

Newsletter No 5

The weeks continue to race by and the children continue to demonstrate a love for learning. There is still a lot to look forward this term with Red Nose Day, Music Concerts and the Easter Parade, just a few of the many events to come.

As you are aware, this term the children are developing their understanding of the British Values and how these link with our Core Values. Next week, during Monday Madness, the children will unpick the importance and debate the meaning of 'Rule of Law.'

Parents Evening

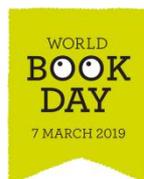
On Wednesday, an Amazing 87% of Albemarian families attended Parents Evening. This was one of the best attended Parents Evening on record.

During the evening, class teachers and parents celebrated children's progress to date, discussed any concerns they may have, reviewed targets set in the Autumn term and discussed next steps for the Spring term.

If you were unable to attend the Parents Evening, please contact with the school office or your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time to make appointment.

World Book Day

At Albemarle, reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we value any opportunity to instil a Love for Reading.



Today, World Book Day descended upon Albemarle and brought with it some truly magical experiences for the children.

Behind the scenes, staff transformed parts of the school into well know scenes from books and dressed up as their favourite characters.

The morning, witnessed a sea of characters walking through the gates. During the day, Mr Anderson led a whole school assembly to further promote the importance (and fun) of reading.

Next week the British Value is

'Rule of Law'

7th March 2019

At the end of the school day, the children had the opportunity to become even more lost in an inspiring book read by teachers while enjoying milk and cookies.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking the staff team, who always strive to provide an enjoyable learning experience for all our pupils.

Red Nose Day



From World Book Day to Red Nose Day! There is always something Amazing happening at Albemarle. On **Friday 15th March**, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day and raising money for important causes.

On the day, we are inviting all children (parents) and staff to come to school wearing something red. There will be collection buckets on both the Lower School and Upper School gates at the start and end of the day. The PTA will also be holding a cake sale to raise extra funds.

Homework

Each term, children at Albemarle are given 6 homework tasks to complete. They are also set weekly online homework. In the Early Years and Year 1, children will have log-ins for 'Teach your Monster to Read' which is designed to support children's learning in Phonics.

Throughout the rest of the school, depending on the year group, children will have log-ins for Mathletics, Accelerated Reader and Reading Eggs. All of these online homework websites are there to consolidate and enrich children's learning at home.

The subscriptions come as a large cost to the school and some staff have noticed that children are not logging in! Please make every effort to support your child in completing their online tasks. If you have any issues with accessing these sites then please speak to your child's teacher, we are here to help!



Online Safety

At Albemarle, keeping our children and the local community safe is always at the forefront of our agenda. In this modern age of technology, this now extends to making sure that our pupils understand the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

So many of the things that we use today are linked to or rely on the internet. In school, we spend a lot of time talking to pupils about keeping themselves safe online and not sharing any details that might identify them as an individual.

Recently, staff have been informed about a number of children who have been sending or receiving negative messages when using either a social media platform such as Facebook, or playing an online game such as Roblox or Fortnite at home. Whilst it is impossible for us as a school to monitor this kind of activity, we will be inviting the Police into school to talk to children and parents to send a clear message home about the potential dangers and the importance of remaining safe online.

As a staff, we strongly encourage you to closely monitor what your children access and use online and be aware that online games or social media platforms have a **legal age restriction**. Sites such as:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Whatsapp
- Twitter
- Roblox



have a restriction of **13 years old** and Fortnite has a restriction of **12 years old**. Therefore, none of these sites should be accessed by Primary age children. If you wish to learn more about this important subject and ways to keep your children safe, click on the NSPCC online safety link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Swimming @Albemarle



As a school, we recognise the importance of a healthy life style. and making the right choices when it comes to diet and regular exercise. Swimming is such a vital life skill and the Government expects all children to leave Primary School able to swim 25 metres. This half term, weekly swimming sessions for our Year 6 pupils will begin again at Southfields Academy. Parents please remember to send your children in with their kit and children are allowed to bring a healthy snack for the walk back to school!

Dates for Your Diary

March

- 15th – Red Nose Day
- 25th – Last week of clubs
- 25th – Yr 4 & 5 Music Concert (US Hall)
- 26th – Yr 2 & 3 Music Concert (US Hall)

April

- 5th - Easter Parade
- 5th – School finishes for Easter at 2:15pm
- 23rd – School reopens for Summer Term

Albemarle Attendance

As you are aware, our attendance target has been set at 97%. Last week, an Amazing 7 classes beat our target, with **Amber** class just missing out with 96.98%! Congratulations, let's see if we can beat that number this week!

Attendance 25 th Feb – 1 st March	
Coral	99.57%
Citrine	99.07%
Diamond	98.39%
Jade	98.15%
Emerald	97.69%
Topaz	97.27%
Sapphire	97.12%

Amber and **Emerald** also registered no lates! With the Winter weather hopefully behind us, let's see if we can all strive to be in school for 8:40am and ready to start learning 8:45am.

Yours, Theresa Moses (Head Teacher)

