

Behaviour for Learning

At Albemarle we strive to ensure that all pupils demonstrate outstanding behaviour which is mirrored by an exemplary attitude towards their learning and school life.

As a staff we provide an ethos which unites and empowers everyone to gain confidence, take risks and seize opportunities to excel in an ever changing world.

Outside of the classroom, our eight 'Core Values' provide a shared language between adult and children. Inside of the classroom, high quality teaching provides children with a constant diet for learning.

During the Autumn term we reviewed our 'Blue' and 'Red' slip behaviour system and decided to introduce a new 'Green' slip which would be awarded for exemplary behaviour.

Please find attached a copy of our 'Behaviour for Learning' document which we will share with the children next week.

After School Clubs

Today at 6pm, this term's After School Clubs will go live and provide you with the chance to log on over the weekend to book one club for your child. On Monday, we will spend time allocating places and text you to confirm that your child has a space. If you have any queries about the allocation of clubs, please do not contact the office until after 1pm on Monday. Thank you

Whole School Targets

As you are aware, at the start of each school year, in partnership with the Governors, staff get together to set key priorities.

This year we have a total of 7 Key Targets which we have identified through school performance one of which is attendance.

- To increase the percentage of attendance to 97% by the end of the Summer term 2018

Hello and Welcome to the Spring term

Welcome back to what has already been an amazing start to 2018. I hope that you have all had a great break and are still smiling as you recall some of the memories which took place during the festive break.

Each term at Albemarle, we introduce a whole school topic to the children from Nursery through to Year 6 which ignites their curiosity, captivates their imagination and engages them in their learning and across the curriculum.

This term the whole school topic is 'Toys'. Behind the scenes, staff have been busy planning a range of activities which will enrich and extend the children's learning. They have also planned a number of fantastic trips to help the children discover, explore and experience things first hand.

I am sure that the term ahead will provide you with lots of reasons to smile as we begin a magical start to the New Year.

Anyone For Coffee ?

As a school we are always looking for ways to improve communication between home and school and provide a wealth of experiences to extend and enrich the learning for the children.

Headteacher's Coffee Morning

On Friday 12th January Gemma Briggs the Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) will join me to talk about her role and ways to support children. After the success of Teaching Assistant training during the Autumn term, Gemma is now to be able to offer the Elklan 'Let's Talk' course to parents and carers. If you would like to find out more about the course or SEND please join us.

PTA Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 24th January, to kick start the New Year, a number of Governors will attend the PTA meeting. This will be a great chance to talk with Governors and make plans for 2018.

Happy New Year Welcome to 2018



Headteacher's Tea Party

On Thursday, **71** children from Lower School and today, **82** children from Upper School, joined me for the second Headteachers 100% Attendance Tea Party.

Well done everyone.

'Traffic Light System'

At Albemarle, we expect all our children to make at least good progress. This year, as you are aware, our attendance target has been set at 97%. Therefore, it is essential that children are in school every day and on time.

To help us monitor attendance across the whole school we have created our own Traffic Light System.

Platinum 100% Outstanding attendance

Gold 97-99% Excellent attendance

Green 95%-96% Good attendance

Amber 91%-94% Cause for concern

Red 90% and below Persistent absence

Today 160 children will bring home an envelope which contains their attendance for the **Autumn term** (September to December). 85 of them will receive **Platinum** 100% certificates and matching wrist bands. However 75 children will receive **Red** 90% and below certificates. * Please note that religious days are now treated as an absence.

Gold, **Green** and **Amber** certificates will be sent out via emails.

From the table opposite you can see the overall attendance numbers and percentages for **Platinum**, **Gold** and **Red** for the whole school.

While we are incredibly proud of the children who have managed to achieve **Platinum** and **Gold**, you will notice that we currently have a number of children whose attendance is currently below 90%.

Class	Overall %	Platinum 100%	Gold 97%-99%	Red 90% & Below
Opal 1	90.2	5	2	13
Opal 2	85.9	0	2	13
Ruby	92.9	7	9	9
Jasper	92.8	5	7	10
Amber	94.8	7	8	8
Coral	96	6	9	3
Topaz	95	5	8	3
Citrine	96.8	10	6	4
Emerald	96.7	6	8	2
Jade	97	6	12	2
Sapphire	97.5	10	12	1
Amethyst	96.2	3	13	5
Diamond	98.3	15	10	1
Total:	95.3	85	106	75

As a school, we hope that we can continue to work together and improve attendance across the school.

Not a Great Start to the Spring Term

This week, only 2 classes managed to exceed the attendance target of 97%

Diamond	100%
Emerald	97.6%.

Citrine class just missed the target with 96%.

If we are to meet this target by the end of the Summer term, then we need to work together and get all of the children in school on time, every day.

Have a great weekend.

See you all on Monday

Yours

Theresa Moses



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