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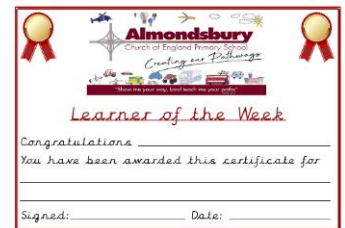
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 38

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	- The Whole Class
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	- Olivia Beard
Miss Maynard	- The Whole Class
Miss Ramli	- Ava Merlino
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Zachary Tottle
Mr Evens	- Molly Harrex
Mr Garcia	- Ella Osborne
Mrs Leonard	- Tommy Strazdins
Miss Hake	- The Whole Class
Mrs North and Ms Hill	- Coby Pearce
Miss Wingett	- Ellie Strazdina



NEW SCHOOL CATERING FROM SEPTEMBER 2023



Some months ago we were informed that our current catering company, Integra, was no longer to continue trading as a viable concern and would cease traded on 31 August 2023. Governors and myself have been part of a consortium of 11 schools from our local Bridge family of Schools plus several others who put out the catering business to tender. After considering the bidders from a number we have chosen collectively to ask AiP (Alliance in Partnership) group to be our new catering company from September 2023. The kitchen staff will remain and move over to the new company, so Mrs Byrne and the ladies will be staying with us.

There will be a new menu, which is attached and will be confirmed for the start of the term. The cost of meals will rise to £2.40 for key stage 2 pupils, which is cheaper than other companies. Attached to the newsletter is a form for parents whose children have dietary requirements. You only need to complete the form if your child does. Please could you complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible and by Tuesday 18 July at the latest. Many thanks.



CELEBRATION DAY

We are so looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Celebration Day this 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. The children will have a picnic on that day for lunch so there will be no cooked meals just sandwiches made from the kitchen.

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

RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1 PIRATE DAY

Last Monday, all of Reception and Key Stage 1 took part in a 'Pirate Day'! This was an opportunity for the children to get to know all the staff in Key Stage 1 and become familiar with the classrooms, in preparation for their transition to their next class. The children really enjoyed the day and looked fantastic in their costumes. The children took part in lots of activities including designing pirate flags, making boats using foil and testing how many marbles they could put on them before they sank, a treasure hunt around the school, decorating biscuits to look like pirates and drawing colourful parrots. In the afternoon, they played games, read pirate stories, explored the adventure playground and played parachute games before enjoying eating the biscuits!



YEAR 2 VISIT TO VILLAGE SHOP

Year 2 children were treated with a visit to the Almondsbury community shop where they had a chance to explore the shop and its grounds and complete some fun activities. The children were told about the workings of the shop and were given a set of questions to answer which involved finding the price of different items and using their mathematical skills to add amounts together. The children also got a chance to make a bird feeder and were treated to a biscuit and squash as well. Thank you to the shop volunteers for this fun opportunity.



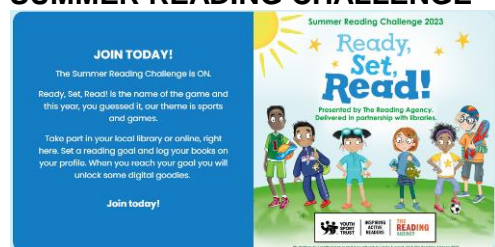
TOUR d'ALMONDSBURY

Thank you so much for the generous donations from the Tour d'Almondsbury. The final total raised for the event is £1,461. A fantastic amount and much appreciated.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

We look forward to watching our Year 5 and 6 children perform their production of Beauty and the Beast this week. I am sure they will be great as usual!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Get ready for a whole load of team spirit, your fave sporty (or not!) heroes, and plenty of fun with our latest collection for the 2023 sports and games themed Summer Reading Challenge: Ready, Set, Read! Each book has been specially chosen by an expert group of readers for everybody taking part to enjoy.

Lots of these titles are also available for you to enjoy – for free! – through your local library service. Visit your local library's website or app to browse their online catalogue.

Your library may be offering a Click and Collect service, so you can pick your books up to enjoy at home. Keep an eye out for eBook and audio book versions too.

The Challenge will begin on the 8th July in England. You can take part either at the library or online



E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Please find attached the latest E-Safety Parental newsletter. This month features articles on safe internet searching for young people and how parents can set parental controls so that the children do not stumble across anything we wouldn't wish them to see. There is also a short article with links on how to manage children's screen time during the summer holidays – good luck!

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Please see the link below for the exciting opportunities for Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provision over the summer holidays.

[Supporting families in school holidays | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

These activities are free for those pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals. Please look through the programme of activities for those you are interested in and apply by following the booking links to book directly with providers.

There are many other schemes and activities on offer throughout the summer holidays. Please click on the links for more information

The leisure centres all run holiday camps and other activities throughout the summer.
<https://activecentres.org/holidays/>

[South Gloucestershire Children's Holiday Clubs - Summer \(all4kidsuk.com\)](#) This has some online courses that children can do on coding, cooking, and games.

School Holiday Camps in South Gloucestershire | Families Online South Glos Playschemes, day camps and residential camps. <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/south-gloucestershire/school-holiday-camps>

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/activities-and-resources-for-children-and-young-people> The libraries also have lots of different activities throughout the summer including Lego clubs and reading challenges.

South Glos Playscheme run free holiday clubs across South Glos - South Gloucestershire Play Scheme – 2022 holiday playscheme in South Gloucestershire for 5-11 year olds <https://www.sgplayscheme.co.uk/>

Progressive Sports offer a range of activities but these will need to be paid for. <https://progressive-sports.co.uk/bristol-south-glos/holiday-courses/>

Bookings are open for children to take part in a wide choice of activities, discover and develop all kinds of skills, learn about healthy, tasty food and eat it with new friends in the summer holiday.

PA NEWS

Secondhand Uniform

Get prepared for the 2023/24 academic year - have a look at the secondhand uniform available on the PA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/>

Great quality shorts, trousers, dresses, skirts, cardigans, branded items are all available and range for 50p-£2.

Our secondhand stores are currently full for most ages, so apart from brand new and branded items, and 12 plus age range (please hand to reception), we won't be accepting any more donations until further notice.

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.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 6

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

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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	