

3 June 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 31

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	-	Eloise Payne	Imogen Street
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Astin Wong	James Begbey
Miss Whittingham	-	Jaiya Voual	Logan Scott
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Rupert Arnott	Leo McCarthy
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Dara Adeitan	Sameer Arshad
Mr Evens	-	Leo Sansum	Matthew Berry
Mr Garcia	-	Jackson Doherty	Marnie Rae
Mrs Leonard	-	Sophia Moore	Beni Biro
Miss Hake	-	James Rick	Antonia Leung
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Harriet Arnott	Louis Pirie
Mrs Giles	-	Reggie Goda	Bobbi-Rose Lishman

SPORTS WEEK



The weather and temperature was just perfect for a day of sports and racing. Both morning and afternoon sessions were started by the relay of the sports day baton and the reading of the athlete's oath. It was fantastic to see the children running, jumping (in sacks) and balancing those eggs on their spoons as they went down the race tracks. Everyone cheered



and applauded their efforts. We do have some talented little athletes who perhaps will grace more illustrious tracks one day or even the Olympics!

The points were collected at the end of the morning with the following result – **Water** were the winning house with 156 points, followed by **Earth** with 140 points, **Sun** with 112 and **Air** with 107 points. Well done to everyone.



In the afternoon came the key stage 2 children who were super competitive and wanting to show off their own racing talents. Once again, everyone did their very best to win. However, as we know it is the participation that counts! After the races were concluded the winning house was **Water** with 204 points, **Sun** in second place with 190 points, next came **Earth** with 172 points, and finally **Air** with 160 points.

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It was so great to see so many parents able to join us especially for the parents' races. In fact, we had to have numerous egg and spoon races for parents in both sessions there was so much interest. There was also hot competition in the teachers' races as well. Thank you for coming along to support your own children but also every one of the children. There are more photos on the school website [Sports Day 2024 photos](#)

TOUR D'ALMONDSBURY

The children had a brilliant day participating in the Tour d'Almondsbury. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't as kind as on Sports day and we had to postpone it for a day. The children showed lots of perseverance and endeavour to complete the event. We would appreciate it if you could hand over your sponsorship money into school this week so we can count how much we have raised. Thank you to Mr Evens and the School Parliament for organising the event so well.



CAR PARK

Unfortunately, after the successful Tour d'Almondsbury there was damage to several cars in the car park as the children left the school on Thursday. The cars were scrapped on the side and front, which is extremely annoying. We need to remember that the car park should not be used as a play area for children either before or after the collection of pupils at the end of the day. Please make sure you keep your children with you and not let them run around the cars in the car park. Thank you.

LITTLE STOKE CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 23 May, 26 children from Years 4, 5 and 6, took part in the Little Stoke Cross Country. They all ran brilliantly and the 5 teams confidently completed the course. Well done to all the teams with a special congratulation to Riley Jenkins for first place in the year 6 boys race, Lois Day for second place in the year 4 girls race, Poppy Stevens for third place in the year 5 girls race and Rocco Bear Jenkins for third place in the year 4 boys race. There were second places for both the Y4 and Y5 girls' teams overall. Another great result for Almondsbury School!



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.e-learningforkids.org/>

PA NEWS

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - Summer Fayre Saturday 22 June. It's only 3 weeks away! To celebrate, this year will be Olympic themed with sports activities and games being run alongside inflatables, disco, stalls, refreshments, BBQ and bar, a steel band and loads of other fun stuff. We would really appreciate any help you can give including lending & 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. If you're unable to give your time then we are also looking for donations. Please drop into the yellow bins at the front of the school building, or pass to one of the PA team.

- Crayons, pens, colouring books, unwanted craft activities
- Disposable plates, cups, cutlery, napkins, straws, paper bags
- Nail varnishes
- Balloon pumps
- Plants for plant stall - please leave in reception or pass to a PA member

We have some amazing raffle prizes on offer including west country water park tickets, Air Hop passes, S4k Holiday camp, Brizfit classes, Thornbury Golf centre, Bluebell Bakery voucher and of course one of 11 super colour hampers. **Raffle tickets will be coming home soon so please look out for these.**

Please email almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com if you can help at all.

On **Friday 5th 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

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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 6

Monday 3 June

Monday 3 – Friday 14 June

Thursday 6 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

Class photos (children to be in uniform not PE kit)

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
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