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**Dear Parents** 

# SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 36

#### **CERTIFICATES**

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

Mr Dean - Kalyani Chandrasseril

Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen

Miss Maynard

Miss Ramli

Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw

Mr Evens

Mr Garcia

- Eva Janiak

Caitlin Davies

Lenny Polak

Daniel Evans

Ella Osborne

Mrs Leonard - Eva Lazz-Onyenobi Mia Lazz-Onyenobi

Miss Hake - Ranice Wong Mrs North and Ms Hill - James Rick Miss Wingett - Oscar Millington



### **CLASSES AND STAFFING FOR 2023 24**

I am pleased to share with you the class structure and the teaching staff as well as teaching assistant staff for the next academic year. We will be saying goodbye to Miss Maynard, who is currently working with us in year 5 class. Miss Molly Whittingham has been appointed to teach the year 5 class next year. We also welcome Mrs Lauren Lansdown, who will be joining us to job share with Mr Dean in year 3 and 4 class, whilst he is non class based as co-Headteacher from September. The classes your child will be in next year will be contained within their annual report, which will be sent to parents on Friday 14 July.

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Year group	Class teacher(s)	Teaching assistants	Specialist teaching assistants
Reception 1	Miss Rebecca Wingett	Miss Ellie Cantin	Mrs Paula Vicary
Reception 2	Mrs Kate North and Ms	Mrs Beckie Jones	Mrs Sally Spicer
	Carolyn Hill		
Year 1	Miss Sarah Hake	Mrs Sarah Brooks	Miss Katie Kettle
Year 1/ 2	Mrs Debbie Leonard	Mrs Rachael Greenland	Mrs Amy Rutter
Year 2	Mr Nick Garcia	Mrs Michelle Bryant	Mrs Vicki Laing
Year 3	Mr Gavin Evens	Miss Sharon Ivory	Mrs Trudy Challis
Year 3 /4	Mr Tim Dean and Mrs	Mrs Amanda Davis Jones	Mrs Sandra McAulay
	Lauren Lansdown		Mrs Lizzie Swann
Year 4	Mrs Jenny Williams and		
	Mr Stuart Ramshaw		
Year 5	Miss Molly Whittingham	Mrs Sarah Bailey	Mr Sam Evans
Year 5/6	Mrs Katie Goode and Mrs	Miss Elaine Jamieson	
	Louise Owen		
Year 6	Miss Yasmin Ramli		
SENCo	Mrs Samantha McDowall		
PPA cover	Miss Susan Winter (Year	Mrs Paula Vicary (Year 1	
	5 and 6)	to Year 4 Forest Schools)	
	Mrs Jenny Williams (Year	Mr Dave Wallace	
	1 to 6 Music)		
	Miss Caroline Moore - PE		

### **CELEBRATION DAY**

We are so looking forward to welcoming you into school for 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.

## **CRICKET TOURNAMENT**

Last Monday our team of year 3 and 4 children represented our school at Thornbury Cricket Club at our local tournament. The children were very keen and eager to show off their skills and talents to the rest of the teams competing. The children did extremely well winning all of their group games against Sharpness Primary, Olveston A Primary and Charfield Primary. In the semi-final they played Olveston B and won. They played superbly throughout these games and went into the final with confidence. The final was a tense, tight match against St Mary's, Thornbury who ran out winners. Well done to the whole team – brilliant play and great sportsmanship.



# **BRIDGE STEM DAY FOR YEAR 5**

Year 5 took part in a STEM day last week, with a focus on Maths in the real-world and careers that use mathematics. We were very lucky to be joined by a local engineer who has previously visited the Galapagos. This was great for asking her questions about our topic! The children carried out a 'Bioblitz' activity where they collected data about nature in our school grounds and compared this with other schools within the Bridge FoS. We then attended online talks lead by experts telling us about the importance of maths in their job, including someone who designs aeroplane simulations for a living. The afternoon was Lego-based, working in small groups to complete building challenges and solve problems lead by another STEM volunteer. The children asked interesting questions, showed great logical thinking and worked well in their teams.

## **CLIMBING PEN Y FAN FOR CHARITY**

Gino Lattuco, Miss Hake's class, climbed Pen Y Fan on Sunday in memory of his Grandad and to raise money for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. Well done Gino.





### 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 week so let's see how much more we can collect!

## **PANEWS**

# Friday 30 June - Non-School Uniform

In support of the School Fun Day, please bring in donations of **bottles, cans and tins**.

## Saturday 1 July - School Fun Day

We are getting very excited for the Fun day this Saturday! We hope to see as many of you there. Thank you in advance for all your contributions, volunteers and lending of gazebos. It all really helps.

If anyone is available to assist with the putting up of the gazebos on Friday from 4:30pm then please do contact us at <a href="mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com">almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com</a>.

As a reminder the Fun Day will run from 12:30-3:30 (with a disco from 2:30-3:30).

#### 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://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Key-Stage-1

#### Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith

**Executive Head Teacher** 

## **DATES FOR 2022/23**

TERM 6

Wednesday 28 June Year 1 and 2 visit to Westonbirt Friday 30 June 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

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	