

16 October 2023

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 07

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	-	Eva Janiak
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Will Dawson
Miss Whittingham	-	Abhista Lakkapogu
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Harper Stewart
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Oliver Plumb
Mr Evens	-	Freddie Davies
Mr Garcia	-	Spencer Millman
Mrs Leonard	-	Swara Priyatharushan
Miss Hake	-	Rosa Sackett
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Matilda Jenkins
Miss Wingett	-	Rocco Dawson



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest festival went very well with the children singing beautifully. We focused this year on the work of the farmers to tend the land and harvest the crops that we eat and how thankful we should be for this. The harvest display looked fulsome with tinned and packet goods alongside the harvest loaves. All of the food that was donated by yourselves has been sent to the food bank namely the Five Loaves and Two Fishes charity of St Paul's in Bristol. The loaves were shared during the afternoon with all of the pupils, they were delicious! Thank you for all your contributions, they were much appreciated.



WORLD CUP TAG RUGBY

On Tuesday 3 October, Almondsbury tag rugby team (representing Chile) took part in their own World Cup Rugby tournament. They were a great team, working brilliantly together to win all their games. There was some great passing and defending skills, with some brilliant dodging and dynamic tries. Great work!

Player of the team was Ethan for his focus on the game even when his team weren't playing and for ensuring his whole team were included.





REAL PLAY WORKSHOP

A big welcome to the new reception children and their parents. Thank you for participating in our RealPlay workshop during the first week of term. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and were incredibly active pirates. Almondsbury School highly values the importance of an active lifestyle and school day, in developing our children's fine and large motor skills, personal and social skills and ensuring they are ready to learn with energy and confidence. Your support in this, both encouraging your children and playing active games alongside them, promotes a great ethos for them in their learning.



SAFEGUARDING POLICIES

Every year we must update our Safeguarding Policies in light of the updated guidance from Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023. Here is the link to the policies that we are required to publish to parents and all stakeholders. [Safeguarding - Almondsbury Church of England Primary School \(almondsburyprimary.co.uk\)](https://almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

If you have any comments on these please direct them to myself Paul.Smith@almondsburyprimary.co.uk Thank you in advance.

PARENTS EVENINGS

We have set the Parents Evenings booking system up via the school website as previously. This is now live and available for booking. The Parents Evening dates of **Thursday 9 November and Tuesday 14 November will be face to face. As usual you will receive an email to enable you to log on.** If you have any difficulties booking onto the system please call the School Office to help you through the booking process.

BOOK WEEK



Straight after half term when we return on Monday 30 October, it is our annual Book Week. We have linked this in with our Remembrance Week. There are lots of exciting things happening. We have the Book Fair every evening after school from 3.30 – 4.00pm in the library area, Big Read, drop everything and read sessions, reading swaps lessons, homework linked to reading and dressing up day on Friday. On Tuesday or Friday you are invited into the library for a reading breakfast from 8.15am. A letter came home last Friday with more details.



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.

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	

PARKING

This is the usual plea to make sure that you are parking responsibly when dropping off and collecting the children from school. We have received a couple of phone calls from members of the public but also parents regarding parents who are parking on the double yellow lines on the bend at the top of the road by The Glebe entrance. This has made it unsafe and tricky for the flow of traffic on several occasions. Please do find an alternative place to park. The Glebe and the doctors have also been in touch to say parents are either parking there or blocking the entrances. Please do be aware of other residents and services that require access at all times. We are also seeing an increase of parents dropping off children right outside the school gates or pulling in. This is not acceptable so please refrain from doing this. A reminder that you can

park at the Bowl car park or the garden centre to ease this and walk down to school. This is for the safety of the children.

PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

The latest parental e-safety newsletter is attached to the newsletter. This month the focus is on live steaming and the parental controls that can be placed on websites. The most important aspect is ensuring what games your children are playing online and who they may be communicating with whilst playing games. Please be aware of this.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In these difficult times we would like to remind that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please check out this link 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 AGM

PA AGM scheduled for 19 October at 7pm in the school staff room (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE). Please get in touch if you'd like to join, all welcome.

PA NEWS

There are plenty of events in the diary still to come before the end of this year such as; Freaky Thursday sweet sale, November Spooky Disco, and of course Christmas (there, I've said it) Festive Fayre. Dates to be communicated very soon, so watch this space. As always if you'd like to join in the fun and be part of the PA, let us know at almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com.

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, pinafores ranging from 50p - £2. Branded items are available.

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.learninggamesforkids.com/>

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.



REMINDER THAT SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR HALF TERM ON THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER AND SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER. THERE WILL NOT BE ANYONE AT SCHOOL AS

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

STAFF ARE TRAINING ELSEWHERE SO PLEASE ENSURE YOU KNOW THAT CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY.

Best wishes



**Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher**

DATES FOR 2023/24

Thursday 19 October

**Last day of Term 1
PA AGM – 7.00pm in the staffroom
INSET DAY School closed to children**

Friday 20 October

TERM 2

Monday 30 October

**Start of Term 2 for all children
Book Week and Remembrance Week in school
New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 9.15am and 11.00am**

Tuesday 31 October

Friday 3 November

Monday 6 November

**Mrs Williams’s class swimming
New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 9.15am and 11.00am**

Thursday 9 November

Friday 10 November

**Individual photographs in school
Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Mrs Williams’s class swimming
PA Children’s Disco EYFS and KS1 5.00- 6.00pm then KS2 6.30 – 7.30pm**

Monday 13 November

Tuesday 14 November

Friday 17 November

**New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 1.30pm
Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Children in Need Day**

Monday 20 November

Friday 24 November

Friday 1 December

Wednesday 6 December

Thursday 7 December

**Mrs Williams’s class swimming
New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Mrs Williams’s class swimming
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Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.00pm
Reception classes Nativity performance 2.15pm
Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm**

Friday 8 December

Tuesday 12 December

Wednesday 13 December

**Reception and KS1 Christmas party
Christmas lunch
Year 3 and 4 Christmas party
Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary’s Church 6.30pm**

Thursday 14 December

Friday 15 December

**Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
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	

