

‘We have a **Love for Learning**’

At Albemarle, the staff are ambitious for themselves and for the children. Behind the scenes staff work together to embed a Creative Curriculum which raises achievement and inspires the children to succeed.

Under the umbrella of a whole school theme, staff plan for and deliver cross curricular experiences which ignite the children’s curiosity and engage them in their learning. Carefully planned topics create a foundation upon which to build the children’s Love for Learning. Our whole school approach provides a platform upon which to build bridges between home and school and enables families to explore and learn together.

Core Values Exhibition!

On Friday 24th November, we will invite you to attend an exhibition of the work created during the ‘Big Draw’ and the opportunity to explore the Core Values through Music and Dance.

We would also like thank Darya’s mum for taking the photos during the event www.irenesciotti.com

Please note due to the size of the Lower School hall, this is a ticketed event. Tickets will be available from the Lower school office on Monday.

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.

Over the next few weeks we will unpick our behaviour policy with the School Council and share this with you in the New Year.

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Love for Reading

At Albemarle, reading is at the heart of everything we do, from Nursery all the way up to Year 6. The thread of reading is woven throughout the curriculum from reading a class book to using one book across the whole school.

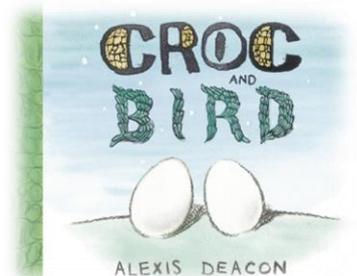
As a staff, we recognise the importance of reading and dedicate the first half an hour of each day (8.45am – 9.15am) to reading. It is through a ‘Love of Reading’ that children are able to build upon their vocabulary and gain inspiration for their writing.

This term, children from Year 2 to 6 will share their ‘Love of Reading’ with residents of Kingsmere Retirement home as small groups of children read their favourite book.

Celebrate Friendships

Monday 13th November kick starts Anti-Bullying Week (ABW) which runs between 13th – 17th November 2017.

This week, across the school, children will be exploring the book *Croc and Bird* by Alexis Deacon.



The book reveals how Croc and Bird explore what it is to be different but how the value of friendship is invaluable to our success and happiness; they give us confidence, make us feel valued and offer support and love when we need it.

In class, children will take part in a number of activities where they explore the meaning of what it is to be a ‘Friend’.

At home we would like you to complete the sentence below and bring it in to school to share.

The word for Friend in English is Friend
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Good Morning Coffee Mornings

After the success of previous years and at the request of a number of parents, we have now managed to arrange 'Year Group Coffee Mornings'

- Monday 20th – **Amethyst** Year 5
- Tuesday 21st– **Sapphire** Year 4
- Wednesday 22nd– **Emerald** and **Jade** Year 3
- Thursday 23rd– **Topaz** and **Citrine** Year 2
- Friday 24th– **Diamond** Year 6
- Tuesday 28th– **Amber** and **Coral** Year 1
- Wednesday 29th– **Ruby** and **Jasper** Reception

Starting next week, each morning at 9am - 9.30am, class teachers will be available to meet with parents from their year to talk about a number of items including:

- Home School Targets
- Home work
- Trips
- Curriculum
- End of Year expectations

You will also have the chance to meet with myself and members of SLT in their various roles. Ms Briggs who has responsibility for EYs, Ms Kaur, who has responsibility for KS1 and Mr Hughes, who has responsibility for KS2.

PTA Need You !

Each year, parents and staff come together to organise a variety of events to help fund raise and make Albemarle even better.

On Friday 3rd November, the PTA held their first event of 2017 a 'Back to School Disco'. At 3.30pm once the learning had finished, Early Years and KS1 danced in the Lower School Hall while the children KS2 showed of their dance moves in Upper School. The event was a huge success and managed to raise a groovy £441.

If you would like to get involved, the PTA have created a survey to share some of their thoughts and ideas with you. Please use the link below to logon and find out how you can get involved
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PTAAutumnTerm17>

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On Friday 17th November, the PTA invite you join us and help raise money for 'Children in Need'. This year, we hope to join in with the Spotacular event and ask that children, parents and family members to come dressed to school in spots and make a small donation.

Across the school day, children can have spots painted on their faces to match their outfits. At the end of the school day, just before the 'Cake Sale', children will be given a spot to take home on which to write a wish to add to our Spotacular Book.

Say Cheese

On Wednesday 15th November, the school photographer will be at Albemarle to take the children's individual and sibling photographs.

If you would like to bring in a pre-school aged child, to have their photo taken with their sibling, please speak to Shirley or Samira in the Lower School Office.

Attendance

This week, the children have raised the roof with half of the 12 classes managing to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

Jade	100%
Diamond	98.47%
Opal 1	98.46%
Emerald	98.29%
Coral	98.08%
Citrine	97.70%

Sapphire class just missed the target with 96%. Let's see if we can beat this next week.

Have a great weekend.

Yours

Theresa Moses

