

8 January 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 15

Welcome back to school in 2024 and we hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and New Year. We hope that 2024 will be a prosperous one for everyone.



LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

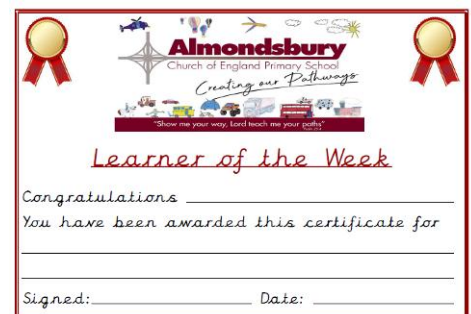
Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

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| Miss Ramli | - | Theo Young | Imogen Gibbin |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen | - | Rosie Rimmer | Ruhee Babariya |
| Miss Whittingham | - | Zachary Tottle | Layla Rew |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw | - | Harper Stewart | Owen Lacoue-Negre |
| Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown | - | Miriam Payne | Ronnie Young |
| Mr Evens | - | Eddie Acford | Felicity Street |
| Mr Garcia | - | Evie Rae | Vivaan Turner |
| Mrs Leonard | - | Alex Bennett | Ronnie-Rae Butler |
| Miss Hake | - | Amber Millington | Joseph Plumb |
| Mrs North and Ms Hill | - | Henry Randall | Cordelia Reihe |
| Miss Wingett | - | Isabelle Sexton | Mac Pearce |

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.

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| Miss Ramli | - | Sebastian Timmins |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen | - | Roxie Nelson |
| Miss Whittingham | - | Jessica Vine |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw | - | Leo McCarthy |
| Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown | - | Ameera Rowe |
| Mr Evens | - | Alfie Dunn Rio Rosling |
| Mr Garcia | - | Layton Wakeman |
| Mrs Leonard | - | Avika Gahlyan |
| Miss Hake | - | James Anane-Adusei |
| Ms Hill and Mrs North | - | William Acford |
| Miss Wingett | - | Mac Pearce |



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

It was such a privilege to be back in St Mary's Church for our Carols by Candlelight. We were delighted to be joined by Rev Anjali for her first service as St Mary's new vicar. The children sang beautifully, especially our choral soloists at the start of the service. The readers were very clear and spoke with clarity and precision. It was great to see so many parents join us in church.

At the end of each of our performances during the Christmas period we collected for the Bristol Children's Charity. We collected a grand total of £449.80. Thank you for your generosity.



Helping local children in need

YEAR 5 PERFORM AT THE MALL

On Thursday 14th December, a group of year 5 children went to The Mall after school to sing Christmas songs to our families and people who were doing their Christmas shopping. We were lucky enough to stand on the red carpet and we had over 100 people watching us! It made me feel Christmassy and was really fun. The children did a fantastic job of representing the school during the event and they sung their hearts out. (written by Layla Rew)



ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the Autumn term was significantly affected by the outbreaks that occurred with sickness and other viral infections. However, the overall attendance of 95% was above the national average. I am sure once we pass the traditional period when illness is a real factor that we will improve in that figure. Well done to the 78 children throughout the school who managed to stave off any infections and achieved 100% attendance. I hope that everyone remains well and healthy during this term.

HOUSE POINTS

As there was so much going on at the end of last term with parties, concerts, etc we have held off on the reward for the winning house who collected the most house points during Term 2. This was **Water** with 4550 points. The children in **Water** house will be able to wear their own clothes on Friday this week as their reward. Well done to everyone in **Water**.

PERSEVERANCE HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Perseverance. 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 'No way through isn't true' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Individual Liberty within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

2 Chronicles 15:7



"Be strong. Don't give up, because you will get a reward for your good work."

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.

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/bitesize/ks1/>

PA NEWS

Happy new year everyone! This year we have plenty of exciting events planned, including discos (with a twist this year), movie nights, crazy hair days, family fun day, cake sales and more. Talking of cake sales, we are rolling out class cake sales again like the kind that were held before COVID. This time round they will be held by year rather than class, and all profit made goes back to that year group to be spent on anything they need. First up is the **year 6 cake sale on Friday 19th January**. More information will be sent out to via the children, but please put the date in your diary.

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 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.



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

TERM 3

Friday 12 January

Friday 19 January

Tuesday 23 January

Friday 26 January

Saturday 27 January

Friday 2 February

Friday 9 February

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

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End of Term 3

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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Swimarathon at Thornbury Pool

4.00 – 7.00pm Parents Evening

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Tockington Manor Netball and Football festivals

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European Week

Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London

End of Term 4

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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Term dates for 2023/24

| Term | Starts | Ends |
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| 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 | Friday 24 May 2024 | |