

Our Eight Core Values

At Albemarle, our eight 'Core Values', provide us with a common language which binds us together.

Each week, in class and around the school, we explore the meaning of a value and discuss what it means to us.

We are **Compassionate**.

We have a **love for learning**.

We aim for **excellence** in all we do.

We are **independent** in our learning and beyond

We are **articulate** and polite.

We are **responsible** individuals.

We are **reflective**.

We have the courage to **take risks**.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays in assembly, two children from each class are chosen as exemplar role models and receive a post card home to share their success with you.

School Council

This week children from Years 1 to 6 brought home a letter containing information about becoming a member of the School Council.

Next week in class, the children will take turns to read their speeches and take part in question time with their peers to debate why they would make the best class representative.

By Friday, all votes will have been cast and the new 2017/18 Albemarle School Council will be announced.

The Bears

Today the Bears returned to Assembly ready to welcome the new addition to the AlbeBear Family. Yet to be named, 'The bear with no name' will join Jade class where I am sure they will have an Amazing year.



Next week the Core Value is
'We strive for **Excellence**'

1 2 3 Mathletics is the key!

We are very pleased to inform you that Mathletics is back up and running again. This is a homework site with tasks designed around the National Curriculum. Your child will be given a username and password to access the site.

Each class teacher will set activities for their class which will link with learning that is taking place in school. When these are completed the children will be able to play maths games to improve their basic skills.

As a school we believe it is worth us making the investment in Mathletics as it will contribute to giving the children the best opportunity to fulfil their potential.

After school Clubs

Last week, children brought home a timetable of 15 clubs which will run throughout the Autumn term. To date, a total of 185 children have signed up for their first club and parents have now been given the green light to book a second club.

With a grand total of 288 places on offer this term, I am sure that the children will have an amazing time as they continue to extend their learning after school hours.

Who is in the Office?

This year, as the school continues to grow, in order to ensure the safety of the children and be available to parents at the start and end of the school day, we now have two school offices. Please note the opening times and staff below

Lower School: Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2
8am -5pm Jackie, Shirley and Samira

Upper School: Years 3,4,5 & 6
8.30am - 4.30pm Selina and Christine

What's the Time Mr Wolf ?

Now that clubs have started, please can I make a request that parents and children leave both the Upper and Lower school playground by 3.30pm so that we can close the gates and let Twinkling Stars and clubs take advantage of the weather and use the outdoor space.



Making Hair Difference!

At Albemarle we are incredibly proud of the children and their achievements. This year, Leyla in Year 4 has decided to cut and donate her hair to the Little Princess trust to help raise money for them. Leyla started fundraising last week and so far has raised nearly £300.00!!!

If you would like to find out more and support Leyla on her quest, please use the link below which will take you to her fundraising page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrea-pinzon>

Anyone for Coffee ?

Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined me for coffee this morning. It was so nice to see so many new and familiar faces at the start of the term.

Next week on Friday 22nd September, we will hold our first 'Reading at Albemarle' session. Last year, the teachers and support staff took part in a number of training sessions to develop the way we instil a 'Love for Reading'. This will be a chance for you to come into school at 8.45am and join in with a reading session.

Straight after, at 9am, we will hold our first PTA meeting. A chance for you to get to know other parents and to share ideas on how to make Albemarle even better.

Swap Shop @ Albemarle

As you are aware, at Albemarle, the children wear polo tops in the colour of the class. At 3.15pm on Friday, we will hold our first 'Swap Shop'. This will be an opportunity for you to bring in your school uniform from last year and swap it with someone else.

So if you would like to get involved and make Albemarle even better, make Friday a 'date to remember' for all the right reasons.

Hiring the Hall @ Albemarle

Recently we have had a number of enquiries about hiring the school for birthday parties and other events.

The Lower school hall is available on Saturdays from 12 noon till 5pm. The cost is £40.00 per hour.

The ACE building is also available on Saturdays from 12 noon till 5pm. The cost is £25.00 per hour. To find out more, please contact Jackie in the Lower School office.

Data Collection Contact Details

On Monday, your child will bring home their **Data Collection Contact Details** please take 5 minutes to read through the information and make any changes by Monday 25th so that we can update our records accordingly.

If all the information is correct, please sign, date and return the sheet to the school office.

However, if there are changes which need to be made, please correct them on the sheet and inform the office staff, who will be happy to amend our records.

Attendance and Punctuality

What an Amazing start to the term and the huge success for us to celebrate. The children are definitely back in the building and it sure does feel good. This week 10 of our 13 classes managed to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

Opal 1	100%
Opal 2	100%
Topaz	99.59%
Coral	99.23%
Citrine	99.18%
Jade	99.15%
Amethyst	98.52%
Sapphire	97.78%
Emerald	97.78%
Ruby	97.68%

Amber just missed the target with 96.3%. Let's see if we can beat this and achieve 13 out of 13 next week.

Have a great weekend.

Yours

Theresa Moses

