

20 March 2023

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 25

### CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	- Benjamin Roberts
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	- Andre Daley
Miss Abraham (Miss Maynard)	- Eloise Payne
Miss Ramli	- Evelyn Kalceva
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Tommy-Sol Schwarz
Mr Evens	- Taylor Detheridge
Mr Garcia	- Ameera Rowe
Mrs Leonard	- Hunter Dawson
Miss Hake	- Jenson Morgan
Mrs North and Ms Hill	- The Whole Class
Miss Wingett	- The Whole Class



FRIDAY 17 MARCH

### COMIC RELIEF

It was Comic Relief day last Friday. Thank you for your generosity as we collected £188.87 for the charity. The children were a sea of red for the day.



### YEAR 3 AND 4 WOW DAY

On Friday, Year 3 and 4 had their WOW Day where they took part in some exciting activities around their topic of 'Natural Disasters'. They had great fun making and erupting their own volcanoes using materials you can find around the home, as well as watching the effect mentos have on coke. It was pretty impressive! They also learnt lots of facts and watched a demonstration about what causes earthquakes. The children also had the opportunity to think about what would be important to pack in a rucksack in preparation for a survival situation – they had some fantastic ideas. The day was concluded with watching The Iron Giant, based on the book we have been studying in English this term. A great day had by all!



## RE AT ALMONDSBURY

RE lessons are taught weekly. As a church school, we follow both the South Gloucestershire Scheme of Work for non-Christian units and Understanding Christianity. The children learn about:



- Islam
- Hinduism
- Judaism
- Sikhism and
- Humanism

This includes learning aspects of the faith, customs and festivals as well as traditional stories linked the faith. The children learn about what it is like

for people who follow these religions so that they may gain a better understanding and appreciation of what is important to people of these faiths.

We explore these across 4 concepts through 'Big Questions':

- Expressing - How do people express themselves through the religion?
- Believing - What do people believe within the religion?
- Living - How do people live their lives according to the religion?
- Learning - What can people learn about/from the religion?

Within Christianity, the children learn about what it is like for people who are Christians. The children explore the concepts of:

- God - Belief in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Creation - Humans are made in the Image of God
- Incarnation - Jesus the Messiah and Saviour
- Gospel - Good news for all people through Jesus' teachings
- Salvation - Jesus' death and resurrection
- Kingdom of God - a vision of life lived on the way God intended and
- People of God - the story of God's plan...to save humanity through choosing a people who will model a restored relationship with God.



The children explore the Bible through:

- 'Making sense of the Text' - *Developing the skills of reading and interpretation, understanding how Christians interpret, handle and use biblical texts and making sense of the meanings of texts for Christians.*
- 'Making Connections' – *Evaluating, reflecting on and connecting the texts and concepts studied and discerning possible connections between these and pupils' own lives and ways of understanding the world.*
- 'Understanding the Impact' – *Examining ways in which Christians respond to biblical texts and teachings, and how they put their beliefs into action in diverse ways within the*

*Christian community in the world.*



## 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:

Email address: [office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

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

[Connect: Behaviour Regulation](#)

[Connect: Emotions](#)

[Connect: Sleep](#)



### 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:

#### Friday 24 March 2023 - Disco

KS1 5pm-6pm

KS2 6:15pm-7:30pm

Tickets are available from the Almondsbury School Parents Association website until Thursday 23rd March - £5 and will include drinks, snacks and glow sticks.

#### Friday 31 March - Easter Cake Sale at school pickup

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

#### Saturday 1 July - School Fun Day

We are busy making plans for the Fun Day already. In order for the event to run we do need a few volunteers. Please can you contact us at [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com) to put your name forward to help with either the setting up, to run one of the stalls and with the packing up. If we can get enough volunteers this can be done on a rota basis so that you can enjoy the fun day yourself too. The more people that help the lighter the work. The event will run from 12:30-3:30 (with a disco from 2:30-3:30). Set up will be from 9am and the majority of the packing up afterwards can be done whilst the disco is running.

### 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.

### 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



Email address: [office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

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



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.

## 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.activityvillage.co.uk/easter>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2022/23

### TERM 4

Friday 24 March	Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon
Monday 27 – Friday 31 March	European Week
Tuesday 28 March	Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 9.30am more details to follow
Wednesday 29 March	Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 6.00pm
Friday 31 March	PA Cake Sale and uniform sale after school
	End of Term 4

### TERM 5

Monday 17 April	Start of Term 5
Friday 21 April	Mr Evens's class swimming
Saturday 22 April	Schools Grounds Day – all welcome to help out
Friday 28 April	Mr Evens's class swimming
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 5 May	Mr Evens's class swimming
Saturday 6 May	HM King Charles III Coronation Day
Monday 8 May	Coronation Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 May	Year 6 SAT week
Friday 12 May	Mr Evens's class swimming
Monday 15 – Friday 19 May	Year 2 SAT week
Friday 19 May	Mr Evens's class swimming
Monday 22 – Thursday 25 May	Sports Week
Tuesday 23 May	Provisional Sports Day TBC
Thursday 25 May	End of Term 5
Friday 26 May	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	