

22 January 2024

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 17

### 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	-	Emilia McCarthy
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Jacob Weaver
Miss Whittingham	-	Euan Laing
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Dhriti Patel
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Isabella Suggitt
Mr Evens	-	Harrison Sander
Mr Garcia	-	Marnie Rae
Mrs Leonard	-	Sophia Moore
Miss Hake	-	Oscar Millington
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Minahil Arif
Mrs Giles	-	Aziyah Sulis



### WINTER DAY

Reception arrived at school on Wednesday wrapped up in hats, scarves and gloves ready for our Winter Day and the weather did not disappoint! It was a beautiful morning for a winter walk and the children saw signs of winter all around them: the hard ground, the white frost, ice and bare trees. They then went back to class and had some time to take part in some winter-themed activities. We explored ice and used tools and warm water to try to break the ice and to set the wintry objects free from within. We also had some very interesting conversations about solids and liquids, melting and freezing. The children painted wintry pictures and learned how to use white to change the shade of a colour and then they made melting snowmen biscuits which they enjoyed during their Welly Wednesday session outside with a cup of hot chocolate!



## THORNBURY LIONS

We were very lucky to be visited by two members of the Thornbury Lions this week. They have generously donated £500 to the school to spend on books and have also given us a set of the Wild Tribe Heroes books for the library, all based around the theme of conservation and protecting our planet. These will be available for the children to enjoy during library club, which will start again next week.



## DINOSAUR THEMED LUNCH

Last Thursday was Dinosaur themed day for lunch time. The children really enjoyed the change in the menu and the decorations that were surrounding the serving hatch and the food as well as the rest of the Hall. We will be having another themed day towards the end of this term so watch out for the information coming shortly.



## 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.

## PARKING

I know that this is the same appeal that usually goes out to all parents regarding parking. However, we have received a few emails recently about the parking issue on double yellow lines on the bend of Sundays Hill by Chroma, by the church and around Chestermaster Close. This has been compounded by the responses by parents towards those who have challenged the parking which is either unsafe or not acceptable. Please do treat others as you would like to be treated yourself and refrain from using language which is not appropriate for children to hear.

## YOUNG VOICES

Good luck to the choir who are off to Birmingham on Tuesday to take part in the national Young Voices event. They have been working hard to learn some very tricky but great songs. I am sure they will sing brilliantly and do themselves proud.

## 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: [IXL - Grammar](#)

## PA NEWS

WOW! What a result from the year 6 cake sale. A massive **£172.60** was raised from Friday's sale. A huge thank you to all the parents and children involved in making this such a success. Well done year 6! The money raised gets returned to year 6 to spend as they wish.

The next cake sale will be on **Friday 9 February run by year 3**. Please put this date in your diaries and watch out for more comms about how you can get involved and help year 3 raise money for their wish list.

Our next PA event is the **MOVIE NIGHT on Friday 2 February**. We're showing the fabulous family film Lyle Lyle Crocodile. Tickets are on sale now via our PA website. One ticket per child entry, cost is £5 and includes a drink and a popcorn snack. Limited availability so book early to avoid disappointment.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=74748>

We are also working with the teachers and children to create designs for personalised tea towels. These will be on sale soon so watch this space.

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### Treasurer update

Our PA treasurer has decided to step down after two and a half years of working in the role. I'd like to say thank you to Sammy Waterhouse for her hard work and dedication, help and guidance over the past couple of years. I'd also like to welcome Aimee Taylor who has been elected as our new treasurer. Thank you Aimee for stepping in, and welcome to the team!

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).

### **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**

**Tuesday 23 January**

**Friday 26 January**

**Friday 2 February**

**Friday 9 February**

**School Choir to attend Young Voices in Birmingham**

**12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming**

**KS1 Number Day**

**12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming**

**6.00 – 8.00pm Movie Night**

**12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming**

**3.30pm Year 3 Cake Sale**

**End of Term 3**

#### **TERM 4**

**Monday 19 February**

**Friday 23 February**

**Friday 1 March**

**Saturday 2 March**

**Thursday 7 March**

**Friday 8 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**

**12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming**

**3.30pm Year 1 Cake Sale**

**4.00 – 7.00pm Parent Evening**

**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**

**3.30pm Year 5 Cake Sale**

**Tuesday 12 March**

**Friday 15 March**

**Wednesday 20 March**

**Friday 22 March**

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Monday 25 March  
Tuesday 26 March  
Thursday 28 March

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	Friday 24 May 2024	

**Term dates for 2024/25**

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025
INSET DAYS	Monday 2 September 2024 Friday 23 May 2025 Plus 3 other dates to be confirmed	