

24 April 2023

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 28

### CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Harriet Evans
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Ethan Jenkins
Miss Maynard	-	Rosie Rimmer
Miss Ramli	-	Jessica Dedman
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Oscar Estcourt
Mr Evens	-	Lois Day
Mr Garcia	-	Neve Bennett
Mrs Leonard	-	Alfie Dunn
Miss Hake	-	Aurora Gibson
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Mario Long
Miss Wingett	-	Costas Vogiatzis



### MUSIC AT ALMONDSBURY

Music is one of the foundation subjects that we teach from Reception up to Year 6. Our curriculum, as well as other musical opportunities, aims to engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. Our philosophy of music education is based on the principle that it should be fun and engaging for all concerned, and that every child is a born musician.



Each class has four units of music per academic year, delivered in an hour-long lesson each week. In these lessons, the children listen, perform, compose, and evaluate music as they learn about the seven elements that make up music. These include; **Pitch, Duration, Dynamics, Tempo, Timbre, Texture and Structure.** Children also have the opportunity to sing and perform in different ways; through performing at special events, class assemblies and productions and learning to play an instrument.



## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Can we please remind you to book your child/rens lunches via ParentPay. They can be booked up to 3 weeks in advance. If you are having any trouble please contact the School Office.

## 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](#)



## 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:

#### Tuesday 25 April - 7pm - PA Meeting in school staff room

The PA will be meeting on Tuesday evening to finalise the events for the next couple of terms. We welcome all parent/carers who would like to be involved with the events that the PA organise to raise funds for the school, and/or have a say in how they are run/can be improved. We are always in need of volunteers and it is always great to meet in person. Please do come along. We will be arranging a catch up Zoom call for Wednesday/Thursday this week for those who can't attend on Tuesday but would like to be involved. Please get in touch at [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com).

#### 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 (date TBC) - 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](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com) to put your name forward to help with either the setting u, 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.

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

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

## Vacancy – Treasurer

Please get in touch if you would be interested in this role from July 2023.

## 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: <https://ed.ted.com>

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

Mr Paul D Smith  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2022/23

### TERM 5

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

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

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

**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**  
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**Celebration Day and children's picnic**  
**Leavers Service for Year 6 (more details to follow)**  
**End of the school year**

**Term dates for 2022/23**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Thursday 1 September 2022</b>	<b>Friday 21 October 2022</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 31 October 2022</b>	<b>Friday 16 December 2022</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Tuesday 3 January 2023</b>	<b>Friday 10 February 2023</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 20 February 2023</b>	<b>Friday 31 March 2023</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Monday 17 April 2023</b>	<b>Friday 26 May 2023</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 5 June 2023</b>	<b>Friday 21 July 2023</b>
<b>INSET DAYS confirmed for this academic year</b>	<b>Friday 26 May 2023</b>	