

## Whole School Targets

It seems like only yesterday when I was welcoming you back to the start of the new term and wishing you all a Happy New Year. Now, with only 5 more school days before the end of the Spring term 1, we have reached the half-way point of the school year.

As Albemarlians, you will be aware that this year we have seven targets, which include:

- To raise the percentage of attendance to 97%
- To raise standards in Maths

Another target which we are very proud of is:

- To instil a growth mind set approach

Over the last three years, Will Ord has worked with staff to help us to develop 'Great Learners' and to embed a growth mindset approach across all aspects of school life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wovAKFO6H0M>

At Albemarle, staff provide an ethos in which all Albemarlians (young and older) can flourish and is conducive to learning. As a school, we work hard to ensure the quality of lessons remains consistent high; they provide a platform for children to take ownership of their targets, become more reflective in their thinking and develop strategies which instil a love for learning.

More recently, staff have begun to question how children learn and what we can do to enhance the environment and enrich the learning. On Monday 16th April 2018, Dr Andrew Curran a paediatric neurologist will provide staff with an insight on how the brain works.

Author of 'Big Stuff About the Brain'; is a vibrant piece of writing, filled with relevance to the classroom. As well as working as a consultant at Liverpool's Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Dr Curran has been involved with Manchester University in researching the use of emotional literacy in classrooms. He has a professional and personal interest in making a difference in education.

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## Safer Internet Day 2018

At Albemarle, the safety of our children is paramount. In a world filled with increasing technology and worldwide web at our finger tips today's children need to be made aware of how to keep themselves safe.

This year, Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated globally on **Tuesday 6th February 2018** with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

To find out more about what you can do at home log on to

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

## Season For Love

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>: Season for Love Concert

On Wednesday, we invite you to join us as children from across the school present '**Tis the Season for Love**' A collection of songs, poems and readings which explore the true meaning of Love.

Ruby, Amber, Topaz, Emerald, Sapphire,  
Amethyst & Diamond Classes @ 09:15

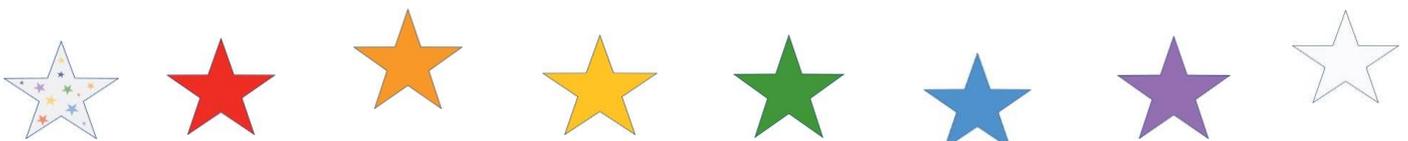
Jasper, Coral, Citrine, Jade, Sapphire,  
Amethyst & Diamond Classes @ 14:30

Tickets will be available from the school office on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February \*Please note it is two tickets per family

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: and Crafts

To help celebrate the end of the first half of the Spring term, you are invited to join us for a family Hearts and Crafts Event.

Starting at 3.30pm the Upper School hall will be filled with a range of activities and creative opportunities for children and families to take part in.





Half Term Break **February 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Holiday Care @ Albemarle**



With only 5 more school days until the February half term, if you haven't yet managed to organise your child care, Holiday Care will be here to help. To find out more go to <http://www.albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk/holiday-care.html>

**School starts back**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February @ 8.45am**

### International Mother Tongue

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Albemarle will be celebrating International Mother Tongue Day. This will involve in-class activities and a special Spanish-style lunch.

Over half-term, children will be taking home a "class phrasebook" sheet to complete in order to share a language with their classmates. This could be a language that they speak at home or one that they have researched.

Finally, parents are invited to read a story in another language to their child's class. If you are interested, please give your name and the book that you would like to read to your child's class teacher no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### Parents Evening

This term Parent's Evening will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. Starting at 2.30pm, the last appointment will be 7.20pm.

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.

Booking starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. Please logon to [www.albemarleprimaryschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk](http://www.albemarleprimaryschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk)

and select your preferred time. There is also a link to this website on our school website.



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**Please note:**

**School finishes at 2.15pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.** 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 via the school's website.

### Jazz Concert

Over the past five years, the children of Albemarle have been provided with an enriched curriculum which relishes the Arts; music dance and drama.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, children from Years 3 to 6 will be able to invite their parents into school to enjoy an afternoon of Jazz. Last year the event coincided with **'Chocolate Cake Day'** and parents were provided with a slice of cake. Unfortunately this year, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February is national toast day.

Students from 'Kings' will provide the music and we will supply the toast. To reserve a place, please contact the school office to inform us that you will be attending and the number of seats you require.

\*Please note seats are limited to a first come first serve bases.

### Last Week's Attendance

Last week only 3 out of 11 classes, managed to win the battle with bugs and exceed the attendance target of 97%

<b>Sapphire</b>	99.6%
<b>Emerald</b>	97.8%
<b>Jade</b>	97.4%



**Topaz, Amethyst & Diamond** just missed the target with 96! With only one week left until the end of half term, let's see if we can get all the children back in the building ☺

Yours

**Theresa Moses**

**Headteacher**