

28 November 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 12

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Alex Laczik
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Abi Sander
Miss Abraham	-	Gianni Armstrong
Miss Ramli	-	Laith Amin
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Harper Stewart
Mr Evens	-	Daniel Evans
Mr Garcia	-	Freddie Davies
Mrs Leonard	-	Maverick Haynes
Miss Hake	-	Finley Whitlock Taim Amin
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	James Rick
Miss Wingett	-	Joseph Plumb



Our value for worship this term is Compassion. We are always looking for different ways in which we can show these. We have been collecting for different charities this term with Children in Need and showing this value to each other in school.

MUGS – DO YOU HAVE SPARE MUGS AT HOME YOU DON'T USE??



Over the next couple of weeks until the end of term we will be asking the children to donate a mug that is not used at home. The mugs will be collected and donated to refuges, shelters and those moving into housing after being homeless to provide them with something to call their own and have something to have a hot drink from. This is following a worship led by Pam Skelding from St Mary's Church. The collection box is in the main entrance to the school and there is also one in church. Thank you for sharing these – please make sure the mugs are being reused rather than new to ensure sustainability.



YEAR 1 AND 2 HOME LEARNING PROJECTS

Last week year 1 and 2 were overwhelmed by the amazing home learning projects made by the children! Famous London landmarks were made using a variety of materials to enhance this term's topic, 'Let's Explore London'. The children accompanied their models with their design plans and photographs of how they were made. We had a great time exhibiting our models and presenting them to our classes.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD CLUBS

The local authority run holiday activities and food clubs for all pupils in certain locations around South Gloucestershire, the nearest ones for our school are in Bradley Stoke, Patchway and Thornbury. The clubs can be attended by any pupil within the age ranges that they are applicable for. There is also a free provision for those who receive benefits and free school meals. There is an attachment to the newsletter where you are able to see all the clubs on offer, dates and times when they run and locations. Within the pdf document are the links for you to be able to book places. These are on a first come first served basis.

NSPCC ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

We all know that online safety is a very important part of safeguarding and how we can keep our children safe from harm. The children have regular lessons on this in school. However, apart from the online e-safety briefings we provide for you monthly there is very little else. The NSPCC have now started to offer online workshops for parents. Please see the attached sheet for details of these and how to book the sessions. In the past parents who have attended the meetings have found them invaluable.

PARKING

This is the usual plea to parents regarding safe parking in and around the village. There have been a couple of complaints to school regarding the rudeness of some parents or other family members picking up the children regarding the challenges to poor parking. Please do be respectful to others who are also using the village at these times. It is a reflection on the school which is not a positive one.

We also request that parents do not park in front of the school gates to park or drop off the children. These gates are needing to be left for staff to come in and out of the school as well as emergencies.



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.

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.kidsgames4free.com/>

PA NEWS

YOUNG VOICES CAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who bought cakes on Friday at the end of school. The cake sale raised £201.70 to support the children in the choir to attend Young Voices in Birmingham in January. The PA have topped up the amount to make this a round £250.00.

Colour Hamper Raffle Tickets

Each family will have an opportunity to purchase tickets for a chance to win one of our 11 amazing colour hampers (2021 examples below). Tickets need to be returned with money to the school asap!

Don't miss out you got to be in to win it!!😊



Reindeer Run - Friday 2 December 2.30-4.30pm

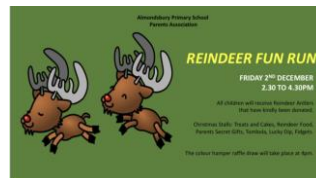
Come and support the children taking part in the reindeer run. If the children kept their reindeer antlers from last year please encourage the children to bring them in to reuse. For children who do not have any, Antlers will be provided. **All children should come into school on Friday in their PE kits. Please see the arrangements for parents coming to watch their children during the Reindeer Run to maintain safety for the children and adults on the course and around the school. All parents will be asked to sign their children out of school before taking them to the Christmas Fair. Please see the attached information to show where parents can view the children running and how to sign the children out of school.**

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

There will be some fantastic stalls where we will have cakes, fidgets, secret gift room, reindeer food, lucky dip, & chocolate tombola. So please support the school as we fundraiser for the next phase of the playground project.

To donate directly to the children completing their laps in the Reindeer Run, click here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Reindeerrun2022?invite=true>
If you are able to help/assist at any events please get in touch with the PA Team, we would love to hear from you! almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com



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>

PA Auction Ball (4 February) – tickets on sale until 30 November

Join us for a fun filled evening whilst raising funds for the school. Buy tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa>

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
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DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 2

Monday 28 November

Friday 2 December

Wednesday 7 December

Thursday 8 December

Friday 9 December

Tuesday 13 December

Wednesday 14 December

Thursday 15 December

Friday 16 December

Year 5 and 6 visit to Imperial War Museum, London

Reindeer run and Christmas fayre 2.30 – 4.30pm

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

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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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
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 next academic year	Thursday 1 September 2022 Friday 2 September 2022 Monday 31 October 2022 Tuesday 3 January 2023 Friday 26 May 2023	