

19 February 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 20

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.

Miss Ramli	-	Eva Janiak	Olivia Beard
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Jacob Weaver	Macy Cheung
Miss Whittingham	-	Evelyn Kalceva	Alexandra Leung
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Zachary Taylor	Lia Drewitt
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Ameera Rowe	Aarav Prasanna Balaji
Mr Evens	-	Maverick Haynes	Maisie Watson
Mr Garcia	-	Estée Kingman	Chloe North
Mrs Leonard	-	Florian Harris	River Martin
Miss Hake	-	Myla Bendall	Mythili Bhargav
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Minahil Arif	Ethan Parslow
Mrs Giles	-	Aoife Doherty	Aaron Davies

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	-	Toby Dunn	Riley Jenkins
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Harriet Day	
Miss Whittingham	-	Oscar Estcourt	
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Kabir Degaonkar	
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Annabelle Street	
Mr Evens	-	Carolina Fudula	
Mr Garcia	-	Alice Gheti	
Mrs Leonard	-	Summer Wilson	
Miss Hake	-	Theo Pinteala	
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Sophie Vornicu	
Mrs Giles	-	Phoenix Curtis	



PARENTS EVENING

We have Parents Evenings coming up after half term. These will be face to face. It will provide parents with an opportunity to look at the children's books. As all parents are now on the Arbor app we will be setting up the booking system through the app. You should have received notification of this and the appointment system will be going live at 4pm Monday 19 February.

STAFF CHANGES

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mr Dave Wallace, our PE coach, who taught our PPA PE for each of the key phases. He has left to be a PE teacher in another school in Bath and we wish him every success for the future. Mrs Bowen will be teaching PPA PE for this term. We have also managed to cover Mr Wallace's after-school clubs so these will not be affected. Mr Jason Michael, will be taking these clubs for this term.

DODGEBALL COMPETITION

On Monday 5 February, two teams of Year 5 and 6 children headed to Bradley Stoke Community School to compete in our first Dodgeball competition. Initially, the teams were a bit tentative, however, the more games they played the more focused and determined they became. What a fast and exciting game! It wasn't long before our players started to develop some great strategies and although we didn't get to the final, both teams were starting to win their games. All the players loved the experience and had a fantastic time.



WISDOM HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Wisdom. 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 'Don't forget to let love in' within our Heartsmart PSHE programme and Tolerance within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Hebrews 13:5

"Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." This is a way of understanding that we are loved by Him. There are other people in our lives that are committed to us also, who might they be?"



HOUSE POINTS

The children have been busy collecting House Points from a variety of people in school and for lots of reasons, good learning, behaviour, tidy uniform, having correct PE kit, etc. We have been totaling up the number of house points each week. The winning team last term was **SUN**. As their reward for collecting the most house points they are able to come into school on Friday in their own clothes. Well done to everyone in **SUN**. We will see how well we get on this term.

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://games.e4education.co.uk/groupone/>

PA NEWS

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!



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.

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 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

Wednesday 27 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

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

3.30pm Year 1 Cake Sale

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12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

Tockington Manor Netball and Football festivals

3.30pm Year 5 Cake Sale

Arts Week

Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London

2.00pm Year 3 and 4 Easter performance

6.00pm Year 3 and 4 Easter performance

End of Term 4

TERM 5

Monday 15 April

Friday 19 April

Start of Term 5 for all pupils

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

3.30pm Year 2 Cake Sale

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Friday 26 April	12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming
Friday 3 May	12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming
Monday 6 May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – School closed
Friday 10 May	12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming 3.30pm Year 4 Cake Sale
Monday 13 – Thursday 16 May	Year 6 SAT week
Friday 17 May	12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming
Monday 20 May	Start of Sports Week
Tuesday 21 May	Sports Day 9.15am EYFS and KS1 Sports Day 1.15pm KS2
Thursday 23 May	End of Term 5
Friday 24 May	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
TERM 6	
Monday 3 June	Start of Term 6
Monday 3 – Friday 14 June	Year 4 Multiplication check for all children
Friday 7 June	12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming
Monday 10 – Friday 14 June	Year 1 phonics check for all children
Friday 14 June	12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming 3.30pm Reception classes cake sale
Friday 21 June	12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming
Saturday 22 June	PA Summer Fayre – Olympic themed
Friday 28 June	12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming
Friday 5 July	12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming
Friday 12 July	Celebration Day for all children – details to follow
Friday 19 July	Reports for be sent home
Tuesday 23 July	Leaver's Service at St Mary's (Year 6 parents only) Last day of the school year

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	