

### Open for Learning as Usual

This week, despite the weather, the children, parents and staff of Albemarle, have made their way through the snow to continue learning as usual. Each morning, breakfast club started at 7.45am and the main gates opened at 8.30am.



### We have a Love for Reading

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the school was filled with an array of Amazing characters as children (and adults) dressed up in costumes to celebrate World Book Day.

The school day begun at 8am, with a gathering of characters from well-known fairy tales and story books for breakfast in Upper school.

After a whole school assembly, children from across the school swapped classes to listen to each other read sections from their favourite book.

This was followed by children from Lower School taking part in Scooter training, where their skills were put to the test as they scooted down the snow filled slopes and across the frozen playground.

In the afternoon, children in KS2 took part in a Roald Dahl, Revolting Rhymes grand slam.

Thank you to all the parents, family members and staff who made this day such a magical experience for the children.

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### Science Month at Albemarle



The theme for this year's British Science Week is exploration and discovery. During the month of March, children at Albemarle will become Amazing Scientists as they venture out on trips, take part in activities and explore the wonders of...

**SPACE**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, the school day has been extended for children to attend a Space themed Movie Night. Tickets priced at £1 go on sale from the school office on Monday.

### World Maths Day

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March Albemarle will be taking part in World Maths Day. 4 million students from 200 countries and territories have registered for the 2018 event.

This is an exciting online challenge for all children in Yrs 1 to 6 to compete against students from all around the world.

The children will answer maths questions, which will earn them UNICEF points. These will be converted into money to directly support education programs where resources are desperately needed.

For more information [worldmathday.com/#unicef](http://worldmathday.com/#unicef)

To take part, sign in to Mathletics as normal and go to Live Mathletics. We hope all the children will participate. As well as developing their maths skills they will also be supporting other children.

### Let's Zumba and Keep Warm

Let's ZUMBA! We are delighted to announce that we will be offering a FREE taster session on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9am to parents and carers of Albemarle pupils.

Future sessions will be at a subsidised cost of £3 each. Please note: places are limited to book a place please contact the school office.



### PTA Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended today's PTA Coffee Morning. Lots of ideas were shared and the next few events will be

- An Easter themed cake sale on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.15pm
- An Easter raffle
- An Easter Bonnet parade ...

...and looking further ahead to warmer times, the Summer Fair, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, will have a carnival theme.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, you will receive a letter from the PTA asking for your views on the times/days of the PTA meetings and to invite you to sign up to be your child's class PTA rep.

### Get the Albemarle App!

In January 2018, we launched 'OurSchoolsApp' This is a personalised app for our school and will allow you to keep updated with school information, news, calendar events and contact information at the touch of a button.

If you have a smartphone (Android or iPhone) you can download OurSchoolsApp from Google Play Android or the Apple Store for FREE. Access is also available on a tablet and iPad by following the same download process.

### Headteacher's Tea Party

At Albemarle, we love nothing more than a reason to celebrate and once again, the children of have shown just how Amazing they are. At the end of each half term, we analyse the attendance and invite children who have managed to achieve 100% to afternoon tea.

Last week, an AMAZING 169 children (**81** from Lower School and **88** from Upper School), attended 100% Attendance Tea Party.

This is an AWESOME start to the Spring term 2 with more than 50% of the children being in school every day during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Spring term.

Well done to all the children and their families.

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### What a Great End to Spring Term 1

With so many children managing to achieve 100% attendance, overall attendance across the whole school improved.

At the mid-year point, two classes have already exceeded the target of 97% and 4 classes are very close with 96%.

Opal 1	90.1%
Opal 2	87.5%
Ruby	92%
Jasper	91.2%
Amber	94.2%
Coral	95.2%
Topaz	95.2%
Citrine	96.2%
Emerald	96.9%
Jade	96.4%
Sapphire	97.3%
Amethyst	96.3%
Diamond	98.2%



This week four classes managed to make their way through the snow and exceed our whole school attendance target of 97%



Sapphire	97.7%
Emerald	97.5%
Diamond	97.3%
Coral	97.0%

Followed by **Topaz** who just missed the target with **96.8%**

Let's see if we can continue to work together and get all of the children in school on time, every day next week.

Warm up warm and have a great weekend.

See you all on Monday

Yours

**Theresa Moses**

