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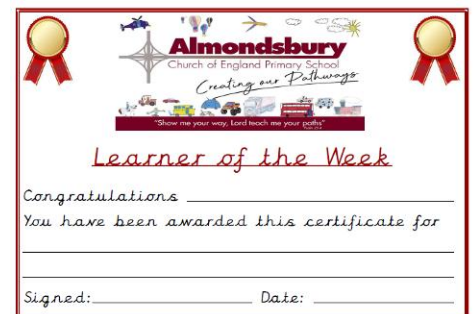
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 23

### CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Oliver Mancey
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Ethan Jenkins
Miss Abraham (Miss Maynard)	-	Imogen Truscott
Miss Ramli	-	Naimah Odunuga
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Poppy Male
Mr Evens	-	Jessica Price
Mr Garcia	-	Harrison Sander
Mrs Leonard	-	Carolina Fudulu
Miss Hake	-	Hollie Rutter
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Minahil Khan
Miss Wingett	-	Oscar Millington



### WORLD BOOK DAY



For World Book Day this year, we were really pleased to see the children bringing in such a range of books to read during our Drop Everything and Read time. Each class also had a fantastic time on Friday afternoon sharing books with children in other classes. It was lovely to see the younger children and older children working together so well, sharing their enthusiasm for reading and demonstrating such kindness and patience to one another as they read with a buddy. Remember that World Book Day vouchers can be exchanged for a free book in bookshops and supermarkets across the country so be sure to collect yours soon!

### COMPUTING AT ALMONDSBURY

Computing lessons in school are taught weekly. There is a large emphasis on the e-safety of the pupils with regular updates and reminders at the start of each and very lesson with a whole lesson dedicated to this aspect of the computing and safeguarding curriculum. The children learn how to monitor their usage of the internet and how to do this safely by choosing the correct sites. We also focus on the confidentiality of their personal information and not divulging any information that would be able to identify themselves, their address or their school. This is safe practice. You can also access more websites and resources for staying safe online from our website. <https://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Stay+Safe+Online%21&pid=73>. As you know we also send out the monthly e-safety newsletter for parents. (see below and attached to this newsletter)

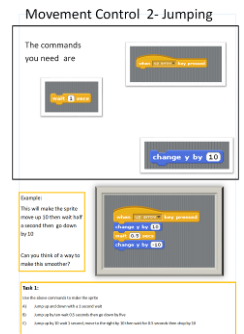


Pictograms



Within the rest of the curriculum there is a split focus on the mechanic of using the devices, namely laptops or i-pads in Reception and key stage 1 for pupils to familiarise themselves with the set up and basic packages such as story boards, word documents, simple data handling collection, creating images using paint and developing their basic programming knowledge and techniques using the 'beebots'. These are small robot devices that the children are able to programme to move in different directions and complete a challenge of moving around a track or maze.

As the children move into key stage 2 these aspects of learning become more complex and develop their knowledge of use of media to create powerpoints, word document based leaflets, etc plus developing their knowledge linked to mathematics and statistics using spreadsheets and other databases. They also move onto more defined programming software including 'Scratch' to create moving animation and programme items to move. It's all very exciting and enables the children to be computing users of the future.



## COMIC RELIEF

Next Friday 17 March is Comic Relief day. As usual we will be collecting for the charity and engaging the children with the reasons for the fund raising. We will be asking the children to come into school wearing red for the day with a suggested £1 donation. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS



Over the past couple of weeks the year 5 and 6 girls and boys have participated in football tournaments. The boys played really well and just missed out on semifinal by goal difference. They drew three games and won two of the five games in total. They didn't concede a goal all tournament. Amir Arshad was nominated as 'player of the matches'. The girls battled really hard and kept most of their games really close. The standard was pretty good and we only managed the one win but fun was had by all! Player of the day was Isla Drewitt who was excellent!



## PARENTS EVENING

The Parents Evenings booking system is now live and will continue to be so until Wednesday 8 March. We have received 66% of bookings so far. If you haven't booked yet and are having difficulties please contact the office. These will be face to face. It will provide parents with an opportunity to look at the children's books. However, we realise that parents may also prefer to have a virtual meeting. If this is the case, please let your class teacher know so they can set up an online meeting for a specific time.

