

24 June 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 34

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.

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| Miss Ramli | - Jaida-Paige Waterhouse |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen | - Sophia Osborne |
| Miss Whittingham | - Samuel Roberts |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw | - Rocco Merlino Thompson |
| Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown | - Ozzy Knapp and Poppy Ford |
| Mr Evens | - Maisie Watson and Carolina Fudulu |
| Mr Garcia | - The Whole Class |
| Mrs Leonard | - All the year 2's |
| Miss Hake | - Henry Belisario-Elford |
| Ms Hill and Mrs North | - Omodesire Omotosho |
| Mrs Giles | - Ivan Usunov |



PA SUMMER FAYRE

Our PA Summer Family Fun Day was back with a bang on Saturday. The weather was so kind to us as well with beautiful blue, sunny skies throughout the whole afternoon. We are really pleased that so many of you were able to join in the fun and come to support the PA and the school.



There was so much to do and things to buy on the stalls, the tombola (which ran out of tickets!), the games, the inflatables and Mr Bendall was kept very busy in the beat the goalie game including getting a good soaking from those who scored. The BBQ was popular as ever with constant queues all the way up to the end of the afternoon, the smores making in the Forest Schools area was also very popular as were the cream teas and cakes not to mention the bar.



The displays were also a crowd pleaser with the drummers from Marlwood Samba Steel Band alongside many past and present Almondsbury pupils provided a great musical start to the afternoon plus the dancers from Emma Kate Dance troupe. All performed brilliantly. Well done. There were plenty of games inbetween ran by Future Stars plus tennis play from Almondsbury and Bradley Stoke tennis club. We had brilliant music throughout from our resident DJ.

The raffle was extremely popular with 34 prizes to be won which included a myriad of wonderful experiences such as a golf voucher, The Wave, yoga, etc plus tickets to Bristol City football, £50 meal voucher from the Bowl plus many more. Well done if you won. The colour hampers returned once again all looking great. The class winners for KS1 were Mrs Leonard's class with the red hamper and in KS2 Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class with the white hamper.



Thank you to the PA members and parental volunteers who gave up their time in organising and running the stalls as well as the staff for their time too. It was such a successful afternoon and a real advert for how our school comes together. I look forward to next year's with much anticipation. Thank you everyone for coming along and supporting the children and our school.

CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 19 June, 10 children from year 3 and 4 represented the school in a Dynamos Cricket Tournament. Our team consisted of some great talent with confident bowling and batting and a good atmosphere of team spirit. All the players played well and won all their games convincingly with team scores in the 70's and 80's finishing with a score of over 100. Very impressive! A fantastic morning and some great cricket role models who will hopefully come back and inspire the rest of the school.

Player of the tournament was Dhriti Patel for her superb skills, batting many 6's and 4's, several great catches and more importantly for her positive attitude and team spirit!



SCHOOL PARLIAMENT NON UNIFORM DAY FOR CHARITY

School Parliament carried out a vote on a chosen charity to support during this academic year. After the School Parliament MPs counted the votes from the classes they represent, it was decided that we would support 'Bristol Guide Dogs.' We ask children to come into school on **Friday 5 July** in non-uniform with a donation of at least £1. Also, School Parliament MPs will lead an assembly about the chosen charity. Thank you for your support.

CELEBRATION DAY

We are so looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Celebration Day on Friday 12 July. You will be able to come into school and see your child's work and visit their classroom. As it worked so well last year we have made the decision to keep the split across the school so that there isn't a huge crush and everyone in school at once. Some of the younger children find this overwhelming and there just isn't enough space in school. Therefore, these are the times for each class.

| 9.15 – 10.30 am | 10.45 – 12.00 am | 2.00 – 3.15pm |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rec 1 – Mrs Giles | Year 1 – Miss Hake | Rec 2 – Mrs North and Ms Hill |
| Year 1/ 2 – Mrs Leonard | Year 3 – Mr Evens | Year 2 – Mr Garcia |
| Year 3/ 4 – Mr Ramshaw and Mrs Williams | Year 6 – Miss Ramli | Year 4 – Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown |
| Year 5/6 – Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen | | Year 5 – Miss Whittingham |

The children will have a picnic on that day for lunch so there will be no cooked meals just sandwiches made from the kitchen.

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>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk
 Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Key-Stage-1>

PA NEWS

Well what a day we had on Saturday! The summer fayre went off with a bang, opened by the Marlwood Steel band who performed some amazing drumming for us. We had sunshine, stalls, races, tug of war, dancing, eating, drinking, face painting and games a plenty. A **huge** thank you to everyone who was involved in making it happen. Special thanks to the teachers, Mr Smith, Fiona the cook and Mrs Spicer for preparing the BBQ, Almondsbury garden centre for donations, Mini Athletics, Gio, Future Sports for helping with the races, Emma Kate dancers, Toby from TH tennis, LV (Allianz) car and home insurance who kindly donated £100 of Tesco vouchers, Independents Netball Club and SGS, and of course a massive thank you to everyone that came and joined in and helped us fundraise for the school. We hope you had a great time! Numbers are still being crunched but we'll let you know in the next newsletter how much money we raised.

The fun doesn't stop here and our next event is on **Friday 5 July 7-9:30pm** when we are holding our **QUIZ NIGHT** so enter your team names and team members now! **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW** from our website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta/index.cfm?event=shop> This is a great chance to have a night off, so book those babysitters and get your thinking caps on. Entry is £5 per person, for teams of 6 people. It's BYO, so leave the car at home. For some of you it's your last year with Almondsbury primary so come and celebrate with us for one last time!

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

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DATES FOR 2023/24**TERM 6**

Friday 28 June

Monday 1 July

Friday 5 July

Friday 12 July

Wednesday 17 July

Thursday 18 July

Friday 19 July

Tuesday 23 July

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

Reception and Key Stage 1 Pirate Day

Non uniform day for Guide Dogs by School Parliament

12.30pm Mr Even's class swimming

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 | |

DATES FOR 2024/25**TERM 1**

Monday 2 September

Tuesday 3 September

Wednesday 4 September

Thursday 5 September

Friday 13 September

Monday 16 – Friday 20 September

Friday 20 September

Friday 27 September

Thursday 24 October

Friday 25 October

INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Start of Term 1 for Years 1 to 6

Home visits for new Reception children

Home visits for new Reception children

Reception children start school

Swimming starts for Year 4 class

Year 6 visit to Paris, France

Swimming for Year 4 class

Swimming for Year 4 class

Last day of Term 1

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

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 | |