

26 February 2024

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 21

### 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	-	Molly Taylor
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Anna Day
Miss Whittingham	-	Lenny Polak
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Rocco Merlino Thompson
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	William Jarvis
Mr Evens	-	Eva & Mia Lazz-Onyenobi
Mr Garcia	-	Emilia Engley
Mrs Leonard	-	Henry Jarvis
Miss Hake	-	Coby Pearce
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Lyra Lennox-Gordon
Mrs Giles	-	Whole Class



### CAR PARK AT THE END OF THE DAY

We know that the car park is not the most ideal place to handover children from at the end of the day however such is the school layout this is the only place where key stage 2 are able to leave the school building. However, there have been several instances recently where children have been handed over from class by the teachers to parents and then gone to play in and out of the cars as well as climbing on the walls. As parents take over the care of the children we would ask that whilst on school grounds that the same expectations are put in place regarding the appropriate behaviour. We should not be seeing children playing in the car park but leaving the school site in an orderly manner. This is in line with our school rules of being 'Respectful and Safe'. Please be aware that we will be monitoring this at the end of the day and speaking to children and parents to remind them of the acceptable safe behaviour. Thank you.

### 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 are able to continue to book until Tuesday 5 March at 9.00am when this closes.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book day is coming up fast and ours in school will take place this Thursday 7 March. We are not asking the children to dress up as we do this within our Book Week during the Autumn term. However, we will be celebrating this during our school day through additional reading activities and buddy reading throughout the school. We would really like the children to bring in to school their favourite book to share with their class and the buddy reading.

### COMIC RELIEF

We are fast approaching that time of year again with Comic Relief day on Friday 15 March. As usual we will be holding a non-uniform day where the children will be asked to 'wear something red' for the day and bring in a donation to go to the charity.

## 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.

## 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.learninggamesforkids.com/>

## PA NEWS

A HUGE well done to year 3 who raised a massive £234.50 from their cake sale on 9 February. What a result!! Thanks to all involved who made this a great success. All the money will be donated to year 3 to spend as they wish.

The next cake sale will be held by **Year 1 on Friday 8 March** after school. Please come and show your support. Cakes will be available for a range of dietary requirements and year 1 will be able to buy their own cakes that they have decorated during the school day.

## Tea Towels

Watch this space for upcoming school tea towel sales online. The children have been busy drawing their self-portraits ready to be printed onto branded tea towels for all to buy. A great keepsake for all the family. More details to follow when online sales open.

## 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

Friday 1 March

Saturday 2 March

Thursday 7 March

Friday 8 March

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

Swimarathon at Thornbury Pool

4.00 – 7.00pm Parents Evening

Reception visit to Noah's Ark

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

3.30pm Year 1 Cake Sale

Email address: [office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)

Tuesday 12 March Year 1 and 2 visit to Cardiff Castle  
4.00 – 7.00pm Parent Evening  
Friday 15 March 12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming  
Wednesday 20 March Year 3 and 4 visit to Caerleon  
Tockington Manor Netball and Football festivals  
Friday 22 March 3.30pm Year 5 Cake Sale  
Monday 25 March Arts Week  
Tuesday 26 March Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London  
9.30am Year 3 and 4 Easter performance (please note change in time of the performance from previous newsletters)  
6.00pm Year 3 and 4 Easter performance  
Wednesday 27 March End of Term 4  
Thursday 28 March

**TERM 5**

Monday 15 April Start of Term 5 for all pupils  
Friday 19 April 12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming  
3.30pm Year 2 Cake Sale  
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

<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 6 January 2025</b>	<b>Friday 14 February 2025</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 24 February 2025</b>	<b>Friday 4 April 2025</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Tuesday 22 April 2025</b>	<b>Friday 23 May 2025</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 2 June 2025</b>	<b>Tuesday 22 July 2025</b>
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Monday 2 September 2024 Friday 23 May 2025 Plus 3 other dates to be confirmed</b>	