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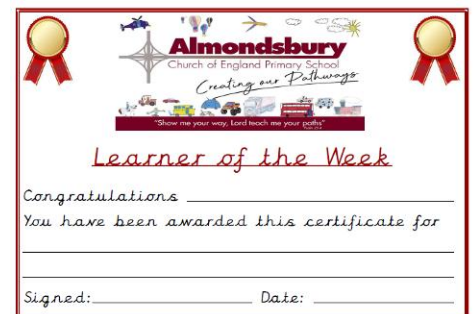
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 29

### CERTIFICATES

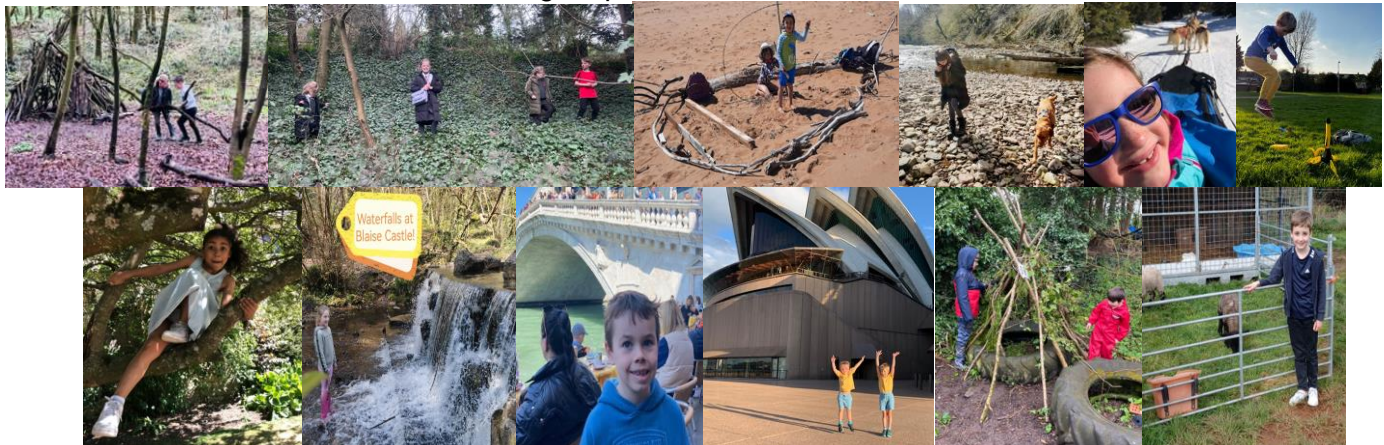
Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers.

Mr Dean	-	Evie Williams
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Ethan Hall
Miss Maynard	-	Molly Pudney
Miss Ramli	-	Yash Bohra
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Hugh Watson
Mr Evens	-	Finnley Garrett
Mr Garcia	-	Jenson Bennett
Mrs Leonard	-	Spencer Millman
Miss Hake	-	Andile Bwalya
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	River Martin
Miss Wingett	-	Maria Picu



### EASTER ECO CHALLENGE

Over the Easter holiday the children were challenged to get out and enjoy their local environment; going for a walk in the local woods or planting seeds in the garden, and send in a picture of themselves doing an activity in the great outdoors. We had lots of photos sent in to school of the different activities that the children participated in. The winners of the most photos sent in were Mr Garcia's and Mr Evens's classes. Here's a selection of different photos received. Mr Garcia created a powerpoint which has been shared with the children in school to see what others got up to!



### CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

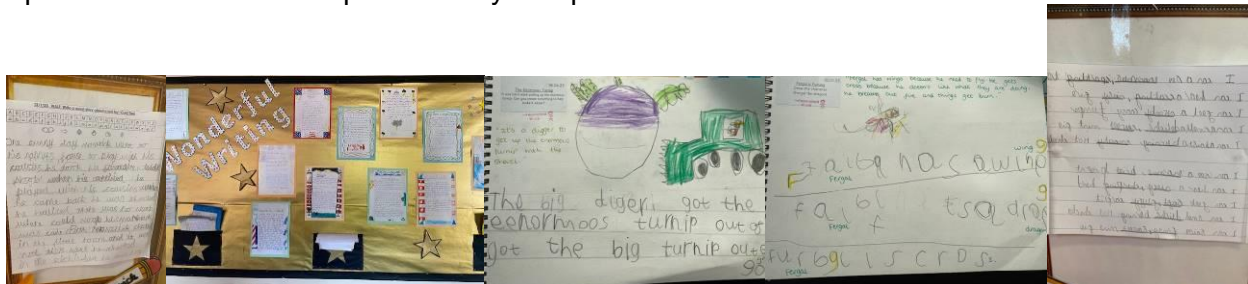


This Friday we will be holding our own Coronation celebrations in school with traditional games, a party and finding out all about HM King Charles III. We are asking the children to come into school on Friday in red, white and blue clothes – either all three or a combination. The village Coronation Fete is being held on the Glebe Field on Sunday 7 May from 12 noon to 5.00pm.

There are many different activities to participate in and enjoy. The Year 5 and 6 children will be singing during the afternoon. Please do go long and have some fun.

## WRITING AT ALMONDSBURY

At Almondsbury, we use high-quality texts linked to our topics as a stimulus for writing. Across each year group, the children will write a range of genres for a variety of audiences and purposes. They often start their writing journey by exploring good quality examples of texts, ready to 'magpie' ideas. With some writing units, we use Talk for Writing approaches, which allow the children to learn a text off by heart with actions, helping them to understand the structure of different text types and giving them excellent ideas for vocabulary. This also helps the children to develop their oracy and performance skills.



In Reception and at the start of Year 1, the children take part in Drawing Club, which helps them to develop their confidence as writers. Again, this is linked to high quality texts and encourages the children to explore stories through drawings, words and then gradually builds up to sentences. We have been so pleased with the progress that the children have been able to make as writers in EFYS and Year 1 with this approach. We also have high expectations and awards for the development of neat, cursive handwriting as taught within school. These are celebrated every Friday in worship so that pupils get the recognition they deserve for the effort they are putting into their handwriting.

## EVENTS FOR THIS TERM

You will see from the the dates list below the dates for Sports Day and our Coronation celebrations. Please make sure you have these in your diary as we very much would like you all to attend for Sports Day and the Summer Family Fun Day in July.

We have our Tour d'Almondsbury also during our Sports Week at the end of May. The children will be encouraged to do as many laps and we hope that combined we will travel as many miles as we can. We look forward to good weather and lots of activity.

## 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: 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.

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



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!!

## **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.



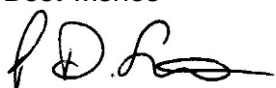
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## HELPFUL WEBSITES

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: [Be a part of history and celebrate! \(rct.uk\)](http://Be a part of history and celebrate! (rct.uk))

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2022/23

### TERM 5

Friday 5 May	Mr Evens's class swimming
Saturday 6 May	HM King Charles III Coronation Day
Sunday 7 May	Almondsbury Village Coronation Fete from 12 noon to 5.00pm
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
Wednesday 24 May	Tour d'Almondsbury
Thursday 25 May	Reserve Sports Day
	End of Term 5
Friday 26 May	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

### TERM 6

Monday 5 June	Start of Term 6
Friday 9 June	Mr Evens's class swimming
Monday 5 to Friday 16 June	Year 4 multiplication checks
Monday 12 to Friday 23 June	Year 1 phonics checks
Friday 16 June	Mr Evens's class swimming
Friday 23 June	Mr Evens's class swimming
Friday 30 June	Non uniform day for the Summer Family Fun Day
	Mr Evens's class swimming
Saturday 1 July	PA Summer Family Fun Day from 12 noon
Friday 7 July	Mr Evens's class swimming
Wednesday 12 July	Year 5 and 6 show 6.30pm
Thursday 13 July	Year 5 and 6 show 6.30pm
Friday 14 July	Celebration Day and children's picnic
Friday 21 July	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	