

Newsletter No1

Welcome Back!

Hello and welcome back to what has already become a Magical start to 2019. This year already feels Amazing and I've got a feeling it's going to become even better. On Tuesday 3rd September, we opened the school gates and at 8.40am the school welcome everyone to the start of the new school year.

This term, the whole school topic is 'Once Upon a Time' with a twist, so expect your children to come home over the next few weeks with some rather unusual versions of some very traditional stories. This will help enrich our children's 'Love for Reading' as they discover and explore these adventurous texts.

This year, we welcome a new addition to the Albemarle family. **lolite** class will sit alongside **Amethyst** class as Year 5 becomes two form entry as we continue to grow as a school up until September 2020.

Times of the school Day

The school day remains the same. The school gates will open at **8.40am** so that the school day can start promptly at **8:45am** and end at **3.15pm**. Please make sure that your children are here on time, ready to learn as our reading sessions take place first thing in the morning across the school.

Wrap Around Care

Our Breakfast Club 'abc' runs from Monday to Friday, for children from Nursery through to Year 6. It is open from 7.45am to 8.45am each day and costs £2.50 per day and £1.00 for families on low income or receiving free school meals.

The menu consists of a varied selection of hot and cold healthy options. The children also get the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and games once they have eaten.

To book a place at 'abc' please log on to the home page of our website.



'Twinkling Stars' is Albemarle's After School Care. It caters for children from Nursery to Year 6 who attend Albemarle and forms part of our commitment to provide wrap around care.

It also provides a limited number of places for children who attend local schools.

'Twinkling Stars' runs during term time, from 3.15pm to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday. Each night there are themed sessions:

Please note places are limited. To ensure that your child has a place, please make sure you book online using the below link:

<https://albemarle.magicbooking.co.uk/>

Clubs

At Albemarle we are fortunate that we are able to offer a wide variety of clubs after school for our children to extend their fun and their learning. Clubs will go **live at 6pm today** for you to log on to SIMs Agora and secure a place and clubs will begin on Monday 9th September.

Coffee Mornings

At the beginning of the year there are always so many things to share with children and parents.

On Tuesday 10th September at 9am, there will be a Head Teacher's Coffee Morning that will share our key intents as a school for this year and of course give you the opportunity to ask any questions.

Also, over the next couple of weeks, we will be hosting Year Group Coffee Mornings to allow you to meet your child's teacher and learn about what to expect across the academic year. All Coffee Mornings will start at **9am**. Please see the dates below for the Year Group Coffee Mornings:



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6th September 2019

Monday 16th September: **Year 6**
 Tuesday 17th September: **Year 5**
 Wednesday 18th September: **Year 4**
 Thursday 19th September: **Year 3**
 Friday 20th September: **Reception**

Monday 23rd September: **Year 2**
 Tuesday 24th September: **Year 1**

Dates for your Diary

September

9th: Clubs Start
10th : Head Teacher's Coffee Morning @ 9am
13th: Class Newsletters to parents.
16th: Year Group Coffee Mornings start.
26th: Open Morning 11am

October

16th: Diversity Concert @ 9:15am
16th-18th: Year 5 Marchants Hill Residential Trip
17th: Open Morning 11am

Half Term: 21st -25th October

28th: INSET Day
29th: School Starts @ 8:45am

Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

At Albemarle, we are always looking for ways to support our families and ensure that they are kept up to date with Government initiatives and legislation.

For each child that receives Free School Meals or the Pupil Premium Grant, the school receives extra funding that is designed to enhance their educational opportunities. Since the introduction of Universal Free School Meals in 2014 children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **only**, have been entitled to a school meal every day, free of charge.

You are eligible for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of any income benefit or your

household income is below £16,190 per year. You can check this yourself by using the online free school meals eligibility checking system supported by LGfL. www.fsm.lgfl.net using the following information:

- Your Name, home address and email address
- Your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service reference number
- Your Child's name, date of birth and school

If you are unsure how to do this, please get in contact with Shirley in the office and provide us with your National Insurance Number/National Asylum Support Service reference number. We can then make the checks on your behalf. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Albemarle Attendance

All of our children are fully aware of whole school target of 97% attendance as this is shared with them regularly during our Friday assembly.

This week, 2 classes managed to exceed our 97% target, with **Diamond** and **Jasper** class just missing out with over 96%! Congratulations to everyone.

Attendance	
Coral	97.41%
Citrine	97.22%

It would be fantastic to see everyone in next week ready to learn as we move onto our second week of the academic year. Every minute counts when you're learning so let's see if we can all be in school for 8:40am and ready to start learning 8:45am every day.

Yours

Theresa Moses

