



'We Take Risks'

At Albemarle, an empowering ethos provides the children with a platform to gain confidence in their own ability and to 'Take Risks' in their learning and across the curriculum.

As a school, our inclusive ethos creates a climate for success.

Carefully planned whole school topics provide opportunities for children from Nursery to Year 6 to celebrate their achievements.

Both in and outside of the classroom, children are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and to 'Take Risks' in all areas of the curriculum.

The Retelling of a Well Known Story

This week, parents, friends and family members have been treated to a festive extravaganza.

Across the week, children took part in the retelling of a well-known story. In Lower school, our youngest Albemarlans (Early Years and KS1) took to the stage to perform 'The Nativity'.

In Upper school, KS2 children dazzled the audience with the version of 'Lights, Camel, Action'. A strictly come dancing version.



Oh Yes We Did!

After having taken to the stage themselves, today the tables were turned. Just after lunch 288 children, from Reception to Year 6 were accompanied by 27 members of Albemarle staff and a combination of 31 parents, friends and family members to the New Wimbledon theatre.

As part of the annual festive celebrations, a whole school trip provided the perfect end to the topic 'Once Upon a Time'. They made their way across Wimbledon to watch 'Jack and the Beanstalk'



A huge thank you once again to all the parents who made this event even more magical.

Are You Having an Early Spring Clean ?

Each year, in partnership with the Governing Body we evaluate our progress and set our whole school targets. This year, as you are aware, we have 7 targets. Target number 5 is

- To raise achievement through the learning environment

In order to achieve this, the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) team have decided to extend and enrich the curriculum even further to provide a seamless learning environment.

If, by any chance, you have any of the following items, and would like to donate them to a good home, the EYFS will be happy to take good care of them.

Toys, Puzzles, Books, Games, Dolls and Construction

*Please note all items must be in working order.
Thank you for your support





Next week the Core Value is

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Dates for Your Diary

19th Dec: Christmas Dinner

*If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like them to have a festive dinner on Tuesday. Please contact the school office.

19th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day

20th Dec: 9.30am St Pauls Church

Children sing songs

from their performances

Everyone is welcome to attend

20th Dec: School finishes @ 2.15pm

'Twinkling Stars' finishes @ 5.30pm

2nd January 2018 Inset School Closed

3rd January 2018

The gates open children return

Homework books handed in

Please note Change to Inset day

Friday 9th March has changed to

Monday 16th April

Attendance

This week, the children have raised the roof with 6 out of 12 classes managing to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

Ruby	99.6%
Diamond	99.2%
Emerald	98.7%
Jade	97.0%

With only three school days left, let's see if we can beat the winter blues next week.

Have a great weekend.

Yours

Theresa Moses

'Show You Care, Park Else Where'

At the beginning of the school year, we asked parents, friends, family members and local residents to help us in signing our Show You Care, Park Else Where' petition to help us gain a lollypop person.

Over the last few weeks, it has been drawn to my attention on a number of occasions that cars are being parked on the double yellow lines on the corner of Albert Drive and Princes Way.

On Tuesday, two local residents actually came into Albemarle to express their concern about the parking and fears that an accident was imminent.

Please can I request that if you do have to drive to Albemarle at either the start or end of the school day that you leave enough time to park in the bays along Albert Drive.

I am sure that you will be able to recognise the importance of parking in an allocated bay and walking could not only save you a ticket but could also save the life of a child.

Thanking you in anticipation.

The Early Bird

Yes, I know it's cold outside and the mornings are dark and sometimes even wet, but the school gates still open at 8.30am and more importantly learning starts at 8.45am.

This week a total of 104 children were late and missed a total of 2915 minutes' worth of learning.

Divided by 60, 2915 minutes makes a staggering 48hrs and 58 minutes, which is more than two whole days.

With only three school days left before we say good bye to 2017, let's see if we can set our alarm clock 5 minutes earlier, park in an allocated bay and arrive at school on time.

