

Newsletter No 4

Welcome back to what has already been an Amazing start to the second half of the Spring term! The children have returned to school ready to continue their learning and fully engaged in all aspects of school life.

As always, the staff have planned a creative curriculum, which ignites the children’s curiosity. The whole school topic ‘Mother Nature, Mother Earth’ continues to provide a platform upon which the children can explore and extend their learning.

Mother Nature Meets Albemarle



As a staff, we strive to maximise each and every learning opportunity and pride ourselves on offering real-life experiences for the children. This week, sparked the arrival of some very unusual guests to Albemarle. These animal visitors enabled the children to discover first hand, an array of animals, who inhabit Mother Earth!

Mika the Meerkat, Rosie the Tortoise and Valentine the Parrot were just a few of the amazing creatures who the children met. Declan, from ‘Zoo 4 You’ provided children and staff with a detailed insight into how different animals live and develop in the wild.



Parents Evening

As you are aware, this term Parent’s evening will be held on **Wednesday 6th March**, starting at 2.30pm.

Interviews will last for **10 minutes**. During this time, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child’s progress to date, review their targets set in the Autumn term and discuss new targets for Spring.

You can book by logging onto:-

www.albemarleprimaryschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk and selecting your preferred time. There is also a link to this website on the home page of our school website.

Please note:

School finishes at 2.15pm on Wednesday 6th March. Please ensure that you have arranged childcare as school staff will not be available to supervise children after 2.15pm.

However, they can attend Twinkling Stars if you book a place through Magic Booking via the school’s website.



Sumdog Three Cheers for Albemarle

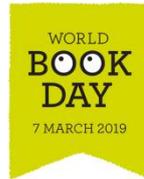
This year, one of our targets on our School Development Plan is to ‘continue to raise attainment in Maths (through the implementation of Maths Mastery).’ This target includes supporting the children in developing their mathematical fluency.

Before half term, schools from all across London were given the opportunity to take part in a Sumdog mathematical competition. And once again the children of Albemarle (Years 1 to 6) have flourished giving us something to smile about.

During the 5 day contest, both **Emerald** and **Sapphire** class were announced as daily winners. While, five children were ranked in the top thirty and two were awarded fifth and second place. We are extremely proud of all their achievements in the competition.



World Book Day



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

This year, World Book Day falls on Thursday 7th March. Across the school, children are encouraged to come in dressed as a character from their favourite book and celebrate being lost in a good book. After school from 3:30pm – 4:00pm the children will have the opportunity to hear their teacher share their favourite story, along with some milk and a cookie!

Year 6 to Mill Rythe!

Next week, on Thursday 7th March at 3:30, there will be a meeting for parents in Diamond Class about the upcoming Year 6 trip to Mill Rythe (Monday 1st July – Friday 5th July). with Mr Hughes.

During the meeting, there will be an opportunity for parents & carers to ask any questions and find out what your children will be getting up to during the week! These trips are always fantastic and provide your children with Amazing memories which will last a life time. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the office, who will be happy to help!

Uniform

At Albemarle, the children feel proud to be part of the school family. Our uniform unites us and provides us with a sense of belonging. All children wear their Albemarian Stars with pride.

This week, staff have noticed a very small number of children wearing trainers. Can I please remind you all that we expect all children to wear their Albemarle uniform and black school shoes each day.

‘Little Visitors’

Before half term, some parents will have received a text message about ‘Little Visitors’ (Head Lice). These are unwanted visitors we do not want to see in school so please can you be

vigilant in checking your child’s hair and treating it if necessary.

Please remember that all long hair **should be tied up** at school to minimise the chance of these unpleasant visitors from returning! Thank you.

March Dates for Your Diary

6th - Parents Evening (school closes at 2:15pm)

7th – World Book Day

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)

Albemarle Attendance

As you are aware, our attendance target has been set at 97%. Last half term we had a fantastic **194** children (that’s more than half the school) who managed to achieve the magical 100% and enjoyed attending the Head Teacher’s Tea Party.

Below is the attendance for Spring term 1. As you can see, **Amethyst** and **Sapphire** class managed to achieve the target and were closely followed by **Diamond** and **Coral** class.

Last Half Term’s Attendance	
Diamond	96.50%
Amethyst	98.44%
Sapphire	97.35%
Azure	95.56%
Emerald	93.61%
Jade	95.49%
Citrine	93.93%
Topaz	94.80%
Coral	96.46%
Amber	92.64%
Ruby	92.98%
Jasper	92.93%

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)

