

5 February 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 19

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	-	Honey Jenkins
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Joao Morais
Miss Whittingham	-	Caspar Male
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Jessica Price
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Evalyn Benbow
Mr Evens	-	Sophia Taylor
Mr Garcia	-	Alvin Ho Li
Mrs Leonard	-	Keira Whitlock
Miss Hake	-	Jason Agyemang
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Alice Berry
Mrs Giles	-	The whole class



SWIMMING GALA

On Saturday 20 January, 20 Almondsbury swimmers took part in the South Gloucestershire schools swimming gala in Soundwell, Kingswood. There were about 20 schools with an array of spectators watching from the stands. All the swimmers were amazing, overcoming their nerves and putting on great performances in their events. It was wonderful to see them face their fears and loving every moment of their achievements.

A particular well done to Leo McCarthy, Amalie Price and Leo Bowen for coming in the top 3 for their races against some tough opposition.



YEAR 1 AND 2 CASTLE AND DRAGONS WOW DAY!



On Tuesday 30 January, years 1 and 2 held their Castles and Dragons Wow day. The children looked spectacular dressed up as knights, kings, queens, princes, princesses and dragons. They completed a number of activities including following the instructions to draw a dragon, reading and drawing maps with keys and learning medieval court dances. We finished the day altogether in the 'Great Hall' for a royal ball where we danced the court dances.



NUMBER DAY

On Friday 2 February, all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in the NSPCC Number Day. The children came to school dressed in numbers or in Mathematics related costumes, like dominoes, Number Blocks and dice. They enjoyed spending the day completing mathematics activities, including playing mathematics games, completing mathematics quizzes, singing mathematics songs, listening to Mathematics related stories and playing the online mathematics game 'Hit the Button' and gaining gold coins in the mathematics app Numbots.



SAFER INTERNET

This week it is Safer Internet day. This will take place on Tuesday 6 February. The theme this year is 'Together for a better internet'

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

The children will be doing something related to e-safety and reliability online next week in their computing lessons. There is a specific Safer Internet Day newsletter attached to the newsletter for you to read through with links to support you at home.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY

Please find attached the latest e-safety newsletter for parents for this month. The focus is on parental controls on mobile devices; appropriate use of the PlayStation and age restrictions for particular games; Snapchat new controls and impact of social media on children. The other area is a piece on VR headsets as well as resources to share with children who may be just starting out on exploring the internet.

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: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

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.

PA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who gave up their Friday night to help with Movie Night, including Mr Smith. We took proceeds of £496 which was a great effort. Thanks all.

🍰 Don't forget the year 3 cake sale this Friday after school. 🍰 It's the last day of term so a perfect opportunity to celebrate with a cake or 2. All proceeds go back to year 3, so please give generously! We're also doubling up with a children's book sale at the same time. It's a great chance to grab some amazing bargains on some good quality books that have kindly been donated by parents and carers so please bring some cash and a bag and grab some half term reading material.

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Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Playground update

You may have seen a change to the KS1 playground. Phase 1 of changes has been completed. The sinking ship has been removed along with the rubber flooring, and a brilliant new section of play turf has been laid. Our thanks to Sword Dynamic Services for doing the work, and to everyone who has contributed to the funding through donations and events. There are more improvements to come so watch this space!



Almondsbury School Parents Association
pta-events.co.uk

VACANCY FOR LUNCHTIME PLAY LEADERS

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime play leader 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.

St Mary's Church, Almondsbury

Vacancy for a Parish Administrator

We have a vacancy for a Parish Administrator to manage the day-to-day administration of Almondsbury Parish Church and to provide administrative support for our new Priest in Charge, Rev Anjali Kanagaratnam. The post is for 12 hours per week and the salary is £23,141 per year pro rata (equivalent to 12.68 per hour). A mixture of office and home-based working is possible subject to agreement. Full details of the post and an application form are available at www.almondsburychurch.org.uk Informal enquiries are encouraged and should be addressed to Rev Anjali Kanagaratnam (Mobile Number: 07526 972893; Email Address: vicar@southsevernside.org.uk). Applications should be returned by Sunday 18 February 2024.

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

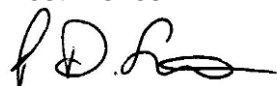
3.20pm – 3.55pm

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 3

Friday 9 February

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

3.30pm Year 3 Cake Sale

End of Term 3

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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
 European Week
 Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London
 End of Term 4

Tuesday 12 March
 Friday 15 March
 Wednesday 20 March
 Friday 22 March

Monday 25 March
 Tuesday 26 March
 Thursday 28 March

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	