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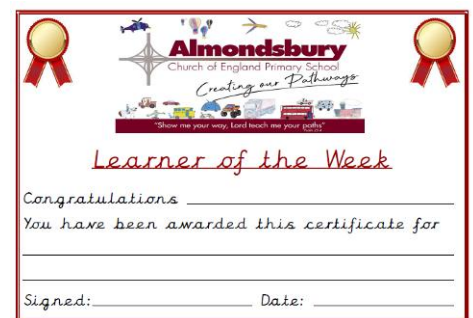
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 04

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	-	The whole class
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Ruhee Babariya
Miss Whittingham	-	Poppy Male
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Lois Day
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Poppy Ford
Mr Evens	-	Jenson Bennett
Mr Garcia	-	Aurora Gibson
Mrs Leonard	-	Luke Hallsworth
Miss Hake	-	Amber Millington
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	The Whole Class
Miss Wingett	-	The Whole Class



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL – The Year 6's had a marvellous time in Paris, France last week on their residential trip. It was an eventful journey but they all arrived safely. A quick dinner then tour of the surroundings and then to the rooms to unpack and sleep.

Tuesday morning saw the group visit the local market town of Brie Comte Robert. After the completion of the town trail and seeing the sights it was time to buy some very priceless souvenirs to take back home. The next stop was the huge Carrefour and the chance to purchase some French sweets and chocolates to take home. The afternoon sessions were adventurous activities of orienteering, bushcraft and sensory trail. The children thoroughly enjoyed the latter walking around the planned trail with their thick blindfolds on having to rely on their group of friends to lead the way. The evening was filled with a visit to a snail farm to learn all about how snails are bred and raised for the vast market in France and the globe for these delicacies.



It was a full day in Paris on Wednesday starting with a walk up and down the 1340 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. We all made it up without stopping and for some being very brave of how high we were going. The clear blue skies made it perfect to see the sights of Paris. After that the River Seine beckoned and a trip on the Bateaux Parisian. The children were superbly behaved and so quiet going around the Musee d'Orsay to look at some precious art from Van Gogh, Lautrec, Gauguin and others.



Thursday is Disney day on the trip and the children certainly were excited when they saw the signs at the entrance to the park. Despite being very wet we managed a full day of rides especially the two favourites of Hyperspace Mountain and Thunder Mountain. The visit to the shop and the Disney Stars Parade were a fitting end to a fun packed visit. A great day was had by all despite the constant rain and soaked clothing! The evening disco saw the children (and adults) throwing some great moves. Sadly it was then time to pack to go home.



The final part of the trip was a visit to the chocolate factory at Lachelle. Here we saw how the chocolate was made and moulded into the various delights that were on sale in the shop. It was a tough decision as to what to buy, however everyone chose their chocolates in the end.

It was a fabulous trip with many wonderful memories made and what a great way to start the school year. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children and kept them entertained and safe throughout the week – Mrs Goode, Miss Winter, Miss Ramli, Mr Evans, Mrs Leonard and Miss Parsons had a great time as the children were a credit to themselves and our school with their enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. There are many more photos on the school website on the year 6 classes pages.

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

We now have Parent Pay back up and running in parts. Parents will be charged for the meals that have been taken and will be able to pay for meals using ParentPay from now. We will be moving to a new system in January so please look out for the details of this which will be sent to you soon.

YEAR 3 AND 4 WOW DAY

Last Monday, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their WOW Day based on their topic 'Rivers in my World'. The children took part in team challenges based on crossing the river. This included the games 'The Farmer, the Chicken, the Grain and the Fox', using 'rock's to cross the river and Mr. Crocodile. Also, the children built bridges using straws, masking tape, string, scissors, a ruler and a paper clip to see if it can hold weight and an art activity where a framed piece of art based on creatures that uses rivers as their habitats. There was also an opportunity to speak to an expert on rivers about the effects of flooding and global warming to our rivers. The children enjoyed the activities and cannot wait to find out more about the new topic.



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 - FULL	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



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

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/>

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Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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

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.

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

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

Tuesday 10 October

Year 6 NCMP

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

Friday 10 November

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Monday 13 November

New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 1.30pm

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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	