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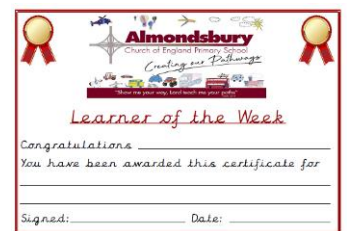
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 37

### CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	- Esmee Chan	Millie Farler
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	- Leo Bowen	
Miss Maynard	- Hana Rozpedowska	
Miss Ramli	- Matthew Wilkosz	
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Danny Gaffori	Oscar Estcourt
Mr Evens	- Evie Gardner	
Mr Garcia	- Sebastian Winstanley	
Mrs Leonard	- Jake Nelson	
Miss Hake	- Amelia Wood	
Mrs North and Ms Hill	- The Whole Class	
Miss Wingett	- The Whole Class	



### SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAY

Our PA Summer Family Fun Day was back with a bang on Saturday. The weather was so kind to us as well with beautiful blue, sunny skies throughout the whole afternoon. We are really pleased that so many of you were able to join in the fun and come to support the PA and the school.



There was so much to do and things to buy on the stalls, the games, the inflatables and Mr Garcia was kept very busy in the beat the goalie game. The BBQ was popular as ever with constant queues all the way up to the end of the afternoon, the smores making in the Forest Schools area was also very popular as were the cream teas and cakes not to mention the bar run by Almondsbury Creative.



The displays were also a crowd pleaser with the dancers from Emma Katie Dance troupe providing a great start to the afternoon and then our own dance club followed by the singers from year 3 and 4 who all sang beautifully. All performed brilliantly. Well done. The end of the afternoon saw the return of the disco and fun games which were a huge hit with the children as well as the parents! The raffle was extremely popular with a record 38 prizes to be won which included a myriad of wonderful experiences such as a Cateram 7 sports car for the day, tickets to Bristol City football, £150 Amazon voucher plus many more. Well done if you won.



Thank you to the PA members and parental volunteers who gave up their time in organising and running the stalls as well as the staff for their time too. It was such a successful afternoon and a real advert for how our school comes together. I look forward to next year's with much anticipation. Thank you everyone for coming along and supporting the children and our school. The Family Fun Day raised a magnificent total profit of £3,277.23.

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

As you know there are two days of industrial action this week, by the teaching union NEU, on Wednesday and Friday. Letters have been emailed to each parent to inform them of which classes will be open or closed on both days. Please make sure you have read these.

## VISIT TO WESTONBIRT



Year 1 and 2 had a brilliant day visiting Westonbirt Arboretum to support our science topics. We had a fun packed day learning about plants and trees! This included a plant walk, playing a plant survival game, understanding the life cycle of plants, building a tree and discovering the everyday uses of plants and trees. We also walked across a tree top bridge, which took us 13m high through the tree



canopies, and lastly, we went on a Gruffalo trail!

## VISIT TO SLIMBRIDGE

Last Friday, Reception visited Slimbridge after spending the week reading 'The Ugly Duckling' story, and finding out about birds and their features. The children took part in a 'Wetlands Wonder' workshop where they found out about



beavers and otters, and how they are adapted to live in wetland areas. They also used special equipment, called extreme sound amplifiers to listen for bird calls and insects in the wetlands, and went on a nature hunt to find plants and insects. The children had a tour of the grounds and saw flamingos, swans, geese, ducks and were excited to see the Ugly Duckling too! Despite a bit of rain, the children had a fantastic time, with the highlight being feeding the birds and playing in 'Welly Boot Land'!

## 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 Williams	Year 6 – Mr Dean	Year 4 – Miss Ramli
Year 5/6 – Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen		Year 5 – Miss Maynard

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



## PA NEWS

### Fun Day

Thank you to everyone who attended Saturday's Fun Day. It was a huge success and we ended up being lucky with the weather too after Friday's rain! We hope that you all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the various performances from Emma Kate Dance, the school's very own Dance Club and Choir, the stalls, games, marshmallows, food and beverages, inflatables and disco. Thank you to everyone for all the donations towards the tombola prizes and all of the various raffle prizes, of which there were a total of 38!!

A huge thank you to Almondsbury Creative for providing the bar, to Chilly Ices for providing the ice creams, uSports for providing some additional sports entertainment, and a HUGE thank you to all the parent/carer and teacher volunteers, without who events such as this just could not happen.

If you let us borrow a gazebo or any other equipment then please contact us at [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com) and we will arrange safe return.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year for the various events that the PA has put on. It is all to create fun times and memories for the children but also to raise funds for the school. We will send out a PA Newsletter round up of the year shortly.

### 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

### DATES FOR 2022/23

#### TERM 6

**Monday 3 July**

**Friday 7 July**

**Wednesday 12 July**

**Thursday 13 July**

**Friday 14 July**

**Year 3 and 4 visit to St Fagans**

**Mr Evens's class swimming**

**Year 5 and 6 show 6.30pm**

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**Celebration Day and children's picnic**

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**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 confirmed for the academic year	Friday 1 September 2023 Monday 4 September 2023 Friday 20 October 2023 Tuesday 2 January 2024 Friday 24 May 2024	