## PARKING IN THE BUS STOP

Can I remind parents that parking in the bus stop outside of school is not permitted. This is causing issues in morning and backing up the stream of traffic that comes through the village including other parents trying to drop off. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to the newsletter is this month's e-safety newsletter. This month highlights to parental controls on Nintendo switch, information about age restrictions on Tik Tok and Roblox.

## SEND OPPORTUNITY WITH JIGSAW THORNBURY

Our Connect sessions were identified by parents and are set to improve the awareness, engagement and connections for parent's supporting their young person's physical, educational, or emotional wellbeing.

Connect aims to increase:

- the awareness and confidence of parents/carers on 6 topic areas: Sensory Awareness, School Anxiety and Avoidance (EBSA), Behaviour Regulation, Speech Language Communication, Recognising Emotions and Sleep.
- parent/carer connection and engagement; to know how to support their child, or seek additional guidance with confidence.

Our Connect series has been funded by South Gloucestershire Council and are FREE to attend. To book a place on an upcoming session, please follow the attached links:

[Connect: Behaviour Regulation](#)

[Connect: Emotions](#)

[Connect: Sleep](#)

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Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)



## 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

### Upcoming Events:

**Disco** - Friday 24 March 2023

KS1 5pm-6pm

KS2 6:15pm-7:30pm

Tickets are available from the Almondsbury School Parents Association website - £5 and will include drinks, snacks and glow sticks.

**Grounds Day** - Saturday 22nd April

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 focussing on the pond area). More details closer to the date.

## PA ADMIN

We are pleased to welcome Claire Jarvis to the team as co-Vice-Chair.

## VACANCY FOR ROAD CROSSING PATROL HERO

We are still looking for our very own School Road Crossing Patrol Hero. We are very keen for someone to join the Road Safety team to ensure that the children (and parents) remain safe on their way to and from school. If you are interested in helping out and doing your bit for our local community please see the details below.

Post Details:

Role: School Crossing Patrol - Almondsbury

Site Location: Sunday's Hill, Opposite Church

Times: 8.30am – 9.05am

3.20pm – 3.55pm

Hourly rate: £9ph

Full training and uniform is provided, we are happy to consider part time and/or job share for further details please contact myself, Martina Byrne-Obee 01454 863611.



## VACANCY FOR CLEANER

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner within school. This is to join the rest of the team in making sure the classrooms and cloakroom areas are clean each day for the children. The hours are between 3.30pm – 5.30pm daily. This equates to 10 hours per week. We can be flexible if needs be. If you would like more information and the salary for the post please contact Mrs Heaps in the office. If you know of someone, other than yourselves who read the newsletter, who may be looking for a part-time role please pass on the details.

## 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.funenglishgames.com/writinggames.html>

Best wishes

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2022/23

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**TERM 4**

Thursday 9 March  
Friday 10 March

Monday 13 March  
Tuesday 14 March  
Wednesday 15 March  
Thursday 16 March  
Friday 17 March

Friday 24 March  
Monday 27 – Friday 31 March  
Tuesday 28 March  
Wednesday 29 March  
Friday 31 March

Parents Evenings 4.00- 7.20pm  
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon  
Multiplication Check meeting for Year 4 parents 2.30pm  
Year 5 and 6 visit to Cadbury World, Birmingham  
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Industrial Action affecting specific classes which may be closed  
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Comic Relief Day  
No swimming for Mrs Williams's class  
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European Week  
Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 9.30am more details to follow  
Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 6.00pm  
PA Cake Sale and uniform sale after school  
End of Term 4

**TERM 5**

Monday 17 April  
Friday 21 April  
Saturday 22 April  
Friday 28 April  
Monday 1 May  
Friday 5 May  
Saturday 6 May  
Monday 8 May  
Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 May  
Friday 12 May  
Monday 15 – Friday 19 May  
Friday 19 May  
Monday 22 – Thursday 25 May  
Tuesday 23 May  
Thursday 25 May  
Friday 26 May

Start of Term 5  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
Schools Grounds Day – all welcome to help out  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
May Day Bank Holiday – School closed  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
HM King Charles III Coronation Day  
Coronation Day Bank Holiday – School Closed  
Year 6 SAT week  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
Year 2 SAT week  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
Sports Week  
Provisional Sports Day TBC  
End of Term 5  
INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

**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	