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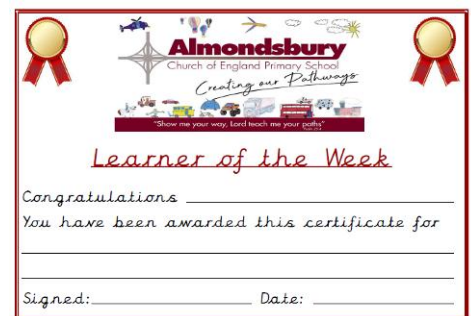
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 14

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	-	The whole class
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Eli Gardner
Miss Whittingham	-	Ethan Wong
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Aarna Sanadhya
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	James Jermy
Mr Evens	-	Maverick Haynes
Mr Garcia	-	Phoebe Wallace Daniells
Mrs Leonard	-	Mario Long
Miss Hake	-	George Garland
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	The whole class
Miss Wingett	-	The whole class



OFSTED

Well, our visitors last week were an early Christmas present to the school and the children. Mrs D'Arcy our HMI inspector was full of praise for the children and the staff. She thoroughly enjoyed her time in school. The report generally takes around 4 working weeks to be published so this will not be available to us and then yourselves until mid to late January. I would like to thank the parents for their positive reviews of the school on Parent View but most importantly the children and staff who demonstrated what a fantastic school we have at Almondsbury. Well done everyone.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

It was a real treat to be able to invite parents in to watch the performances by Reception and Years 1 and 2. Well done to all of the children.

The Reception children performed 'The Inn Keeper's Breakfast' to their family members. They all sang, danced and spoke their words really well. It is always a joy to see the Reception children perform their nativity. It was a magical memorable performance.





'Born in a Barn' was performed by Years 1 and 2. The two performances were also warmly received by their families, who appreciated all of the hard work they have put in to delivering a great production. The children performed their lines really well. All of the children were clear in their diction both in their speaking parts as well as their singing. A particular mention to the soloists and main parts for their great performances, plus all the narrators who learnt and delivered their lines so well.



Thank you for your support with practicing words and coming along to support your children. There are more photos on the school website. A special thank you to all the Reception and Key Stage 1 staff for all their efforts in producing the performances so well. We were collecting for Bristol Children's Charity, a local charity. We will collect again at the carol service on Wednesday and let you know a total at the start of next term.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We would all like to wish Miss Wingett all the very best for her upcoming wedding this weekend. We are all so happy for her and her future husband. In January, when we return Miss Wingett will become known as Mrs Giles. Congratulations once again.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH is on Tuesday 12 December this year, made by Mrs Byrne and the kitchen staff. The children will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers if they have one, over their school uniform and will make party hats in class beforehand.



RECEPTION SCHOOL TOUR

We have added an additional date for a tour of the school. Please contact the office if you would like to come along on Thursday 4 January 2024 at 11.00am.

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.

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PA NEWS

Thank you to everybody who has supported the PA this year, whether you've donated, volunteered, bought tickets, put up a gazebo in the rain, taken down a gazebo in more rain, made a balloon arch, wrapped gifts, labelled uniform or fancy dress and everything else in between that's involved in putting on our events and raising valuable funds for the school. We can't do this without parental support, so THANK YOU and have a wonderful Christmas!

Christmas sweets and clothing sale will be held later this week. More details to follow.

VACANCY FOR TREASURER ROLE

An opportunity has arisen for anyone looking to join the PA. We're looking for a new treasurer. If you would like to be involved in this or just want to find out more about the role, please contact Claire Jarvis or Sammy Waterhouse. As always if you'd like to join in the fun and be part of the PA, let us know at almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.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.



I would like to wish all parents and children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a year of lots of excitement and activity. I would like to thank the children for their hard work and efforts, staff for their tremendous hard work and for keeping the children safe and well. I would also like to thank parents for their continued support. We have a great school community working in partnership. I am looking forward to 2024 and the challenges and successes it will undoubtedly bring. We will see you all during this week and then again on Wednesday 3 January 2024.



Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P.D. Smith".

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2023/24

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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TERM 2

Tuesday 12 December
Wednesday 13 December

Christmas lunch
Year 3 and 4 Christmas party
Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church 6.30pm
Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
End of Term 2

TERM 3

Tuesday 2 January
Wednesday 3 January
Thursday 4 January
Friday 5 January
Friday 12 January
Friday 19 January
Tuesday 23 January
Friday 26 January
Saturday 27 January
Friday 2 February

INSET DAY – School closed to all children
Start of Term 3 for all children
School tour for new parents 11.00am
12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming
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School Choir to attend Young Voices in Birmingham
12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming
Swimming gala at Soundwell pool
KS1 Number Day
12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming
12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming
End of Term 3

Friday 9 February

TERM 4

Monday 19 February
Friday 23 February
Friday 1 March
Saturday 2 March
Thursday 7 March
Friday 8 March
Tuesday 12 March
Friday 15 March
Wednesday 20 March
Friday 22 March
Monday 25 March
Tuesday 26 March
Thursday 28 March

Start of Term 4 for all children
12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming
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Swimathon at Thornbury Pool
4.00 – 7.00pm Parents Evening
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12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming
Tockington Manor Netball and Football festivals
12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming
European Week
Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London
End of Term 4

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	