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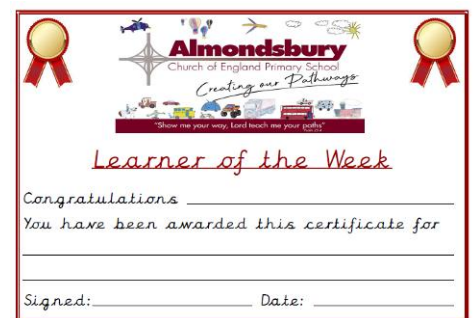
Dear Parents

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.

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

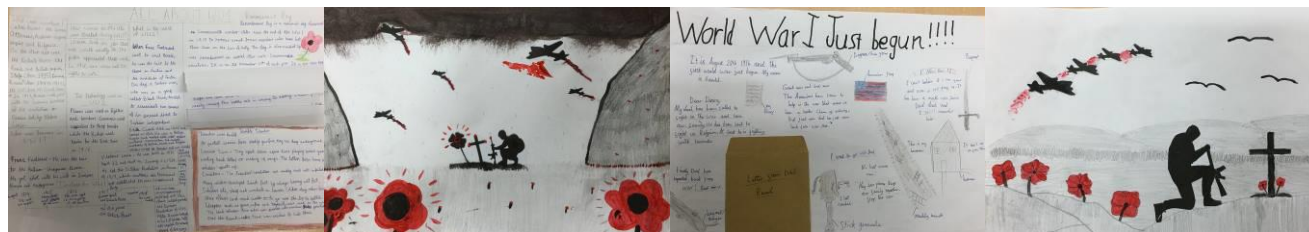
Key stage 1 had an exciting book week full of activities. We read the book 'Peace Lily' by Hilary Robinson and learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day and the different roles people had during World War 1. We also learnt how the roles of nurses has changed over the years and how Florence Nightingale 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).



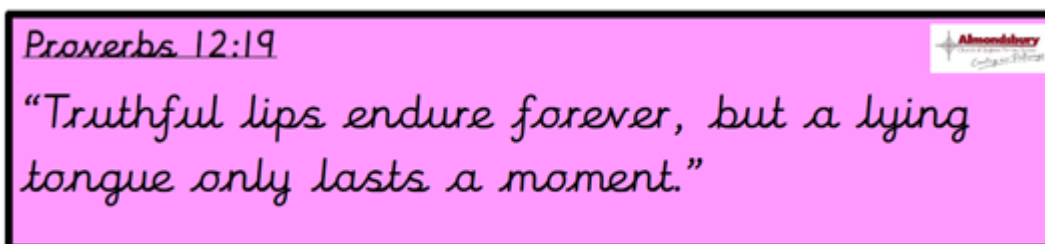
CHILDREN IN NEED



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.

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.

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: <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.

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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

DATES FOR 2023/24

TERM 2

Monday 30 October

Start of Term 2 for all children

Book Week and 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 and sibling photographs in school

Friday 10 November

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

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

Wednesday 22 November

Reception Parents Mathematics workshop 9.15am in Hall

Messy Church at St Mary's Church, Almondsbury 3.30pm

Friday 24 November

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Sunday 26 November

Family Service nativity at St Mary's Church

Thursday 30 November

Non-uniform day for Christmas fayre donations

Friday 1 December

Mrs Williams's class swimming

PA Christmas Fayre 6.00- 7.30pm

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

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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	