



Albemarle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Head's Message

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome I've received since starting at Albemarle. It has been a real pleasure meeting so many of you at the gate and beginning to get to know your wonderful children.

The children have already impressed me with how positively they are embracing our new behaviour policy, Good to be Green. You may have heard them talking at home about our bronze, silver and gold awards, which celebrate when children work hard, make good choices, show resilience and kindness to others.

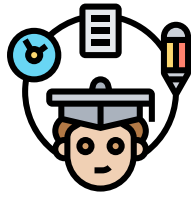
I am truly excited about my role as Headteacher. My aim is to bring stability to the school and to work closely with our fantastic, hard-working staff so that together we can make a real difference for your children.

Best wishes,

Mrs E. Haston
Head Teacher

Thank you to all the families who attended the Curriculum Meetings this week. The teachers really enjoyed meeting you. We hope the meetings were informative. Attached to this newsletter are the Curriculum Overviews.

These will also be saved on the website under 'Learning Journey' and then your child's year group.



Twinkling Stars:

Please ensure that when booking your child onto Twinkling Stars, **you check that all dates are confirmed**. We often have children not booked in due to having no space and are being left at school.

If you are running late to collect your child from Twinkling Stars, please let the team know as soon as possible know on: **07947895872 (4pm - 6pm)**

Twinkling Stars



Uniform Expectations:

A reminder that all children should come to school everyday in the correct uniform:

- White polo shirts to be worn in every year group (except Year 6).
- Year 6 to wear a white shirt (long or short sleeved) with a school tie (provided by the school).
- Optional fleece jackets and a waterproof school coat are available to purchase from **Stitch design**.
- Dark grey or black school trousers in the Autumn and Spring Terms with the option to wear Charcoal shorts in the Summer Term.
- All girls to wear either a charcoal pinafore dress, charcoal pleated skirt or charcoal trousers. There is an optional summer dress for the summer term.
- Black school shoes.

All children in Key Stage 2 (Upper School) should have a junior backpack. Children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 (Lower School) should have a book bag (available from school).

We also expect that long hair (below shoulders) is tied up, and that the only jewellery worn in school is stud earrings. Albemarle school coats are optional.



Lateness and absence:

Please can we ensure that if you are running late in the mornings to drop your child/ren off, or your child/ren will be absent, then you are either calling the school office or emailing before 9am. You can also report these yourself via the Arbor app. To call, its 02087883170 or email [us](mailto:us@albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk) via info@albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Please can you make sure you are bringing your child into the school building and signing them in when late, whichever side they are on. Please do not leave them at the gate.

This also applies if you are running late to collect your child/ren after school.





Meet our new staff at Albemarle!



Mrs E. Haston
Head Teacher



Mrs V. Hellwig
Attendance & Admissions Officer



Miss E. Bamford
Class Teacher



Miss Y. Ajose
Class Teacher



Miss D. Baker
Class Teacher



Mrs J. Barr
Teaching Assistant



Miss R. Jones
Behaviour & Learning Mentor



Mr T. Brooks
Behaviour & Learning Mentor



Keeping children and families safe

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. We are a supportive and compassionate community, and we want every child and family to feel safe and get the support they need. With this in mind, please do contact us without delay if:

- you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or family in the Albemarle community
- you and your family are struggling and would like support or advice - e.g. around mental health, domestic abuse, housing or homelessness, financial difficulties

You can speak to a member of the safeguarding team on the gate, arrange a meeting via the school office, or email safeguarding@albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk

More information on our safeguarding policy, useful contacts, and advice if you have a concern can be found on our school website: <https://www.albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk/safeguarding>



To Our Dog Owners:



Please can we have **no dogs** brought onto the school site. As much as we love your furry friends, we also have members of our school community who have allergies to dogs or are afraid of dogs. We thank you for understanding.



THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

 <p>JESS BUNKER DSL & Deputy Headteacher Designated Teacher for Looked After Children</p>	 <p>EMILIE HASTON Deputy DSL & Headteacher</p>	 <p>NATASHA MOLD Deputy DSL & Deputy Headteacher</p>	 <p>HOPE WALTERS Deputy DSL & SENCO</p>
 <p>CHLOE HORN Safeguarding Governor</p>			

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th September – join us for a coffee morning in the Lower School hall @ 9:10am

Tuesday 30th September – Year 5 River Trip

Wednesday 15th October – Year 5 History Day

Friday 24th October – Break up for half term (normal 3:15pm pick up)

Monday 3rd November – **INSET Day** (No children in school)

Tuesday 4th November – children back to school

Wednesday 5th November – Individual and sibling photos

<u>Class Teacher</u>	<u>Class Name</u>
Miss Ajose	Opal / Moonstone
Miss Lopez	Jasper
Miss Bamford	Ruby
Miss Hamilton	Amber
Miss Samuel	Coral
Miss Crowe	Citrine
Miss Baker	Topaz
Miss Meder	Emerald
Miss Champion	Jade
Miss Ahmadi	Azure
Mr Verney	Sapphire
Miss Alcock	Amethyst
Mr Ramos	Iolite
Miss Maoza	Diamond
Miss Jay	Pearl

