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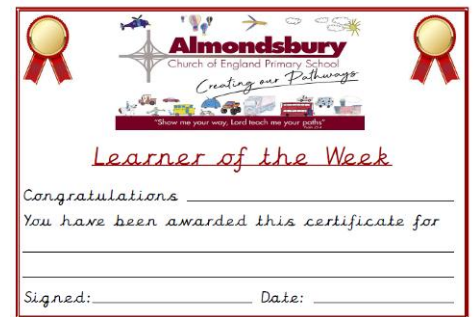
Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025 - NEWSLETTER NO 19

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	-	Lucas Ho
Mrs Goode and Mrs Barrett	-	Logan Scott
Miss Whittingham	-	Daniel Evans
Mrs Lansdown	-	Logan Cox
Mr Evens	-	Alfie Dunn
Mrs Williams and Mr Dean	-	Jenson Morgan
Mr Garcia	-	Oscar Millington
Mrs Leonard	-	Hui Lam Fung
Miss Hake	-	Charlie Hazell
Mrs North and Mrs Marshall	-	Jessica Connell
Mrs Giles	-	Luna Gismera Dolada



CHINESE NEW YEAR

It was Chinese New Year last week and this was celebrated by Reception, who had a Chinese banquet and created a huge 45 children long dragon chain, which snaked around the building on their travels. All of the children were able to enjoy their Chinese themed lunch on Wednesday with Year of the Snake cakes and fortune cookies as well.



PARENTAL E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Please find attached the latest e-safety newsletter. This month's edition focusses on the Squid Game 15+ game that can be accessed by children. The article highlights the parental controls and how to discuss this with your children. There is an ongoing debate/discussion about the use of mobile phones and whether children under a certain age should actually have them. One aspect of this is around the social media, messaging apps that children use and how harmful these can potentially be. There is more on one such app Snapchat.

NUMBER DAY

Reception and all KS1 classes will be enjoying Number Day 2025 on Friday. This is a focus on number in school and also a chance to raise funds for the NPSCC. You will have received the letter to tell you about this.

Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online



SAFER INTERNET

Safer Internet day is coming up. This will take place on Tuesday 11 February. The theme this year is 'Too good to be true?'

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

The children will be doing something related to e-safety and reliability online next week in their computing lessons.

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.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

OPAL UPDATE

Become a Loose Parts Champion!

Do you like spending time browsing through Facebook Marketplace, Olio, Gumtree, etc? If so, you are exactly the sort of person who can help us! We are looking for some 'Loose Parts Champions' to help with our need to have a continual flow of varied loose parts for our varied, creative and imaginative outdoor play and learning time. If whilst browsing on such freebie sites you come across any items being given away for free which are easy for you to collect and you think could be utilised in our sessions, please feel free to bring them to the school.

Items include (but no means limited to):

Artificial grass

Pushchairs

Wheelbarrows

Barrels

Musical instruments

Garden ornaments

Pots and pans

Wooden cooking utensils

Bodyboards

Corrugated pipes

Large plastic storage boxes with lids

Ride on wheel toys (trikes, scooters, trunkies, tractors, cars, etc)

* We are currently not in need of fancy dress, thank you.

If you can help in anyway please let us know via office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk which can then be passed onto Natalia Reihe, our OPAL Playleader. Thank you in advance.

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

Our next event is a **cake sale** after school on **Friday 14 February**, we will be asking for cake donations nearer the time please. Cash and card payments will be accepted.

After this we are planning a **Quiz Night** on **Friday 28 March**, tickets will be on sale soon so watch this space. Book your babysitters, get your thinking caps on and your friends and family on board to make up a team of up to 6 to enter. Prizes will be on offer 😊

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.S.', written over a white background.

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2024/25

TERM 3

Friday 7 February

Tuesday 11 February

Wednesday 12 February

Thursday 13 February

Friday 14 February

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

Friday 14 March

Thursday 20 March

Friday 21 March

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

Year 1 and 2 visit – Aerospace Bristol

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Year 5 and 6 visit – Cadbury World

Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

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Year 4 visit - Techniquet

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Year 3 visit - Techniquet

Swimming for Mr Evens's class

Comic Relief Day

Swimming for Mr Even's class

Enterprise Week

Year 2 Bridge FoS Multiskills festival

End of Term 4

Friday 28 March

Monday 31 March

Wednesday 2 April

Friday 4 April

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

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

Tuesday 22 July

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	