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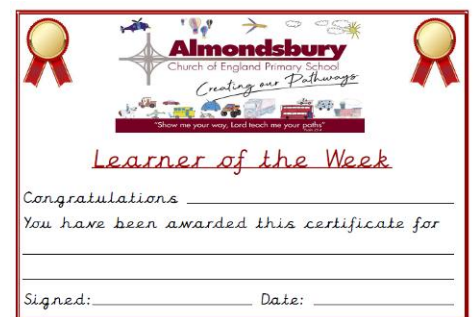
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 10

CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers. These are presented on a Friday in worship where the class teacher shares the reasons for the certificates being awarded.

Miss Ramli	-	Arjan Voual
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Danny Gaffori
Miss Whittingham	-	Henry Millman
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Ronnie-Rae Butler
Mrs Lansdown	-	Oliver Plumb
Mr Evens	-	Marlow Bendall
Mr Garcia	-	Theo Pinteala
Mrs Leonard	-	George Garland
Miss Hake	-	William Aford
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Charlie Lippiatt
Mrs Giles	-	Rupert Richarson



CHILDREN IN NEED



The children came out in force to show their true celebrities for Children in Need. The children thoroughly enjoyed coming into school wearing their costumes relating to 'What they want to be when they grow up'. It was good to see how the pupils aspire to be whatever they want which links brilliantly into our school vision of 'Creating our Pathways'. We had lots of footballers, singers, dancers, gymnasts, several police officers and members of the armed forces, doctors, nurses, vets, lawyers, pilots and even a beekeeper! The children raised £205 for Children in Need.



PARKING ISSUES

We are now well into Term 2 and we have had a few issues with parking both outside of school, Sundays Hill and Hollow Lane. Please remember that you should not be parking or pulling up outside the school gates at anytime during the day. Access is required at all times and this is on zigzag lines. The other areas around the village have always been 'pinch points' however, we seem to have trouble with parking on the brow of Sundays Hill by Chroma Vision and now also all the way up Hollow Lane. Please park sensibly and with care and consideration for other road users and especially pedestrians with small and school aged children. A reminder that you are permitted to park in The Bowl and Almondsbury Garden Centre car parks for free. Please do try to make use of these facilities to alleviate the road parking and potential accidents. Thank you.

AiP PARENTAL SURVEY

Please see the link to the latest AiP Parental Survey regarding the quality and variety of school meals. <https://forms.office.com/e/LdyY43xssU>

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.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The local authority have created a set of materials for parents, carers, and family members living in South Gloucestershire, which you have free access to via the link below to expertly designed online learning and resources on nurturing emotional health and wellbeing so that our children can thrive as kind, sociable and emotionally aware people throughout their lives. Please do look through these and take up the offer of workshops. Webpage for parents: <https://inourplace.co.uk/south-gloucestershire/>

PA UPDATE

Last Friday we held our autumn disco. Thanks to everyone who came to help on the night and all that bought a ticket. The children behaved really well and looked like they were having the best time. Thanks to you we raised a massive £575 which will go back to help school projects. THANK YOU!



Our **Christmas fayre** is only a few weeks away on **Friday 6 December**. We have loads of stalls, refreshments, games and even Santa himself may make an appearance in our Christmas grotto. Tickets will be on sale soon for this so watch this space. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make this happen so **PLEASE** if you can help with any arrangements, run a stall, source stock, set up, tidy away, join us to wrap hampers, stick tombola tickets then please get in touch with the PA here: almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com. Or speak to me or one of the team in the playground. If you can help out for half an hour it all helps to make these events happen. Thank you.

Dates for your diaries for the rest of the year include:

🎄 Christmas fayre Friday 6 December after school

If you haven't joined our PA website yet, follow the link below and send us a request, add the name & class of your child and we'll give you access to our website where you can hear about our events, buy event tickets and products and all of our pre loved uniform too.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypa/index.cfm?event=login¬LoggedIn=true&success=myAccount>

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: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/index.shtml>

VACANCY

Would you like to join our exciting Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Team? As an OPAL school, we value our outdoor playtimes hugely. We have expanded our outdoor play areas and opportunities for our children and now have a vacancy available for a new Play Lead to join the team. The hours are between 12.00noon–1.30pm daily. This equates to 7.5 hours per week. We can be flexible if needs be with number of days. If you would like more information and the salary for this post, please contact the School Office. Please feel free to pass on the details to anyone who may be interested in this opportunity.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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: £11.50ph

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 2024/25

TERM 2

Monday 18 November

Reception intake September 2025 tours 1.30 pm and 2.30pm

Tuesday 19 November

Parents Evenings 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday 22 November

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Friday 29 November

Swimming for Year 4 Mrs Lansdown's class

Monday 2 December

Non uniform day for the Christmas fayre

Friday 6 December

PA Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 11 December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 2.00pm

Thursday 12 December

Reception nativity performance at 2.30pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 6.00pm

Friday 13 December

EYFS and KS1 Christmas party

Tuesday 17 December

Christmas lunch and Entertainment afternoon

Wednesday 18 December

Year 3 and 4 Christmas party

Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church

Year 5 and 6 Christmas party

Thursday 19 December

End of Term 2

Friday 20 December

TERM 3

Monday 6 January

Start of Term 3

Friday 10 January

Swimming for Mr Evens's class starts 12.30pm

Friday 17 January

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Friday 24 January

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Friday 31 January

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Friday 7 February

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Friday 14 February

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

End of Term 3

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 Monday 2 June 2025 Plus 1 other date to be confirmed	