

Parent Gym

At Albemarle we are always looking for informative and fun ways of working with our parents. At the recent PTA meeting, a number of parents expressed an interest in attending a variety of parenting workshops and courses and we have managed to rebook Parent Gym.

Parent Gym ran an extremely successful programme in the summer term of 2017 and we are really pleased to announce, that they are now returning this term.

Starting on Thursday 19th October at 9:00am Parent Gym will provide a 45 minute Taster session. This will be followed by series of eight workshops, each with their own theme, after the half term at 9:00am every Thursday for 2 hours:

Chat – 2nd November

Love – 9th November

Behave – 16th November

Care – 23rd November

Discover – 30th November

Together – 7th December

If you would like to get involved, please email us info@albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk or text the school office on 07860 005 031.

Winter is Here!

It is definitely that time of year again, where the days are colder and the evenings getting darker quicker. At this moment in time, staff appear to be spending a lot of time collecting clothing at the end of playtimes and then trying to locate the correct child.

Please can we request that you remind your children that it is their responsibility to look after their belongings and that you put your child's name into all items of clothing. This includes; hats, scarves, gloves, coats and where possible their black school shoes.

Thanking you in anticipation for your support.

Road Safety Training

This term, children from across the school will take part in a series of workshops, training and hands on activities to educate them and keep them safe when out and about on the roads.

This week, children in Years 5 and 6 took part in Pedestrian Training. This involves small groups of children walking around the local area and the best places to cross the road. Next week children in from Years 2 to 4 will also take part in the training. While children in the EYs and Year 1 will have road safety talk.

In November, children in Years 5 and 6 will take part in Junior Community Road Watch (JCRW), where they will get the chance to be out and about with the Police and have the opportunity to discover how to use a speed gun and help the Police monitor the speeds of passing vehicles.

Homework

This year, behind the scenes, staff have been discussing ways to improve the way in which homework is set. At present, the school has invested in a number of online systems which enable children to log on and complete their homework from the comforts of their home or at the local library.

Last week, children from Years 2 to 6, brought home their Mathletics password inside. Today children from Years 2 to 6 will be given their password for Reading Eggs and Sum Dogs.

We hope by next Friday, we will be able to share with you our new Homework policy with you and launch **ready for the October half term**.

Together, We Can Make a Difference!

Thank you to all the families who have made a donation collecting tins and packets of dried food to give to the local food bank.

Ace of Clubs, a day centre for the homeless and vulnerable, collected the donations this morning and will use them to help to support the centre in providing hot meals and a safe environment.



20th October: The Big Draw

On Friday 20th October at 3.30pm, we would like you to help us celebrate the 'Big Draw', we are providing an hour of art based activities for parents and children to have fun together and explore the schools eight Core Values.

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.

This week, please help us to collect colourful resources such as, tissue paper, pages from magazine, samples of wallpaper and lightweight fabric to help explore and capture the meaning of each Value.

**Parents Evening
Reception – Year 6**

This term Parent's evening will be held on **Wednesday 1st November** starting at 2.30pm. Ten minute time slots will continue until 7.30pm. The last appointment will be 7.20pm.

During your meeting, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress to date and receive the targets your child has been set for the Autumn Term.

To book online please log on to:-
www.albemarleprimaryschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk and select your preferred time. There is also a link to this website on our school website.

Please note:
School finishes at 2.15pm on Wednesday 1st November. 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, until 6.30pm, if you book a place via the school's website.

Next week the Core Value is

'We are Responsible'

Attendance and Punctuality

This week only 6 of our 13 classes managed to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

Sapphire	100%
Diamond	99.6%
Citrine	99.5%
Topaz	99.1%
Emerald	98.6%
Jade	97%

Opal & Jasper just missed the target with 96%. With only 2 weeks left before the October half term, let's see if we can raise the roof next week and get all of the children in the building.

October Dates for Your Diary

13th: PTA Coffee Morning 9am

18th: Year 5 Residential

18th: Black History Month Assembly. Due to the number of children, there will be two performances:

9.15am: **Ruby, Amber, Topaz, Emerald, Sapphire, Amethyst & Diamond**

2.30pm: **Jasper, Coral, Citrine, Jade, Sapphire & Diamond**

Tickets will be available from Wednesday am.

20th: Headteacher's Coffee Morning at 9am

20th: Big Draw event 3.30pm

23rd-27th: Half Term Break

(Holiday School Care @ Albemarle)

30th: Inset day

31st: School re-opens at 8:45am

Have a great weekend.

Yours

Theresa Moses

