

20 May 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 30

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	-	The whole class
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	The whole class
Miss Whittingham	-	The whole class
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Mahima Raju
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Miriam Payne
Mr Evens	-	The whole class
Mr Garcia	-	Vivaan Turner
Mrs Leonard	-	Alexander Bennett
Miss Hake	-	Mythili Bhargav
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Coupar Kippen
Mrs Giles	-	Sophie Shears



YEAR 2 BRIDGE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS MULTISKILLS FESTIVAL



Last week, Year 2 had the opportunity to take part in the Bridge Games Multi-Skills Festival. The children arrived at Olveston alongside Year 2 children from all the Bridge schools ready for an action packed morning. After being split into groups, the children took part in a variety of different activities such as javelin throwing, tag rugby, long jump and football shuttle runs. It was great to see the children developing their technique in the different activities whilst working together and building



friendships with the other children. Overall, a very successful morning and one which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



YEAR 1 AND 2 VISIT TO SS GREAT BRITAIN

Last week Year 1 and 2 visited the SS Great Britain as part of their topic learning about the Best of Bristol and Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We had a great day exploring the ship, touring the museums and taking part in a workshop. In the workshop we learnt how to fix the holes in the hull of the ship by



hammering 'rivets' into pieces of iron and also, we dressed up in Victorian clothes to re-enact the launching of the ship!



PLUS HOT AIR BALLOON VISIT

Year 1 and 2 were very lucky to have a visit of a hot air balloon!

As part of our Best of Bristol topic we have been learning about the importance of the ballooning industry to Bristol and the annual International Balloon fiesta! Dr Church showed us how to pilot the balloon and answered lots of questions on how it flies!

EVENTS FOR THIS TERM - SPORTS WEEK

SPORTS DAY

We are looking forward to our Sports Day tomorrow 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! **The children will be asked to come into school in their PE kits with a t shirt on that is the same colour as their house. Air – Red, Earth – Green, Sun – Yellow and Water – Blue.**



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.

PINS PROJECT

We have exciting news to share with our school community. We have been chosen to take part in a project funded by NHS England in collaboration with the Department for Education, South Glos Council and South Glos Parent Carers. This initiative will bring an investment to the school to help us support all learners and help create an even more inclusive learning environment.

By sharing your views you will help us understand how we could better meet the needs of your child. Your feedback will then help shape a bespoke package of support for the school.

Please click on the following link to access the survey:
<https://forms.office.com/e/UHx1V4saYu>

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact South Glos Parent Carers at pins.project@sglospc.org.uk

There is also an invitation to join a Parents Meeting on Monday 1 July at 2.30pm to speak with the South Glos Parents and Carers staff who are supporting the running of the project.



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: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/activities/sports-and-activities/>

PA NEWS

At sports day tomorrow there will be hot and cold drinks and biscuits on sale to keep your energy levels up while watching the activities, please come along and support.

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

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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.

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

DON'T FORGET WE HAVE AN INSET DAY THIS FRIDAY 24 MAY, THEREFORE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D.S.', written over a white background.

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2023/24

TERM 5

Monday 20 May

Tuesday 21 May

Thursday 23 May

Friday 24 May

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

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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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
Wednesday 17 July	Year 5 and 6 show
Thursday 18 July	Year 5 and 6 show
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 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	