

30 October 2023

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 08

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

Miss Ramli	-	Corey Lillis	Emilia McCarthy
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Verity Tuck	Marshall Haines Woodhouse
Miss Whittingham	-	Amar Voual	Tianna-Lily Aylette Steele
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Lois Day	T-Jay Williams
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	William Jarvis	Bella Scott
Mr Evens	-	Jayda Agyemang	Tommy Strazdins
Mr Garcia	-	Alvin Ho Li	Hollie Rutter
Mrs Leonard	-	Avika Gahlyan	Henry Jarvis
Miss Hake	-	Riley Scott	Eleanor Strazdina
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Rosie Ford	Adhyansh Sanadhya
Miss Wingett	-	Phoenix Curtis	Amaya Patel

PARENTAL SURVEYS

Thank you to those who completed the parental surveys that were sent to all parents at the end of September. The overwhelming feedback is positive relating to the questions. There are some elements that we are working on further such as ensuring parents know what the children are learning each term – therefore these are posted on the class pages on the website which show the overviews for each subject learning.

NEW CARETAKER



We have our new caretaker starting today. Mr Andrew Walker will be overseeing the buildings both at Almondsbury and St Peter's as our joint caretaker. I am sure you will see him around at some point in the near future.

YEAR 5 AND 6 FOOTBALL

A great morning at the Year 5 and 6 Open Football tournament. All the children played brilliantly, working as a team and showing a great teamspirit and competitive attitude. The team did very well winning one game, drawing two and narrowly losing the last game just 1-0.

Player of the tournament Theo Young for a great attitude, defending and attacking with a super goal. Well done Almondsbury!



PARKING

You will have seen that we had police presence this morning at the school gates. This is as a request from both school, local community and many parents regarding the parking issues that are ongoing. They will be visiting unannounced during this term. However, it should not take police presence to park safely for the sake of all our children. Please make sure you are parking responsibly and respectfully. Thank you.

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**. If you have any difficulties booking onto the system please call the School Office to help you through the booking process.

BOOK WEEK



breakfast from 8.15am.

This week 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



POPPY SALES AND MERCHANDISE



We will shortly have poppies for sale in school and associated merchandise. These will be on sale at the end of the day at the front of the school 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.

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	

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. 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: 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.

🎄Christmas Card and gift Orders🎄

Christmas Cards & Christmas gift order sheets will be coming home early this week from School. Just follow the instructions on the sheet, purchase online and your order will be delivered to you by the end of November.

All orders need to be made by **Sunday 5th November** 🎄🎄🎄

After a fantastic 2022/2023, the PTA held their AGM on 17 October. We raised an amazing **£17,140.30** which will go towards the new KS1 playground. Thanks to Asha and Gina for taking on co-chair last year and

if you want to find out what we have planned for the year ahead then head over to our Facebook page where we have shared the minutes.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/732501500478521/?ref=share>

Our next events coming up are the Autumn disco on Friday 10 November (KS1 5-6pm and KS2 6.30-7.30pm). Follow this link to buy tickets before this Friday 3rd November.



Almondsbury School Parents Association
pta-events.co.uk

Also coming up.....the return of the Xmas Fayre on Friday 1 December. More details coming soon.

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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1/>

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.



Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

DATES FOR 2023/24**TERM 2****Monday 30 October****Start of Term 2 for all children****Tuesday 31 October****Book Week and 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****PA Children's Disco EYFS and KS1 5.00- 6.00pm then KS2 6.30 – 7.30pm****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	