

18 September 2023

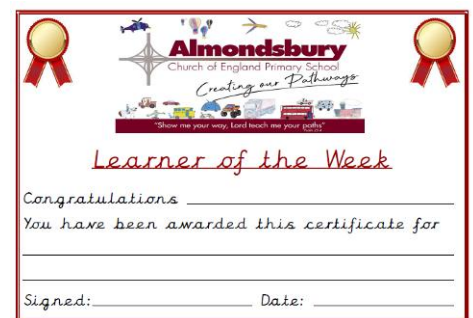
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 03

### CERTIFICATES

**Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers.** We have a new sharing of these on a Friday in worship where the class teacher is sharing the reasons for the certificates being awarded.

Miss Ramli	- Imogen Street
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	- Astin Wong
Miss Whittingham	- Layla Rew
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Zachary Taylor
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	- Bella Scott
Mr Evens	- Zoe Cheung
Mr Garcia	- Estée Kingman
Mrs Leonard	- Tia Lillis
Miss Hake	- Maria Picu



Reception classes will start to receive certificates when they start full time in school

**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL – We wish the Year 6's bon voyage on their travels to France. They left school this morning around 5am and will be arriving quite late at the chateau around 9.00pm. It's a long journey but I'm sure they will arrive happy to see where they will be staying and excited for their adventure this week.**

### RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 BUDDIES

The children in Reception met their new Year 6 buddies last week and thoroughly enjoyed playing with them with the kind donations that we have received for our KS1 playground games and play equipment. They also enjoyed reading books together. I'm sure the Reception children will miss the Year 6's whilst they are in Paris this week.



### PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

We have not sent out a parental questionnaire for a couple of years now since our last one during Covid time. I have created a new survey, which mirrors that of Ofsted that I would request you complete over the next couple of weeks. The deadline for completion is Friday 29 September. Thank you in advance for your time in order to complete. It should only take a couple of minutes.

<https://forms.office.com/e/NcSB4SRSe0>

## LUNCH OPTIONS

Unfortunately we are still having issues with Parent Pay so will have to continue to collect the childrens' meal order in school in class. Please make sure you discuss with your child what they are to choose from the menu. The amounts owed for meals will show in Parent Pay shortly. We are not the only school to be experiencing these issues as it is quite widespread across South Gloucestershire. Reminder that the price for meals has risen to £2.40 and our new meals provider is AiP. The meals last week were of a high standard and quality due to the new menu and suppliers from AiP.

## SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2024 INTAKE

We have the dates now confirmed for the school tours for new prospective parents for the intake in September 2024. It will be lovely to show new parents around and share all that is great about our school.

Tuesday 31 October 9.15am	Tuesday 31 October 11.00am
Monday 6 November 9.15am	Monday 6 November 11.00am
Monday 13 November 1.30pm	Monday 20 November 1.30pm
Monday 20 November 2.30pm	

## 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.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

## PA NEWS

There has been a change to the PA committee members over the summer. Claire Jarvis has been voted in as chairperson, with Elise Arnott as secretary. Sammy Waterhouse has kindly agreed to stay as treasurer for the time being but we are still looking for a new treasurer to take over the role. As always if you are interested in learning more about the PA, or would like to know more about the treasurer's role, please contact us at [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com)

PA AGM scheduled for 10 October at 7pm in the school staff room. Please get in touch if you'd like to join, all welcome.

## COLOUR RUN

We are really looking forward to our first Colour Run organised by the PA on Saturday 30 September. There will be lots of fun to be had during the morning start from 9.30am – 12.30pm

You can buy your tickets online via the website [www.PTA-EVENTS.co.uk/AlmondsburyPA](http://www.PTA-EVENTS.co.uk/AlmondsburyPA)

There is one more week left to buy your colour run tickets, available to buy on the website via the online PA shop (or via the QR on the attachment). This will be a great event, a first for our school so let's make it one to remember!



## 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/almondsburypa/>

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.

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## VACANCY FOR LUNCHTIME PLAY SUPERVISORS AND BREAKFAST CLUB SUPERVISOR

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime play supervisors 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.



Best wishes

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

**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2023/24

**Monday 18 September**

**Year 6 residential to Paris, France**

**Thursday 21 September**

**Reception children in school full time**

**Reception parents 'Funky Fingers' workshop 2.30pm in the Hall**

**Meet the teacher Miss Wingett and Ms Hill 3.30 – 4.00pm**

**Friday 22 September**

**Year 6 return to school**

**Mrs Williams's class swimming**

**Wednesday 27 September**

**Reception parents 'Drawing club and writing' workshop 9.15am in the Hall**

**Friday 29 September**

**Mrs Williams's class swimming**

**Thursday 5 October**

**Flu vaccines in school for children**

**Friday 6 October**

**Mrs Williams's class swimming**

**Thursday 12 October**

**Harvest Festival**

**Friday 13 October**

**Mrs Williams's class swimming**

**Monday 16 October**

**Book Week**

**Thursday 19 October**

**Last day of Term 1**

**Friday 20 October**

**INSET DAY School closed to pupils**

## TERM 2

**Monday 30 October**

**Start of Term 2 for all pupils**

**Remembrance Week in school**

**Tuesday 31 October**

**New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 9.15am and 11.00am**

**Friday 3 November**

**Mrs Williams's class swimming**

**Monday 6 November**

**New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 9.15am and 11.00am**

**Thursday 9 November**

**Individual photographs in school**

**Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm**

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Friday 10 November	Mrs Williams's class swimming
Monday 13 November	New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 1.30pm
Tuesday 14 November	Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Day
	Mrs Williams's class swimming
Monday 20 November	New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Friday 24 November	Mrs Williams's class swimming
Friday 1 December	Mrs Williams's class swimming
Wednesday 6 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.00pm
Thursday 7 December	Reception classes Nativity performance 2.15pm
	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm
Friday 8 December	Reception and KS1 Christmas party
Tuesday 12 December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 13 December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas party
	Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church 6.30pm
Thursday 14 December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
Friday 15 December	End of Term 2

#### 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	