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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 22

CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for week ending 14 February 2025 and last week from their teachers. These are presented on a Friday in worship where the class teacher shares the reasons for the certificates being awarded.

Miss Ramli	- The Whole Class	Poppy Stevens
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	- Rocco Bear Jenkins	Hiteshree Zala
Miss Whittingham	- Joshua Agyemang	Dade Ijlade
Mrs Lansdown	- Sophia Taylor	Jenson Bennett
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	- Spencer Millman and Layton Wakeham	Luca Trematore
Mr Evens	- Ronnie-Rae Butler	Lawson Dix
Mr Garcia	- Lily Taylor	Mythili Bhargav
Mrs Leonard	- Coupar Kippen	Ewan Smith
Miss Hake	- Rufus Rogers	Quentin Dawson-Skidmore
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	- Amelia Dix	Duke Fairman
Mrs Giles	- Sofia Wigmore	Reggie Boote



YEAR 1 AND 2 WOW DAY AND VISIT TO AEROSPACE MUSEUM

On Tuesday 11 February, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in their Extraordinary Explorer Wow Day. They spent the day completing three activities and baking authentic sledging biscuits. They followed instructions to draw a penguin and learnt how to use co-ordinates on a map to locate the hidden letters around the school. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and really enjoyed all the activities.



As part of our Topic, 'Extraordinary Explorers', the Year 1 and Year 2 children went on a school trip to the Aerospace Bristol Museum. The children had an opportunity to look around the museum, which included going on board Concorde! We also took part in an exciting 'Journey into Space' workshop where we learnt about space travel, investigated what sort of things astronauts need to survive in space and had the chance to build our own rockets. We all had a super-sonic time!




E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

This month's e-safety advice sheets focuses on the impact of smart phones on children, which when used excessively can become quite addictive and reduces attention span of children significantly as there must be instant action taking place. It also investigates and discusses the use of AI. There is a feature on TikTok and guidance for parents as well as a link to look at the PANTS materials for safety for children around physical touch.

FRIENDSHIP HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Friendship. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be looking at 'Fake is a mistake' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.



Proverbs 12:19

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue only lasts a moment."

COMIC RELIEF

We are fast approaching that time of year again with Comic Relief day on Friday 21 March. As usual we will be holding a non-uniform day where the children will be asked to 'wear something red' for the day and bring in a donation to go to the charity. It is the 40th anniversary of the start of Comic Relief so let's celebrate that.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We have noticed that some children are coming into school with trainers on when it is not a PE day, without ties and the expected jumpers and shirts, etc. We have an expectation that unless your child/ren is not able to wear a specific item of clothing or footwear for a medical, or for a specific reason then everyone should be in the correct uniform. If this is the case then there should be an agreement with the school in place. If not, then the same expectations apply to all children. If there is a financial reason as to why the correct uniform is not being worn then please speak to the office or myself as we will be able to help you.

Our school uniform is...

- Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore
- White shirt or blouse
- Grey jumper or cardigan
- Grey and red school tie
- Black shoes (not trainers)

Please label EVERYTHING that your child wears and brings to school.

SPARE CLOTHES

At times there are 'accidents' in school that can't be helped then the children will need a change of clothes. We should have a bank of clothes – spare uniform, pants, socks and PE kit that we use. However, this bank has dwindled this term as these clothes are not being returned to school after such events. All of these items of clothing have the word 'SPARE' written in them. If you do have these items at home please return to these to school. Thank you in advance.

PARENTS EVENING

We have Parents Evenings on Thursday 6 and Tuesday 11 March. Just a reminder that if you haven't booked on; the booking system closes Tuesday (tomorrow).

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: <http://www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames.html>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In these difficult times, we would like to remind you that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please check out this link www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals. This even applies to children in Reception and KS1 who are already entitled to Universal Free School Meals as this brings in additional funding to support your child.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The local authority have created a set of materials for parents, carers, and family members living in South Gloucestershire, which you have free access to via the link below to expertly designed online learning and resources on nurturing emotional health and wellbeing so that our children can thrive as kind, sociable and emotionally aware people throughout their lives. Please do look through these and take up the offer of workshops. Webpage for parents: <https://inourplace.co.uk/south-gloucestershire/>

PA UPDATE

Tickets are **ON SALE NOW** for our **Quiz Night** on **Friday 28 March, 7pm-9.30pm**. Book your babysitters; get your thinking caps on and your friends and family on board to make up a team of up to 6 to enter. Mr Evens has kindly agreed to be our quizmaster and prizes will be on offer. This is a BYO event in the school hall and nibbles will be provided. Tickets can be purchased via our website in either individual tickets or groups of 6 😊. All proceeds are returned to school for future projects.

VACANCY

Would you like to join our exciting Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Team? As an OPAL school, we value our outdoor playtimes hugely. We have expanded our outdoor play areas and opportunities for our children and now have a vacancy available for a new Play Lead to join the team. 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 this post, please contact the School Office. Please feel free to pass on the details to anyone who may be interested in this opportunity.

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 and 3.20pm – 3.55pm. Hourly rate: £11.50ph

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.



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

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DATES FOR 2024/25

TERM 4

Monday 3 March	Year 5 and 6 visit – Cadbury World
Thursday 6 March	Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm
Friday 7 March	Swimming for Mr Evens' class
Tuesday 11 March	Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 12 March	Year 4 visit - Techniquet
Friday 14 March	Swimming for Mr Evens' class
Thursday 20 March	Year 3 visit - Techniquet
Friday 21 March	Swimming for Mr Evens' class
	Comic Relief Day
Friday 28 March	Swimming for Mr Evens' class
Monday 31 March	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 2 April	Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival
Friday 4 April	End of Term 4

TERM 5

Tuesday 22 April	Start of Term 5
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday Monday – School closed
Monday 12 May	Year 6 SAT week
Monday 19 May	Sports Week
Thursday 22 May	End of Term 4
Friday 23 May	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

TERM 6

Monday 2 June	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 3 June	Start of Term 6
Monday 9 June	Year 1 phonics week
	Year 4 MTC week
Tuesday 22 July	End of Term 6 and school year

Term dates for 2024/25 (remaining terms)

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025
INSET DAYS	Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025	