

13 November 2023

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 10

### CERTIFICATES

**Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers.** The certificates are given for a variety of reasons from positive attitude, great work and learning, showing the three elements of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Miss Ramli	-	Riley Jenkins
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Harriet Day
Miss Whittingham	-	Logan Scott
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Dara Adeitan
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Rocco Bear Jenkins
Mr Evens	-	Maisie Watson
Mr Garcia	-	Chloe North
Mrs Leonard	-	Isla Stewart
Miss Hake	-	Ellie Strazdina
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Jasper Bailey-Gard
Miss Wingett	-	Quentin Dawson-Skidmore



### PARENTS EVENING AND FOOD TASTING

It was good to see the parents who attended the Parents Evenings on Thursday. If you were there in KS2 you would have seen Mrs Byrne along with Miss Williams from our kitchen. They were showcasing the food that we provide for the school lunches currently. Those lucky parents who tried and tasted the food thought it was delicious and went back for more. This is just a sample of the menu that the children have on offer. If your child doesn't have school meals already and would like your child to try school meals then please do talk to your child/ren about the menu. The menu was sent out last week.



### CHILDREN IN NEED



This 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.

**REMINDER THAT WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS BEING TAKEN ON TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER.**

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

## ROADWORKS ON SUNDAYS HILL

You will have seen this morning the roadworks and traffic lights that have been set up just beyond the school going down Sundays Hill towards the doctor's surgery. The works will last for the rest of this week. These are from OpenReach and we weren't informed about them prior to today. This means that no parking will be available in the layby this week. As a result, please make sure that you do leave extra time to get to and from school this week. Please do not linger around the entrance to the school for drop offs as this will cause additional traffic delays.

## 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 20 November 1.30pm	Monday 20 November 2.30pm
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## 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

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Join us for our **Christmas Festive Fayre** which we will hold on Friday 1st December from 6 - 7.30pm. There will be 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. **Please 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 KS1 and KS2 so be as creative as you like!

## UNIFORM DONATIONS

Thank you for all of your uniform donations. We are currently overflowing with second hand uniform, so until further notice please only donate good quality branded items using the yellow bins outside reception. We do have some amazing quality second hand uniform on the website so please take a look if you need anything. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/index.cfm?event=products#.ZVH-qHbP3IU>

## CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

If you have any unwanted good quality Christmas clothing please donate it to us via the yellow bin outside reception. Items will be resold via the PA website to raise money for the school. Some available to buy now, so please take a look ☺☺

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=31413#.ZVIDW3bP3IU>

## THANK YOU's

Thank you to everyone who bought cards and gifts via the IQ Christmas cards initiative. We raised £195.70 for the school! Thanks to Caroline McCarthy for organising. Our autumn disco was also a big hit with the kids and managed to raise a great big £354.50. Thanks to everyone who helped with the event and Asha North for leading.

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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/index.shtml>

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### 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

### DATES FOR 2023/24

#### TERM 2

Monday 13 November

Tuesday 14 November

Friday 17 November

Monday 20 November

Wednesday 22 November

Friday 24 November

Sunday 26 November

Thursday 30 November

Friday 1 December

New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 1.30pm

Individual and sibling photos

Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Children in Need Day

Mrs Williams's class swimming

New Reception Tour for September 2024 intake 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Reception Parents Mathematics workshop 9.15am in Hall

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

Mrs Williams's class swimming

Family Service nativity at St Mary's Church

Non-uniform day for Christmas fayre donations

Mrs Williams's class swimming

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Wednesday 6 December	PA Christmas Fayre 6.00- 7.30pm
Thursday 7 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 2.00pm
	Reception classes Nativity performance 2.15pm
Friday 8 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 6.00pm
Tuesday 12 December	Reception and KS1 Christmas party
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas lunch
	Year 3 and 4 Christmas party
Thursday 14 December	Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church 6.30pm
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
<b>INSET DAYS</b> 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	