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Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 35

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	-	Leo Bowen
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Oliver Dixon
Miss Whittingham	-	Tianna-Lily Aylette-Steele
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Mahima Raju
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Ella Osborne
Mr Evens	-	Eddie Acford
Mr Garcia	-	Brooks Parratt
Mrs Leonard	-	Kobe Hansen
Miss Hake	-	Eloise Collard
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Angus Knapp
Mrs Giles	-	Bobbi-Rose Lishman



RECEPTION VISIT TO SLIMBRIDGE

Reception visited Slimbridge on 21 June. After spending the week reading 'The Ugly Duckling' story and finding out about birds and their features, the children took part in a 'Do Like Duck Does' workshop. They found out about how ducks make nests, what they eat, how they wash themselves, swim and fly. The children then explored the grounds where they saw flamingos, geese, ducks, swans and ducklings. It was a beautiful day and the children had a fantastic time, with the highlight being feeding the birds and playing and getting very wet in Welly Boot Land! The staff commented on the children's excellent behaviour and brilliant knowledge.



UPDATE ON SUMMER FAYRE

We can now let you know how much the Summer Fayre raised a week last Saturday. The PA organised such a great event and have been rewarded with a grand total of £3,084 in profit. Thank you so much to all parents for their contributions and to the PA for their hard work.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT NON UNIFORM DAY FOR CHARITY

School Parliament carried out a vote on a chosen charity to support during this academic year. 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 please. Also, School Parliament MPs will lead an assembly about the chosen charity. Thank you for your support.

BRIDGE FAMILY OF SCHOOLS POETRY PLEASE

Year 6 children from across the family of schools got together last week to take part in the final of The Bridge Poetry Please at UWE. It was a fantastic afternoon where we got to enjoy some wonderful poems performed by the children. Some chose to share poems they had written themselves while others selected poems written by famous poets. Family members joined us to enjoy the performances and a team of five lecturers formed our judging panel. We were all so blown away by how the children did - they were loud, clear and showed great expression. Well done to everyone who took part. We look forward to next year's event.



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.

OPAL PLAY AWARDS

We are in the process of making our playtimes more exciting with the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) scheme. We celebrate play in school in regular Play Assemblies, during which Play Awards are given out. They can be given for any number of different reasons, for instance:

Fair play, inventive play, creative play, being especially helpful, caring for someone else over playtime - to name but a few examples. On Tuesday 25 June Play Award Certificates were awarded to:

Charlie Hazel

Molly Taylor

Hana Rozpedowska

VERY WELL DONE!

Congratulations to Mr Even's Class for completing their OPAL Bingo Board!

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our bingo game. The children are loving the additions to our resources. Don't forget, we are still playing and 30 minutes of extra play is available for each class that completes their board.

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>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

PA UPDATE

The totals are in, and we managed to raise a **MASSIVE £3,084** from our summer fayre on Saturday 22 June. Thanks again to everyone who helped to make it a real success, and to everyone who came to support and contributed in any way.

Sadly we have had to **cancel the quiz night** this Friday due to lack of ticket sales. We'll carry this idea over to next year and rearrange it for another date. Anyone who has bought a ticket will receive a full refund. Apologies for this.

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

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 6

Monday 1 July

Friday 5 July

Friday 12 July

Wednesday 17 July

Thursday 18 July

Friday 19 July

Tuesday 23 July

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

Year 5 and 6 show

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

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

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Thursday 24 October
Friday 25 October

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	