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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 31

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	The whole class
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	The whole class
Miss Maynard	-	The whole class
Miss Ramli	-	Euan Laing
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Lily Watkins
Mr Evens	-	Rupert Arnott
Mr Garcia	-	Sophia Day
Mrs Leonard	-	Brooks Parratt
Miss Hake	-	Beni Biro
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Edward Day
Miss Wingett	-	Jason Agyemang



We have the Year 2 children taking their SAT tests this week. They have all been working hard to do as best they can. Good luck to them all. The Year 6's coped so well with their tests last week and were a real credit to themselves and all the hard work they have put into their learning over the past year as well as having the support of their teachers and adults in school.



SPORTS WEEK SPORTS DAY

Next week will be our Sports Week. Hopefully, the rain will hold off and the sunshine will prevail. Our Sports Day will be on Tuesday 23 May with Reception and KS1 starting off the proceedings at 9.15am. Please do stay after you have dropped the children off and make your way around to the field at the back of the school. KS2 sports events start at 1.15pm. Parents can arrive from 1.00pm, however will not be allowed to enter the grounds until the end of lunchtime for safeguarding reasons. Make sure you bring your running shoes with you as well for the parents race!



TOUR D'ALMONDSBURY



On Wednesday 24 May it is our annual Tour D'Almondsbury for everyone. We would like everyone to bring in their bikes or scooters and participate in a challenge around the school grounds. You will have received the sponsor forms already and letter outlining the course and other details. The children will have designated areas for them to leave their scooters and bikes during the day. It is always such a fun event and the children enjoy participating. We look forward to it.

Photos are from last year's successful events.

HEARTSMART AT ALMONDSBURY



HeartSmart is taught as part of the PSHE curriculum at Almondsbury. These lessons are delivered weekly from Reception to Year 6. HeartSmart is a creative whole school approach that we use to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. It equips them with foundational principles, skills, habits and a mindset that will improve their mental health, relationships and academic achievement. We use HeartSmart to help them understand and live out what we believe are excellent principles and practices for growing healthy hearts and minds.

Each term, the whole school focusses on one of the HeartSmart High Five principles. These are:

- Don't forget to let love in
- Too much selfie isn't healthy
- Don't hold on to what is wrong
- Fake is a mistake
- No way through isn't true

All of our principles are linked to Bible verse so the children know these as well and can link them to their learning. Here is one example.

All classes in school cover the same theme at the same time and use a shared language. These HeartSmart High Five statements closely match our Christian values, and demonstrate a memorable, practical outworking of them. The themes are also linked to relevant Bible



verses and key vocabulary. HeartSmart's very own robot, Boris, provides an engaging, interactive and dynamic way for children to explore their hearts, which is the very thing that makes them unique.

At Almondsbury, we want everyone to know that they are loved, cared for and valued. We recognise the value of educating the heart alongside the mind. Fundamentally, HeartSmart is about loving and accepting ourselves, as well as loving and responding to others.

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.

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!!

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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 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 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 12:30-3:30pm (with a disco from 2:30-3:30pm). 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/>

Best wishes



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DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 5

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 2 SAT week

Mr Evens's class swimming

Sports Week

Sports Day KS1 starts at 9.15am and KS2 at 1.15pm

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 12.30pm

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

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	