

13 May 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 29

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. There are double names as there was no newsletter last week.

Miss Ramli	-	Amir Arshad	Noah Sanderson
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Isla Drewitt	Arthur Robinson
Miss Whittingham	-	Lily Watkins	Evelyn Kalceva
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Lia Drewitt	Raghu Ekkat Sriram
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Kiaan Bhandari	Neve Bennett
Mr Evens	-	Oli Vornicu	Alfie Grace
Mr Garcia	-	Jenson Morgan	Vincy Wong
Mrs Leonard	-	Minahil Khan	Luke Hallworth
Miss Hake	-	Damisi Adeitan	Lily Taylor
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Ethan Parslow	Ellie Blackburn
Mrs Giles	-	Isabelle Sexton	Roma Smith



GOOD LUCK YEAR 6

We have the Year 6 children taking their SAT tests this week. They have all been working hard to do the best they can. Good luck to them all.



EVENTS FOR THIS TERM - SPORTS WEEK

SPORTS DAY

Next week will be our Sports Week. Hopefully, the rain will hold off and the sunshine will prevail. Our Sports Day will be on Tuesday 21 May with Reception and KS1 starting off the proceedings at 9.15am. Please do stay after you have dropped the children off and make your way around to the field at the back of the school. KS2 sports events start at 1.15pm. Parents can arrive from 1.00pm, however will not be allowed to enter the grounds until the end of lunchtime for safeguarding reasons. Make sure you bring your running shoes with you as well for the parents race!



TOUR D'ALMONDSBURY



On Wednesday 22 May it is our annual Tour D'Almondsbury for everyone. We would like everyone to bring in their bikes or scooters and participate in a challenge around the school grounds. You will have received the sponsor forms already and letter outlining the course and other details. The children will have designated areas for them to leave their scooters and bikes during the day. It is always such a fun event and the children enjoy participating. We look forward to it.

Photos are from last year's successful events.

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Attached to the newsletter is this month's e-safety newsletter. This month's newsletter focuses on how online usage and contacts may be affecting children's mental health including how children can become addicted to the use of technology. There are links to the campaign for a smartphone free childhood plus reminders about WhatsApp group rating. There is also information about 'misinformation online' to discuss with the children.

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.

MESSY CHURCH

It is Messy Church this Wednesday 15 May from 3.30 – 5.30pm at St Mary's Almondsbury. Please do come along for stories, songs, crafts and food. The theme this month is 'Feeding the 5000'.

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.educationquizzes.com/>

PA NEWS

★ A huge well done to year 4 who raised a massive £200.40 from their cake sale on Friday. ★ Thank you to everyone involved who helped bake, decorate, sell and everything else in between. The money raised goes back to the year group to spend wisely 😊

DATE FOR YOU DIARIES - Summer Fayre Saturday 22 June. Plans are underway for the school summer fayre. To celebrate, this year will be Olympic themed with sports activities and games being run alongside inflatables, disco, stalls, refreshments, BBQ and bar and loads of other fun stuff. We would really appreciate any help you can give including putting up gazebo's the day before, setting up on the morning, running a stall, volunteering to help run the sports activities, and anything else you can think of. We cannot put on these events without your help so please help if you can, we REALLY appreciate it. Please email almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com if you can help at all.

On **Friday 5 July** we will be holding our **QUIZ NIGHT** so start thinking about your team members and team names. Tickets will be on sale soon in advance from our website. This is a great chance to have a night off, so book those babysitters and get your thinking caps on.

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.



MESSAGE FROM ALMONDSBURY SCOUT GROUP

Almondsbury Scout Group needs you...

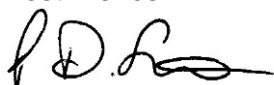
The beavers section for 6-8 year old children is in need of new volunteer leaders. This rewarding role involves planning and then running activities for the children. The group meets weekly on Monday evenings during term time but with more leaders the commitment could be reduced – so the more the merrier! This could be a great addition to your CV as a volunteer role for your local charity, but would equally suit a retired person - there are no age limits! Please spread the word and pass onto friends and relatives - if leaders cannot be found then the local beavers section may be forced to close.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

If you would like more information and think this, could be the role for you then please contact our Group Scout leader Andy Selman on almondsburyscouts.gsl@virginmedia.com

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2023/24

TERM 5

Monday 13 – Thursday 16 May

Friday 17 May

Monday 20 May

Tuesday 21 May

Thursday 23 May

Friday 24 May

Year 6 SAT week

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

Start of Sports Week

Sports Day 9.15am EYFS and KS1

Sports Day 1.15pm KS2

End of Term 5

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

TERM 6

Monday 3 June

Monday 3 – Friday 14 June

Friday 7 June

Monday 10 – Friday 14 June

Friday 14 June

Friday 21 June

Saturday 22 June

Friday 28 June

Friday 5 July

Friday 12 July

Wednesday 17 July

Thursday 18 July

Friday 19 July

Tuesday 23 July

Start of Term 6

Year 4 Multiplication check for all children

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

Year 1 phonics check for all children

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

3.30pm Reception classes cake sale

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

PA Summer Fayre – Olympic themed

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Celebration Day for all children – details to follow

Year 5 and 6 show

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Reports for be sent home

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 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 25 October 2024 Friday 23 May 2025 Plus 2 other dates to be confirmed	