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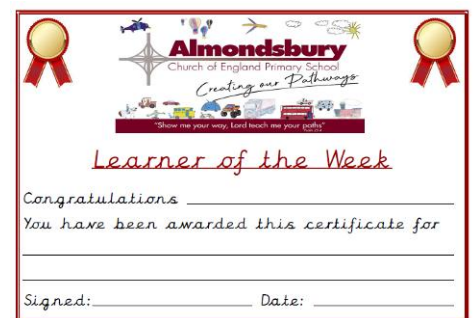
Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 09

### CERTIFICATES

**Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers.** These were awarded for the children's efforts during Book week last week.

|                             |   |                  |
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| Miss Ramli                  | - | Hana Rozpedowska |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen      | - | India Bulley     |
| Miss Whittingham            | - | Lenny Polak      |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw | - | Henry Millman    |
| Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown    | - | Neve Bennett     |
| Mr Evens                    | - | Jayda Aygemang   |
| Mr Garcia                   | - | Layton Wakeman   |
| Mrs Leonard                 | - | Mattia Boscolo   |
| Miss Hake                   | - | Grace Tovey      |
| Ms Hill and Mrs North       | - | Cordelia Reihe   |
| Miss Wingett                | - | Aaliyah Wakeman  |



### BOOK WEEK

Once again our annual Book Week has been a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed the texts they have been studying linked to Remembrance and created very good pieces of writing and artwork linked to the activities. Drop and read and the Big Read were great successes. The children had a fantastic time sharing books with the younger children during The Big Read. Thank you for all of the book donations which have been gratefully received by the 'Read with me' charity.



The week kicked off with the Reading Breakfast on both Tuesday and Friday mornings before school. It was so good to see lots of parents join their children to share and read books in the library area of school as well as enjoying the toast, coffee and milk.





We had a range of entries for this year's competition to re-enact a favourite book front cover. What inventive children and parents we have. Here are a selection of them and the winners from each key stage – Reception – Casey, Year 1 and 2 – Fox, Year 3 and 4 – Leo and Year 5 and 6 – Evelyn. They each received a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. The pictures will be on the website.



Casey



Fox



Leo



Evelyn

On Friday we had the dress as a book character day with lots of excellent costumes seen.



#### Reception learning

The children in Reception have had a busy Book Week based on the story 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'. They have completed lots of activities including creating poppies with various materials and techniques including watercolours, collage, poster paint and drawing. The highlight of the week has been reading with their buddies and dressing up as their favourite book character.



#### Year 1 and 2

Key stage 1 had an exciting book week full of activities. We read the book 'Peace Lily' by Hilary Robinson and learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day and the different roles people had during World War 1. We also learnt how the roles of nurses has changed over the years and how Florence Nightingale was the instigator of this. We ended the week with everyone dressing up as their favourite book character!

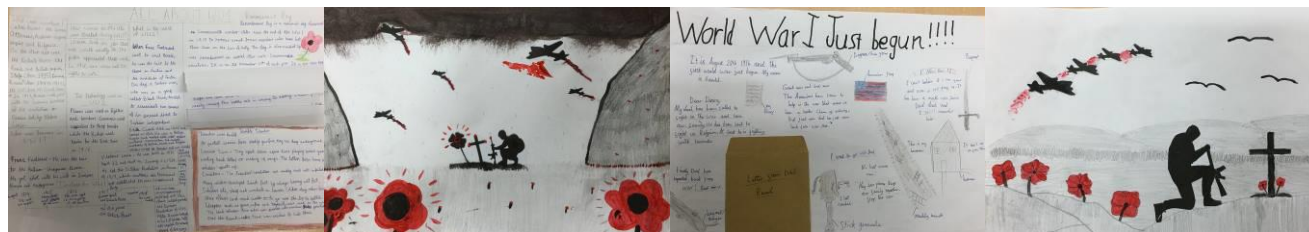


Year 3 and 4 fully enjoyed Book Week last week, taking part with all the daily activities with great enthusiasm! It was especially wonderful to see them all dressed up on Friday, looking fabulous in their costumes – we had all sorts of characters in our classes. It was also encouraging to see so many children with their parents at the reading breakfast on Friday, having some toast and a drink whilst sharing a book in



the library. In Year 4, we even had a ukulele lesson in our costumes on Friday – that was different!

In Year 5 and 6, our learning for Book Week was based around WW1. We used the book Archie's War, which is a beautiful scrapbook that retells the war from the point of view of a young child. We wrote diaries, created our own scrapbook pages and even got to interview a time-travelling soldier! We have also used our sketching skills to produce art work inspired by Jacqueline Hurley.



### POPPY SALES AND MERCHANDISE

We have poppies for sale in school and associated merchandise. These will be on sale at the end of the day from the school office for parents and children to buy. There are suggested prices for the merchandise and a suggestion of 20p for a poppy (or more if you would like to donate more).



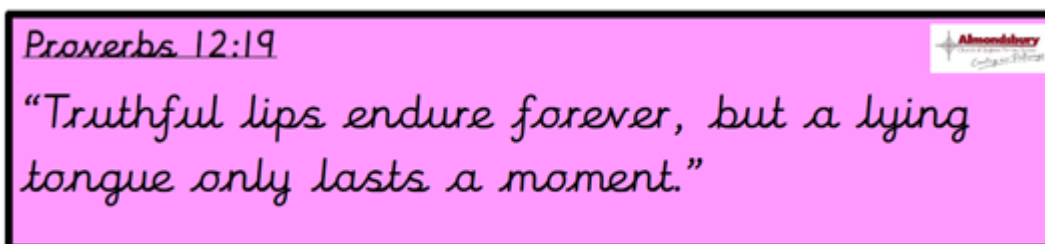
### CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 17 November, we will be supporting Children in Need. This year, the School Parliament have decided that our school participation will be all the children coming into school dressed as their FAVOURITE CELEBRITIES. There will be prizes for the best dressed 'celebrity'. Also, teachers will be taking part in 'Bushtucker Trials'. The suggested donation is as usual a £1 coin to be brought into school on Friday 17 November for the collection. Thank you in advance for your support.

