join us in church.

STAFFING

We welcome Mrs Louise Owen who will be teaching in the Year 5/6 class along with Mrs Goode. I am sure she will enjoy her time at Almondsbury.



ACTION FOR CHILDREN AND LUKE WHEATON FOUNDATION COLLECTION

At the end of each of our performances during the Christmas period we collected for the Action for Children and local charity The Luke Wheaton Foundation. We collected a grand total of £442.78, which will be split equally between the two charities. Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the Autumn term was significantly affected by the outbreaks that occurred with Strep A, scarlet fever, sickness and other viral infections. However, the overall attendance of 93.7% was below the national average. This is the first time this has happened since before I was headteacher at Almondsbury, as we are usually well above the national average. I am sure once we pass the traditional period when illness is

a real factor that we will improve in that figure. Well done to the 49 children throughout the school who managed to stave off any infections and achieved 100% attendance. I hope that everyone remains well and healthy during this term.

HOUSE POINTS

As there was so much going on at the end of last term with parties, concerts, etc we have held off on the reward for the winning house who collected the most house points during Term 2. This was Sun with 1349 points. The children in Sun house will be able to wear their own clothes on Friday this week as their reward. Well done to everyone in Sun.



SEND

Now that Covid is a distant memory we are keen to invite our parents/carers back into school to build and strengthen our school SEND community. We are therefore going to relaunch our SEND Coffee Mornings, previously ran by Mrs Duffy (SENCo) and now myself, Mrs McDowall (SENCo).



To kick-start our SEND Coffee mornings by inviting along two guest 'Playscheme' and 'Send and You'. South Gloucestershire Play Scheme is a holiday provision for children aged 5 – 11 years old who live within South Gloucestershire. They pride themselves on being able to support children with needs as well as those without. They also run the Cygnet Parenting Support Programme for Parents/Carers of Autistic children and young people aged 5 – 18. www.sgplayscheme.co.uk

Send and You is a local charity ran organisation that supports children, young people and their parents with getting the help they need. They offer an impartial and confidential service whilst also enabling service users and professionals to work more closely together for better outcomes for those with SEND. www.sendandyou.org.uk



We would love you to see you at our SEND Coffee mornings, please pop along.

17th January 2023 at 9am – Playscheme will join us

6th February 2023 at 9.30am – Send and You will join us

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.

PA NEWS

Please note that the PTA events APP is no longer supported by PTA events company. All purchases going forward will need to be made via the website via Safari for Iphones or Google for Android/computers & laptops. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, unfortunately this has been a choice by the developers and not a PA decision.

Upcoming Event: Movie Night 🎬🍿 Minions: The Rise of Gru (U)

Friday 27th January 6-8pm in the school hall. 1 ticket = per child which includes popcorn and a drink.

Tickets will go on sale Friday 6th January 00:00 hours and strictly close Thursday 26th January @ 23.55 hours. Tickets can only to be purchased from the PTA website link:

<https://www.ptaevents.co.uk/almondsburypta>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

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 3

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

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
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
PA Auction Ball from 7.00pm at Village Hotel, Patchway
SEND and You coffee morning 9.30am
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
PA Cake Sale and uniform sale after school
End of Term 3

Friday 3 February
Saturday 4 February
Monday 6 February
Friday 10 February

TERM 4

Monday 20 February
Friday 24 February
Friday 3 March
Thursday 9 March
Friday 10 March
Tuesday 14 March
Friday 17 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
Comic Relief Day
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
PA Cake Sale and uniform sale after school
End of Term 4

Friday 31 March

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 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	