

17 April 2023

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 27

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	-	Elijah Reynolds	Jacob Wiltshire
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Leo Bowen	Alessia Merlino
Miss Maynard	-	Rosie Rimmer	James Begbey
Miss Ramli	-	Amar Voual	Arjan Voual
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Joshua Rutter	Rory Smith
Mr Evens	-	Molly Harrex	Henry Millman
Mr Garcia	-	Oscar Blackburn	Oli Vornicu
Mrs Leonard	-	Diana Savill	Spencer Millman
Miss Hake	-	Tia Lillis	Jackson Doherty
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Henry Jarvis	Edward Day
Miss Wingett	-	Maria Picu	George Garland

HOODWINKED

Year 3 and 4 treated the school and their parents to a fantastic performance of the play 'Hoodwinked', all about Robin Hood and his merry men. The children sang brilliantly and learnt the huge amount of lines superbly delivering them with confidence and great aplomb. Well done to the lead characters and soloists who were very brave and sang and performed so well. The audience were very appreciative of their efforts and the play ended with rapturous applause all round. Thank you to the year 3 and 4 staff who aided the children to perform so well.



EUROPEAN WEEK

All classes have taken part in special themed lessons, learning about different areas of Europe. Reception concentrated on the continent as a whole, learning about different countries each day. Year 1 and 2 learned about France, Year 3 and 4 learned about Germany and Austria and Year 5 and 6 learned about Greece. All the children were already familiar with these countries from their previous learning in Topic, but these sessions gave them the chance to explore their country in more detail, learning about its location, language, population and human and physical geography, such as important rivers and mountains. We finished the week with a showcase of our work, where each child presented their findings to pupils from another class. We were so impressed with their final exhibition of their work, ranging from brochures and posters to videos and board games.



HOUSE POINTS

The children have been busy collecting House Points from a variety of people in school and for lots of reasons, good learning, behaviour, tidy uniform, having correct PE kit, etc. We have been totaling up the number of house points each week. The winning team last term was **SUN**. As their reward for collecting the most house points they were able to come into school in their own clothes. Well done to everyone in **SUN**. We will see how well we get on this term.

HUMILITY HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Humility. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at 'Don't Forget to Let Love in' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Respect within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Hebrews 13:5

"Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." This is a way of understanding that we are loved by Him. There are other people in our lives that are committed to us also, who might they be?"



E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to the newsletter is this month's e-safety newsletter. This month highlights the need to be kind online with our words and actions plus information about age restrictions on Tik Tok and Be Real.

ECO COUNCIL EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Now that Spring is upon us and the weather is starting to warm up, the Eco Council would like to challenge the children to get out and enjoy their local environment. Whether that's going for a walk in your local woods or planting seeds in the garden, we would like the children to send in a picture of themselves doing an activity in the great outdoors. The class which sends in the most photos will even get a class prize! Please send your photos to Mr Garcia at nicholas.garcia@almondsburyprimary.co.uk with the child's name and class in the subject box.

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](#)

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: 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:

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).

Friday 19 May - Crazy Hair Day

Donate £1 on the day and come in with the craziest hair you can come up with. We love seeing all the wonderful Crazy Hair Day styles!!

Friday 30 June - Non-School Uniform Day

In support of the School Fun Day, please bring in donations which can include boxed cakes, cupcakes, donuts, prizes for the raffle (if raffle donations can be provide by 12 June that would be helpful).

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 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

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

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2022/23

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 6

Monday 5 June
Friday 9 June
Monday 5 to Friday 16 June
Monday 12 to Friday 23 June
Friday 16 June
Friday 23 June
Friday 30 June

Start of Term 6
Mr Evens's class swimming
Year 4 multiplication checks
Year 1 phonics checks
Mr Evens's class swimming
Mr Evens's class swimming
Non uniform day for the Summer Family Fun Day
Mr Evens's class swimming
PA Summer Family Fun Day from 12 noon
Mr Evens's class swimming
Year 5 and 6 show 6.30pm
Year 5 and 6 show 6.30pm
Celebration Day and children's picnic
Leavers Service for Year 6 (more details to follow)
End of the school year

Saturday 1 July
Friday 7 July
Wednesday 12 July
Thursday 13 July
Friday 14 July
Friday 21 July

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	