### RESPECT HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Respect. 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 Respect within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.



**REMINDER THAT WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS BEING TAKEN ON THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER.**

### 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.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday 13 November 1.30pm | Monday 20 November 1.30pm |
| Monday 20 November 2.30pm |                           |

### 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](http://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.

## PA NEWS

There are plenty of events in the diary still to come before the end of this year such as:

Our **Autumn Disco** this Friday 10th November and of course our **Christmas Festive Fayre** which we will hold on Friday 1st December from 6 - 7.30pm. Loads of stalls to browse and buy some festive gifts, toys, and enjoy some festive games. We're also having Santa's Grotto with the big man himself and an elf or 2 might also be there to bring some festive fun (more details to follow). For the adults we'll be selling mulled wine and mince pies, and there will be some Christmas treats for the kids to enjoy too. This will all be topped off with our Christmas hamper raffle which is a big hit every year. Don't forget to bring in your coloured gift donation by Friday 24th November. There will be 1 class prize for the most impressive hamper in each KS1 and KS2 so be as creative as you like!

As always if you'd like to join in the fun and be part of the PA, let us know at [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com).

## 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.activityvillage.co.uk/remembrance-day>



## 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: £11ph

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.

Email address: [office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)



Best wishes



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Executive Head Teacher

## **DATES FOR 2023/24**

### **TERM 2**

|                              |   |
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| <b>Monday 30 October</b>     | <b>Start of Term 2 for all children</b>                                     |
| <b>Tuesday 31 October</b>    | <b>Book Week and Remembrance Week in school</b>                             |
| <b>Friday 3 November</b>     | <b>New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 9.15am and 11.00am</b>      |
| <b>Monday 6 November</b>     | <b>Mrs Williams's class swimming</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 9 November</b>   | <b>New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 9.15am and 11.00am</b>      |
| <b>Friday 10 November</b>    | <b>Individual and sibling photographs in school</b>                         |
|                              | <b>Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm</b>                                     |
|                              | <b>Mrs Williams's class swimming</b>  |
|                              | <b>PA Children's Disco EYFS and KS1 5.00- 6.00pm then KS2 6.30 – 7.30pm</b> |
| <b>Monday 13 November</b>    | <b>New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 1.30pm</b>                  |
| <b>Tuesday 14 November</b>   | <b>Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm</b>                                     |
| <b>Friday 17 November</b>    | <b>Children in Need Day</b>   |
|                              | <b>Mrs Williams's class swimming</b>  |
| <b>Monday 20 November</b>    | <b>New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 1.30pm and 2.30pm</b>       |
| <b>Wednesday 22 November</b> | <b>Reception Parents Mathematics workshop 9.15am in Hall</b>                |
|                              | <b>Messy Church at St Mary's Church, Almondsbury 3.30pm</b>                 |
| <b>Friday 24 November</b>    | <b>Mrs Williams's class swimming</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 26 November</b>    | <b>Family Service nativity at St Mary's Church</b>                          |
| <b>Thursday 30 November</b>  | <b>Non-uniform day for Christmas fayre donations</b>                        |
| <b>Friday 1 December</b>     | <b>Mrs Williams's class swimming</b>  |
|                              | <b>PA Christmas Fayre 6.00- 7.30pm</b>                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 6 December</b>  | <b>Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.00pm</b>                            |
| <b>Thursday 7 December</b>   | <b>Reception classes Nativity performance 2.15pm</b>                        |
|                              | <b>Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm</b>                            |
| <b>Friday 8 December</b>     | <b>Reception and KS1 Christmas party</b>                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 12 December</b>   | <b>Christmas lunch</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 13 December</b> | <b>Year 3 and 4 Christmas party</b>   |
|                              | <b>Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church 6.30pm</b>        |
| <b>Thursday 14 December</b>  | <b>Year 5 and 6 Christmas party</b>   |
| <b>Friday 15 December</b>    | <b>End of Term 2</b>  |

### **Term dates for 2023/24**

| <b>Term</b>                                       | <b>Starts</b>   | <b>Ends</b>                    |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Term 1</b>                                     | <b>Friday 1 September 2023</b>  | <b>Friday 20 October 2023</b>  |
| <b>Term 2</b>                                     | <b>Monday 30 October 2023</b>   | <b>Friday 15 December 2023</b> |
| <b>Term 3</b>                                     | <b>Tuesday 2 January 2024</b>   | <b>Friday 9 February 2024</b>  |
| <b>Term 4</b>                                     | <b>Monday 19 February 2024</b>  | <b>Thursday 28 March 2024</b>  |
| <b>Term 5</b>                                     | <b>Monday 15 April 2024</b>   | <b>Friday 24 May 2024</b>      |
| <b>Term 6</b>                                     | <b>Monday 3 June 2024</b>   | <b>Tuesday 23 July 2024</b>    |
| <b>INSET DAYS confirmed for the academic year</b> | <b>Friday 1 September 2023</b><br><b>Monday 4 September 2023</b><br><b>Friday 20 October 2023</b><br><b>Tuesday 2 January 2024</b><br><b>Friday 24 May 2024</b> |                                |