

20 November 2023

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 11

### CERTIFICATES

**Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers.** The certificates were given this week for the great costumes that the children came to school in for Children in Need.

Miss Ramli	-	Gianni Armstrong	Imogen Gibbin
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Edith Collett	
Miss Whittingham	-	Ava Merlino	
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Aarna Sanadhya	
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Pranaysri Srikanth	
Mr Evens	-	Matthew Berry	
Mr Garcia	-	Gino Lattuca	
Mrs Leonard	-	Leonor Graca	
Miss Hake	-	Ewan Smith	
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Jack Bursey	
Miss Wingett	-	Amaya Patel	

### CHILDREN IN NEED



The children came out in force to show their true celebrities for Children in Need. The children thoroughly enjoyed coming into school wearing their costumes from their inspirational celebrities, including the staff members – two stood out in particular the Reception staff as the Spice Girls and Mr Evens as Elvis. We collected a grand total of £227.00 for the charity. Thank you for your support.



### FOOTBALL MATCH

### 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>



### 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.

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

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

## 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 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

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	