

30 January 2023

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 19

CERTIFICATES

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

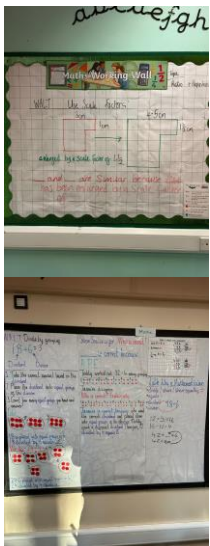
Mr Dean	- Ashton Dunn
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	- Shane Ramsden
Miss Abraham (Miss Maynard)	- James Begbey
Miss Ramli	- Edith Collett
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Joshua Agyemang
Mr Evens	- Henry Millman
Mr Garcia	- Rio Rosling
Mrs Leonard	- Chloe North
Miss Hake	- Evie Rae
Mrs North and Ms Hill	- Luke Hallworth
Miss Wingett	- Riley Scott



INDUSTRIAL ACTION

You will have received the class letters regarding the industrial action that is planned for this Wednesday and how this will affect some of the children. If you have not received this please do check in with the office to make sure you are aware of whether your child's class is closed for the day.

MATHEMATICS AT ALMONDSBURY



The Mathematics team have been working hard on delivering our new approach to teaching of mathematics over the past few terms. The teaching of mathematics in school is going from strength to strength. One of the main focus of the subject is ensuring that the children have the resources and materials to aid their learning. One way of doing that is making sure the correct mathematics resource aids are available for them to use i.e. counters, diennes, numicon, cubes, etc. Another part of the lessons and support are the learning walls. These are changed on a daily basis to ensure that the children have examples of the most current learning to help them in their independent tasks. There is also a focus on the mental fluency of calculations through Maths Attack and in class with the revisiting of prior learning that starts each lesson. This helps the children to become more proficient which they are able to apply into their problem solving and reasoning in mathematics. There is a focus on one particular element of developing reasoning skills with sentence starter to help with articulation of the mathematical thinking to explain their working out. As you know through the Knowledge



organisers, another part of the features of a lesson and concepts in mathematics is the key vocabulary. These are also learned and shared on the learning walls with the children being expected to use them in articulating their understanding. We are seeing great progress across the school with this approach where everyone has the same access to all of the tasks. Long may it continue. Well done to the staff but also the children in working so hard to make the positive progress.



SAFER INTERNET

Next week it is Safer Internet day. This will take place on Tuesday 7 February. The theme this year is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

The children will be doing something related to e-safety and reliability online next week in their computing lessons.

SEND

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 to see you at our SEND Coffee mornings, please pop along.
6 February 2023 at 9.30am.



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.

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.

PA UPDATE

Movie Night - Thank you to all who attended. We hope all the children had a great time!

Upcoming Events:

Saturday 4 February 2023 - Auction Ball

We are looking forward to seeing many of you there and raising even more funds for the school. Thank you to all who have bought tickets, and please remember to bring cash on the night for your bids.

Friday 10 February 2023, 3.30pm, Cake and Second Hand School Uniform Sale.

Please could you bring shop-bought donations on Thursday 9 February and Friday 10 February.

March - Disco

Further details to come.

Saturday 22 April - Grounds Day

These have been a great success in the past. We will be looking for volunteers to help spruce up the school grounds (likely to be focusing on the pond area). More details closer to the date.

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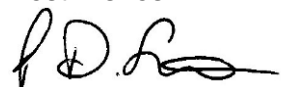
PA ADMIN

We are looking to recruit a second Vice-Chair to assist our team. You will be working alongside our existing Vice-Chair and our two co-chairs and our Treasurer as part of the Core Team. If you are interested then please contact the team at almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com

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.thinkuknow.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
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DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 3

Wednesday 1 February
Friday 3 February
Saturday 4 February
Monday 6 February
Friday 10 February

Industrial Action affecting specific classes which will be closed
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

TERM 4

Monday 20 February
Wednesday 22 February
Friday 24 February
Thursday 2 March
Friday 3 March
Thursday 9 March
Friday 10 March
Monday 13 March
Tuesday 14 March
Wednesday 15 March
Thursday 16 March
Friday 17 March

Start of term 4
Year 1 and 2 WOW day
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
Industrial Action affecting specific classes which will be closed
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
Parents Evenings 4.00- 7.20pm
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
Year 5 and 6 visit to Cadbury World, Birmingham
Parents Evenings 4.00- 7.20pm
Industrial Action affecting specific classes which will be closed
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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	Friday 26 May 2023	

