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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 35

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean

Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen

Miss Maynard Miss Ramli

Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw

Mr Evens Mr Garcia Mrs Leonard Miss Hake

Mrs North and Ms Hill

Miss Wingett

- Lewis Maddock Henry Day
- Harry Chapman
- Eloise PayneThe Whole Class
- Logan Scott
- Isabella Suggitt
- Eddie Acford
- Carolina Fudulu
- Ava Cotter
- Martin Lacoue-Negre
- Eloise Collard



SPORTS COMPETITIONS



Girl's Cricket

The girls had a great morning at the cricket tournament on Tuesday 6 June.

They worked incredibly well as a team with some great batting and bowling skills. There were some experienced teams at the tournament, but the girls held their own and had some close matches. Unfortunately, they didn't get through to the semi-finals however, they had a great morning and should be proud of their skills.

Festival Of Youth - Saturday 10 June

At this fantastic event which hosts up to 80 school teams competing in a range of different sports, Almondsbury School entered a team in the year 4 and 5 athletics competition and the year 3 and 4 football competition.

Football

The competition in the football event was tough on such a hot Saturday morning. The team worked well as a team and put their heart and soul into the games. There was some great goal keeping and tackling. The children played incredibly well and were a credit to the school. A great effort from them all!



Athletics



Our athletics team consisted of 4 boys and 4 girls. They competed in a range of track and field events including the triple jump and a long distance run in the hot sun of the morning. The team worked well as a team and cheered each other on with great results. When the points were added up from the different events, the boys team came home with bronze medals overall and the girls team came home with silver medals. A great result team Almondsbury!

Open Years 5 and 6 Cricket tournament

The children at the cricket tournament displayed some great skills on the pitch that they have been working on in the after-school club and the team training sessions at lunchtime over the last couple of weeks. They won their group stage and went through to play the winners from another group where they were really challenged. However, they held their own but were just beaten. They went on to compete for third or fourth places. With some amazing catching, bowling and batting, they won by 5 points and came third overall in the whole competition. Another great sporting result. Well done Almondsbury!



RAISE THE ROOF

Last Monday the year 3 and 4 children hosted children from St Peter's and Olveston schools to the local singing festival called Raise the Roof. The children all learnt a number of songs to share and sing with each other. The monring started with the warm ups led by the music service leader Abby Quinn. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their singing and performed brilliantly. Their parents will be able to hear the songs at the Summer Fun Day in a couple of weeks time. The children were great ambassdors for our school and interacted with the others really well. The squash and biscuits at the end of the singing session were very welcome to cool them down. Well done children you sounded great!



CELEBRATION DAY

We are so looking forward to welcoming you back into school to re-instate our Celebration Day on Friday 14 July. You will be able to come into school and see your child's work and visit their classroom. As it worked so well last year we have made the decision to keep the split across the school so that there isn't a huge crush and everyone in school at once. Some of the younger children find this overwhelming and their just isn't enough space in school. Therefore, these are the times for each class.

9.15 – 10.30 am	10.45 – 12.00 am	2.00 – 3.15pm
Rec 1 – Miss Wingett	Year 1 – Miss Hake	Rec 2 – Mrs North and Ms Hill
Year 1/2 – Mrs Leonard	Year 3 – Mr Evens	Year 2 – Mr Garcia
Year 3/4 – Mr Ramshaw and Mrs	Year 6 – Mr Dean	Year 4 – Miss Ramli
Williams		
Year 5/6 – Mrs Goode and Mrs		Year 5 – Miss Maynard
Owen		-

The children will have a picnic on that day for lunch so there will be no cooked meals just sandwiches made from the kitchen.

SEND OPPORTUNITY WITH JIGSAW THORNBURY

Our Connect sessions where 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:

<u>Connect: Sleep</u>



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. It is the final month so let's see how much more we can collect!

PA NEWS

Wednesday 21st June - Raffle Tickets
Please return raffle tickets to school by this Wednesday.

Friday 30 June - Non-School Uniform

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. In order for the event to run we do need 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 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 also be putting up gazebos from 4:30pm on the Friday night. 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.

PA Vacancies:

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Management of Website/Facebook Page

Please get in touch (<u>almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com</u>) if you would be interested in any of these roles from July 2023.

VACANCY FOR LUNCHBREAK SUPERVISOR AND BREAKFAST CLUB 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.

We are also looking to expand our number of staff members at Breakfast Club to accommodate more children who are wishing to attend. The timings for the breakfast club post are 7.45am – 9.00am. This would be for Monday to Friday and 6.5 hours per week. You will be joining an existing team of 4 or 5 members on a regular daily basis.

If you would like more information and the salary for either 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.e-learningforkids.org/

Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith

Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 6

Tuesday 20 June

Friday 23 June

Wednesday 28 June

Friday 30 June

Year 6 visit to Legoland

Mr Evens's class swimming

Year 1 and 2 visit to Westonbirt

Reception visit to Slimbridge

Non uniform day for the Summer Family Fun Day

Mr Evens's class swimming

Saturday 1 July PA Summer Family Fun Day from 12.30pm

Monday 3 July
Year 3 and 4 visit to St Fagans
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

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Term	Starts	Ends
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023

DATES FOR 2023/24

Friday 1 September INSET DAY School closed to pupils Monday 4 September INSET DAY School closed to pupils

Tuesday 5 September School starts for Years 1 to 6 Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6 Reception class home visits

Thursday 7 September Reception children start part-time mornings or afternoons

Monday 11 September Reception children in school all morning plus lunch

Friday 15 September Year 4 class starts swimming
Monday 18 September Year 6 residential to Paris, France

Friday 22 September Year 6 return to school Year 4 class swimming

Thursday 19 October Last day of Term 1

Friday 20 October INSET DAY School closed to pupils

Term dates for 2023/24

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Friday 1 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 October 2023	Friday 15 December 2023
Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024
INSET DAYS	Friday 1 September 2023	
confirmed for the	Monday 4 September 2023	
academic year	Friday 20 October 2023	
	Tuesday 2 January 2024	
	Friday 24 May 2024	