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Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 30

### CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	- Peyton Watt
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	- Harry Tremlin
Miss Maynard	- Amos Reynolds
Miss Ramli	- Oliver Dixon
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Jasmine Watt
Mr Evens	- Meenakshi Chandrasseril
Mr Garcia	- Logan Cox
Mrs Leonard	- Sean Adedeji
Miss Hake	- Ava Cotter
Mrs North and Ms Hill	- Archie Tremlin
Miss Wingett	- Amber Millington



We hope you all enjoyed your Coronation Bank Holiday and celebrated what is a magnificent occasion.

We have the Year 6 children taking their SAT tests this week. They have all been working hard to do as best they can. Good luck to them all.



### CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



**The children were very excited to be celebrating the coronation** of His Majesty King Charles III. We all dressed in our red, white and blue clothes to bring a sense of the Union Jack to the day. Once everyone was back in school in the afternoon we gathered to sing the national anthem 'God Save the King' then the Year 5 and 6 children performed the songs they sang

at the Village Fete. It was then time for games and celebrations with cupcakes, biscuits and squash. All of the children were presented with a very cute and cuddly memento of the occasion of a King Charles teddy bear.



## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AT ALMONDSBURY

Every school has the duty to teach key stage 2 children a modern foreign language. At Almondsbury we have chosen to teach French. The children learn a number of topics related to different parts of everyday life such as colours, numbers, greetings, animals, weather and seasons, food, simple conversational phrases such as Je suis....., Bonjour, J'habite....., Je voudrais..... etc.



The children also learn about the French culture and what it means to be French, how French life is similar and different to British life. One of the main ways of doing that is the Year 6 residential visit to Paris, which enables the children to practice their French conversational language in real situations at the market they visit in Brie Comte Robert. We also try to link some of the teaching and learning of French to the topics we are investigating across the key stage such as planets, Ancient Greeks and plants. It all gives a rounded view of learning so the children become immersed in the language.



We also incorporate French into our European weeks when these are visited every two years. Those children in key stage 1 are given a view into French with simple language choices and looking at the country of France including the most famous landmarks. When in Year 6 they are privileged to visit the Eiffel Tower, L'Arc d'Triomphe and various landmarks around Paris.



## E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to the newsletter is this month's e-safety newsletter. This month's newsletter is based on the use of Fortnite with information on how to set parental controls, age restrictions and how it works. There is also more information on Minecraft. Important links to online grooming are included which are very important to follow up on.

## 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: 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.**

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## PA NEWS

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!!

## Saturday 20 May (10am -1pm) - Grounds Day

We will be tidying up various parts of the school grounds and welcome any volunteers who would like to assist. Please contact us at [almondsburyschoopa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoopa@gmail.com) if you would like to assist.

We are also looking for donations of: plants, bark, gravel, gloves, lining for the pond.

Refreshments will be available.

## Thursday 25 May - Cake Sale

Please bring donations of shop bought cakes on Wednesday 24th/Thursday 25th May.

## 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 12th 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.

**We will be looking to borrow a number of gazebos for the event so if you are able to assist with this please contact us.**

**We are also looking for sponsors for the event. Please contact us for further details.**

## Vacancy - Treasurer

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

## VACANCY FOR LUNCHBREAK SUPERVISOR

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchbreak supervisor within school. This is to join the rest of the team in working over lunchtime to support the children in the hall and outside whilst at play each day. The hours are between 12.00noon– 1.30pm daily. This equates to 7.5 hours per week. We can be flexible if needs be with number of days. 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://www.educationquizzes.com/>

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

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



Best wishes



**Mr Paul D Smith**  
**Executive Head Teacher**

## **DATES FOR 2022/23**

### **TERM 5**

**Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 May**

**Friday 12 May**

**Monday 15 – Friday 19 May**

**Friday 19 May**

**Monday 22 – Thursday 25 May**

**Tuesday 23 May**

**Wednesday 24 May**

**Thursday 25 May**

**Friday 26 May**

**Year 6 SAT week**

**Mr Evens's class swimming**

**Year 2 SAT week**

**Mr Evens's class swimming**

**Sports Week**

**Provisional Sports Day**

**Tour d'Almondsbury**

**Reserve Sports Day**

**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**

**Saturday 1 July**

**Friday 7 July**

**Wednesday 12 July**

**Thursday 13 July**

**Friday 14 July**

**Friday 21 July**

**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**

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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>	