

Welcome back, to what promises to be a magical half term filled with opportunities to extend and enrich the children's learning. We hope that you all feel refreshed after the break and are ready to join us as we venture in to the last 7 weeks and explore what the last has term has in store.

Think 'Happy Thoughts'

As part of our whole school topic 'London & Beyond' this week children from across Lower School and Year 3, grabbed their fairy dust, thought their 'happy thoughts' and flew beyond London to Never Land as they took part in a fantastic drama experiences linked to the famous story, Peter Pan.



This magical experience is just one of many examples of how our staff continue to ignite the children's curiosity and instil a love for learning.

Together, we can make a Difference!

On Monday 10th June, children from Reception to Yr 6 will walk for Paddington's charity, Action Medical Research. As a school community, every step taken will make a difference and help raise money to children suffering with serious illnesses and provide support to their families. Your child has already been given a sponsorship form, but if you haven't yet managed to start raising money, or need an additional one, they can be downloaded from the front page of the school website.

Across the day, every class will join hands and walk at least one mile around the local area. If you wish to find out more about the fantastic work that this charity carries out then please look on their website.

<https://action.org.uk/>

Core Value next week is

'Taking Risks'

Friday 7th June 2019

Upper School Transformation

At Albemarle, we always look at creative ways to transform every available space and enhance our children's experiences. When the children from Upper School returned to school on Monday, they were greeted by what could only be described as a total makeover to the area outside of their classrooms.



As the result of a successful grant bid, the entire upper school terrace area outside the Year 3 and Year 6 classrooms has been resurfaced and turned into an outdoor learning environment for the children to use come rain, sleet, snow or shine! Whilst this new development isn't quite finished, we wanted to share this exciting development with you and look forward to seeing the children outside more in the Summer months.

Wandsworth Music Festival

As a school, we pride ourselves on nurturing children's talents, through providing a platform which enables children to explore, discover and extend their skills and knowledge.

Over the last seven years, the Music provision at Albemarle has developed significantly. Singing is now carefully weaved across the curriculum and instruments are woven throughout a child's learning journey. During KS1 and 2 the children are provided with specialist Music tuition where they learn to play the recorder, the djembe; a well-known African drum, the trumpet and/or the trombone.

This week, our Year 4 pupils performed alongside many other schools at the Wandsworth Music Festival to showcase their marvellous musical talents. As always, thank you to the parents and family members who supported us by accompanying the children on the trip.



'Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside'

Monday 22nd July is **the official last day of school**. To make it even more special, we will travel beyond London to West Wittering beach.



This year the cost will once again be subsidised by the PTA Summer Fair and will be £11 per child. If you have more than one child the cost will be reduced to: £20.00 for two children and £27.50 for three children. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium there is no charge. All payments should be made using Sims Agora via the school website.

Bookings are now open. Please remember, places are limited, so book before June 30th

Month of 'May I Read to You' Continued...

Even though the month of May has finished, we still have some fantastic videos of teachers performing and reading their favourite stories. This week, Miss Karim read 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde.

<https://youtu.be/vFfs3Q615jk>

Term Dates 2019-20

June

- 10th -14th – Phonics Screening Check
- 10th – Year 4 Multiplication Check starts
- 10th – Sponsored Walk

July

- 1st-5th – Year 6 Residential to Mill Rythe
- 2nd Music Concert (Yr 2 & 3)
- 8th – Music Concert (Yr 4 & Yr 5)
- 9th – Yr 1 – 6 Sports Day @ Southfields Academy
- 10th – Parents Evening
- 11th – Early Years Sports Day
- 22nd – Beach Trip to West Wittering

Behind the scenes we are mapping out the term dates for 2019-20. Whilst we have not quite confirmed the whole year, please see the below dates for the Autumn Term:

- **2nd September:** INSET Day
- **3rd September:** First Day for Pupils
- **Half Term: 21st -25th October**
- **28th October:** INSET Day
- **20th December:** Break up for Christmas

Albemarle Attendance

Attendance plays a fundamental role in a child's education. It not only enables them to make progress but provides them a sense of achievement and a mind-set. Last half term, an Amazing 225 children achieved 100% attendance and on Thursday and Friday they attended the Headteacher's (Healthy) Tea Party.



At the end of the last half term, 2 classes had managed to exceed the school target of 97%, and 5 classes just behind with 96%.

23 rd April – 24 th May 2019	
Opal	92.86%
Moonstone	96.71%
Jasper	92.61%
Ruby	95.50%
Coral	94.30%
Amber	96.22%
Citrine	96.64%
Topaz	96.89%
Emerald	93.01%
Jade	92.35%
Sapphire	97.83%
Azure	93.65%
Amethyst	96.07%
Diamond	97.48%

Let's see if we can make a difference and get as many classes above 97% as possible! Have a great weekend.

Yours, Theresa Moses (Head Teacher)

