

11 September 2023

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 02

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>

GENEROSITY HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Generosity. 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 'Get Heartsmart' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Matthew 22:36 - 40

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to this newsletter is the next E-safety newsletter for your information. The theme for this month is about how to keep safe when playing online games and the ratings for these games. Also featured are family settings. There are also some links to different safe websites that can be used at home.

THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Please remember we are a nut free school. This includes any foods that contain nuts as well such as Nutella, etc. Please do ensure you check your child's packed lunch as to whether anything contains nuts. We have children in school who are extremely allergic to peanuts, in particular, and would need hospital treatment should they come into contact with nuts. Thank you for your consideration.

MEET THE TEACHER

The annual Meet the Teacher sessions for you to meet and introduce yourself to your child's new class teacher are this week on Tuesday and Thursday. They start at 3.30pm until 4.00pm. The dates for these are below in the dates section of the newsletter.

WATER BOTTLES

Children can bring a small plastic bottle of drinking water to school. This bottle should be clear (see through), with a sports top and named – and taken home each day. Bottles can be refilled in school during the day to ensure freshness of water and ensure the children have enough to drink.

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PE KIT

As usual we are straight back into all aspects of school life including PE and Forest School. As part of this healthy attitude to physical activity, we would like to remind all the children that it is essential to be properly prepared to participate. This is a reminder of the request that children come into school in their PE kits on their allotted PE days. The children have been told, a timetable has been put into the school newsletter and the days will be published on each class's webpage on the website.

PE kit is available from the school uniform shop - Linela Embroidery, Unit 1, Tomorosa, Awkley Lane, Olveston, Bristol. BS354EW - Tel - 01454 615300

PE kit White T-shirt/school red & black (new style) PE top, red or black shorts. School red & black hoody/red sweatshirt and red/black tracksuit bottoms

Footwear Trainers should be worn into school in readiness for PE

Long Hair Hair bands and clips to tie hair back.

Jewellery All jewellery must be removed including studs.
(Please supply tape for newly pierced ears for the first 6 weeks only)



Outdoor Playtimes, Lunchtimes on the field & Outside Learning - All children will need wellies, to be kept in school.

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 payments in KS2 will be invoiced to you 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: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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 almondsburychoolpa@gmail.com

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Asha North and Gina Rae for all their hard work over the past year as joint PA Chair. The events were a great success and raised lots of money for the school, as well as creating fun memories for the children.

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.

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/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 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 11 September

Tuesday 12 September

Wednesday 13 September

Thursday 14 September

Friday 15 September

Monday 18 September

Thursday 21 September

Friday 22 September

Wednesday 27 September

Reception children in school all morning plus lunch

Meet the teacher 3.30 – 4.00pm Miss Hake, Mr Garcia, Mrs Lansdown and Mr Dean, Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw, Miss Ramli

Reception parents reading and phonics workshop 9.15am in the Hall

Meet the teacher 3.30 – 4.00pm Mrs Leonard, Mr Evens, Miss Whittingham, Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen.

Mrs Williams's class starts swimming

Year 6 residential to Paris, France

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

Year 6 return to school

Mrs Williams's class swimming

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

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Friday 29 September
Thursday 5 October
Friday 6 October
Thursday 12 October
Friday 13 October
Monday 16 October
Thursday 19 October
Friday 20 October

Mrs Williams's class swimming
Flu vaccines in school for children
Mrs Williams's class swimming
Harvest Festival
Mrs Williams's class swimming
Book Week
Last day of Term 1
INSET DAY School closed to pupils

TERM 2

Monday 30 October

Start of Term 2 for all pupils

Tuesday 31 October

Remembrance Week in school

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

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	