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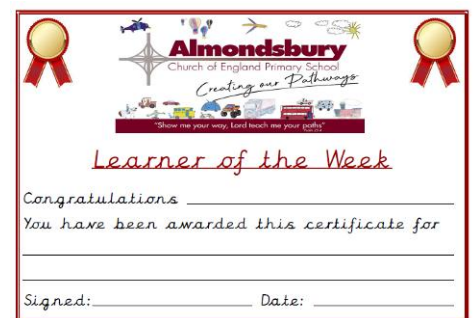
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 16

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	-	Edith Collett
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Kiaan Lekhi
Miss Whittingham	-	Finnley Garrett
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Gino Lattuca
Mrs Lansdown	-	The Whole Class
Mr Evens	-	Reggie Lansdown
Mr Garcia	-	Saana Sahni
Mrs Leonard	-	Jasper Bailey-Gard
Miss Hake	-	Aaliyah Wakeham
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Jack Hammond
Mrs Giles	-	Nella Liney



E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

It is a new year and I am sure there are many new devices in home after Christmas. Please make sure that you have a good understanding of parental controls and how to set the parent controls on these. There is information online for a variety of devices if you need support. In this issue of the parental newsletter, it covers Fortnite Battle Royale, which is not intended for primary aged pupils. There is a handy guide to age restrictions for a vast array of websites and games. It also discusses social media influencers and their effects on children.

FREE PARENTING COURSES

The Compass team are running free parenting courses on the following dates and times:

Parents Plus Children: An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 5 to 11 years. (8 weeks)

23rd Jan - 20th March, 6pm - 8.30pm at Staple Hill Children's Centre

14th Jan - 18th March, 9.30am - 12pm at Patchway Children's Centre

Parent's Plus Teens: An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 - 16 years. (8 weeks)

23rd Jan - 20th March, 9.30am - 12pm at Kingswood Hub

14th Jan - 18th March, 6pm - 8.30pm at Patchway Children's Centre

If you would like to access these please contact Samantha.McDowall1@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

More information about the PPC and PPT courses can be found here: [Support with parenting including free online learning and resources | South Gloucestershire](#). Families in South Gloucestershire have free access to the online Solihull parenting resources, 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. For the full details and information on how to access the online learning, please visit: inourplace.co.uk/south-gloucestershire/ and enter our exclusive South Gloucestershire ACCESS Code: CONCORDE.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

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.

SOUTH GLOS PARENTS AND CARERS WORKSHOP SESSION

We would like to invite you to attend a meeting with the South Glos Parents and Carers regarding consultation and co-operation in regards to greater parental involvement in supporting all pupils but especially those with special educational needs. The session will be from 9.00am to 11.00am on Tuesday 14 January 2025. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

MOVIE NIGHT is just around the corner on Friday 24 January 5:30 - 7:15pm. This year we are showing two films, one for KS1 (Migration) and one for KS2 (Diary of a Wimpy Kid). Tickets cost £5 and include a drink and snack. Ticket numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment! Book through our website quoting the name of your child, or scan the QR code on the attached poster.

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.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2024/25**TERM 3**

Monday 13 January
Tuesday 14 January

Wednesday 15 January

Friday 17 January

Saturday 18 January

Monday 20 January

Friday 24 January

Friday 31 January

Friday 7 February

Tuesday 11 February

Wednesday 12 February

Thursday 13 February

Friday 14 February

Year 1 Bridge FoS Yoga sessions in school
9.00 – 11.00am SEND Parents engagement session with
SGPC in school

Year 3 and 4 WOW day

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Swimming Gala

Year 5 and 6 visit to Bristol Cathedral

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

PA Movie Night 6.00-8.00pm

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

EYFS and KS1 Number Day for NSPCC

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Year 1 and 2 WOW day

Cricket assembly and coaching for all KS1 classes

Cricket coaching for all KS2 classes

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 24 February

Wednesday 26 February

Friday 28 February

Monday 3 March

Thursday 6 March

Friday 7 March

Tuesday 11 March

Wednesday 12 March

Thursday 13 March

Friday 14 March

Friday 21 March

Monday 31 March

Wednesday 2 April

Friday 4 April

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Year 1 and 2 visit

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Year 5 and 6 visit

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Year 4 visit

Year 3 visit

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Comic Relief Day

Enterprise Week

Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival

End of Term 4

TERM 5

Tuesday 22 April

Monday 5 May

Monday 12 May

Monday 19 May

Thursday 22 May

Friday 23 May

Start of Term 5

Bank Holiday Monday – School closed

Year 6 SAT week

Sports Week

End of Term 4

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

TERM 6

Monday 2 June

Tuesday 3 June

Monday 9 June

Tuesday 22 July

INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Start of Term 6

Year 1 phonics week

Year 4 MTC week

End of Term 6 and school year

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 Monday 24 February 2025 Friday 23 May 2025 Monday 2 June 2025	