



## Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to **Opal class**, Nursery. We are looking forward to getting to know our new Albemarian families and to welcome back familiar faces.

This year, the Early Years team will work closely together to ensure your child has a smooth transition to support their development into confident, independent learners.

The main focus in the Autumn term is to ensure the children feel safe, secure and happy within an enriched learning environment.

The Nursery team consists of:

Class teacher: Mrs Vlanou

Nurse Nurse: Ms Kerry Elvey

Teaching assistant: Miss Joanne Burgess

### Autumn Topic 'Once upon a time'

This term we are starting with our whole school topic, 'Once upon a time'. We are looking at the magical world of fairy tales and specifically focusing on castles, dragons, and dinosaurs. We will also explore a wide range of stories which contain themes about feelings, family and friends. We will then look at their characteristics, identify the sequence of the stories, encourage role-play games, and enrich children's vocabulary.

During carpet time, we will play different games to encourage children to form friendships, build up their self-confidence, and learn through individual and collective play.

### Homework

To help consolidate your child's learning and develop a love for reading, after half term your child will be given weekly homework. Children will also receive a free book bag and each week your child can select a book of their choice from the class library, to be returned the following week.

## Albemarle 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**.

## Opal Class Expectations Work, Rest and Play

- School starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:10pm on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Wednesdays school starts 8:45am and finishes at 11am. Please drop off and collect your child on time using the main Early Years entrance (next to the climbing frame).
- Follow our school/class rules
- Bring a water bottle, spare clothes, waterproof coat and wellington boots – please ensure these are labelled.
- Have lots of fun and learn
- Read every day with your child
- Have a good night's sleep

## Dates for your Diary

### October:

8<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Collection

20<sup>th</sup> - BIG DRAW EVENT for all parents and children at 3.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> - Half term

30<sup>th</sup> - Inset day

31<sup>st</sup> - School re-opens at 8.45am

### November:

1<sup>st</sup> - Parents Evening

15<sup>th</sup> - School Photographs

17<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need Appeal

### December:

1<sup>st</sup> - Winter Fair and Raffle

19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party and Dinner

20<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term, school finishes at 2:15pm

Please do not hesitate to ask a member of the team should you have any questions.

Mrs Vlanou- Ms Elvey- Ms Joanne