

Newsletter No 2

It only seems like yesterday when we returned to school to start the New Year. With only 1 week to go before half term, there is so much to smile about.

This week started with a visit from the Local Authority, John Johnson (Director of children's services) and Kate Bond (Assistant Director of children's services) met with members of the Albemarle team and enjoyed a tour of the school. They commented on our inclusive ethos and the children's positive attitude for learning.

West Hill Bulletin

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, we have welcomed Miriam, our new Lollipop Person, into the Albemarle community. Our excellent news has also made it into the local West Hill E Bulletin where the School Council were joined by a local community representative to celebrate the official opening of the Road Crossing Patrol.



Road Safety Training

To coincide with our recently appointed Lollipop Person, we have arranged for the classes to participate in Road Safety Training with a qualified instructor.

The sessions involve taking small groups of children onto the roads around school to teach them all about how to remain safe and what dangers to look out for when walking the pavements and crossing the road.

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Head Teacher's Coffee Morning

Yesterday, Mr Hughes and I held a coffee morning on the different Statutory Assessments which take place over the course of the academic year. In **Reception**, our pupils are assessed against the Early Learning Goals.

In **Year 1** our pupils take the Phonics Screening Check to assess their understanding of the sounds that letters make.

In **Year 2**, pupils sit SATs tests for Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling across the month of May.

In June 2019, we will be participating in the pilot for the newly introduced Multiplication Check, which is due to be taken by our **Year 4** pupils in June. Finally, our **Year 6** pupils will sit their SATs tests on the 13th-17th May.

If you were unable able to attend this morning and would like to find out more, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or your child's class teacher.

Key to Success



At Albemarle, Reading is at the heart of our curriculum. Every morning from 8:45am – 9:15am our children engage in Reciprocal Reading or Phonics sessions in their classrooms. These sessions develop reading fluency, comprehension skills and understanding of new vocabulary. Reading is a key skill, by reading with your child **every night** for just **10 minutes** you can really accelerate your child's progress and lose yourselves together within a great book.

Sumdog

Next week, Sumdog is holding an exciting maths contest. All the schools across London will have the opportunity join. As well as being fun, the contest will help to further develop your children's mathematical fluency. The contest will run from Friday 8th February until Thursday 14th February. We would like every child from Years Two to Six to participate and look forward to celebrating their success next week.



Season for Love



On Wednesday 13th February, I am delighted to invite you to join us as children from Reception to Year 6 present 'Tis the Season for Love,' a collection of songs, poems and readings, which explore the true meaning of Love.

Ruby, Amber, Topaz, Emerald, Sapphire,
Amethyst & Diamond Classes @ 09:00
Jasper, Coral, Citrine, Jade, Azure, Amethyst &
Diamond Classes @ 14:30



Cold Weather



With the recent change in the weather, please make sure that your child comes into school with a clearly labelled warm coat, hat and gloves to protect them against the elements during break and lunch time.

Stationery Request

At Albemarle, we ensure that our pupils have all the resources they need to exceed in their learning and development. Recently, it has come to my attention that a very small number of children are bringing in their own pencil cases along with stationary accessories which are causing distractions.

I would like to remind parents that every child is provided with a pencil case at the start of the academic year with all of the stationery they need to support them in their learning. Please ensure that personal items such as these remain at home. Thanking you in anticipation.

Twinkling Stars

Over the last 5 years, Twinkling Stars has grown to provide a quality-first after school provision for up to 40 children. In order to ensure that the quality of play is second to none, the adult to child ratios must be adhered to. With this in mind, a text was recently sent out to all parents outlining the following:

- All bookings should be made via the Magic Booking before **12pm** on the day.

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- For Children who are not booked via Magic Booking in advance there will be an additional charge **£5**.
- Children who are collected **10 minutes** late will be charged **£5** then an additional £5 for every 10 minutes after that.

Please ensure that you book in advance to avoid any unnecessary disappointment or incur additional costs. Between the hours of **4pm-6:30pm** please contact Twinkling Stars directly on **07947895872**.

Magic Booking Link:

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

Dates for Your Diary February

13th Season for Love Concert
18th-22nd Half Term Break
25th **INSET DAY**
26th School re-opens at 08:45

Half Term Break February 18th to 22nd Holiday School Care @ Albemarle

With only 6 school days to go until the end of the half term don't forget that Holiday School Care will be here to take care of your children. Starting on Monday 18th February until Friday 22nd February, Holiday School Care will be open from 8am to 6pm. To find out more log on to:

www.holidayschoolcare.co.uk

Albemarle Attendance

As you are aware, our attendance target has been set at 97%. Last week, a fantastic 8 classes managed to exceed it!

Diamond	99.28%
Opal	99.20%
Azure	98.12%
Topaz	97.62%
Sapphire	97.44%
Coral	97.32%
Ruby	97.22%
Emerald	97.12%

Please make every effort to get your children into school by 8:45am. The school gates open at 8:40am to enable your child to start their learning promptly.

Yours, Theresa Moses (Head Teacher)

