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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Welcome to Albion Primary School

Year 2 Parent/Carer Introduction Meeting

Welcome & Introductions

Bem-vindo

Ni hao

Bienvenido

Bienvenue

Ek'abo

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Akwaaba

Welcome

Senior Leadership Team

Karl Bardouille
Headteacher

Caroline Bannister
Deputy Headteacher
Inclusion

Jess Calnan
Assistant Headteacher
Teaching and Learning

Rebecca Dawkins
Assistant Headteacher
Community
Engagement

Albion Vision & Values

Ambition
Resilience
Respect
Creativity
Kindness
Responsibility

Albion Vision & Values

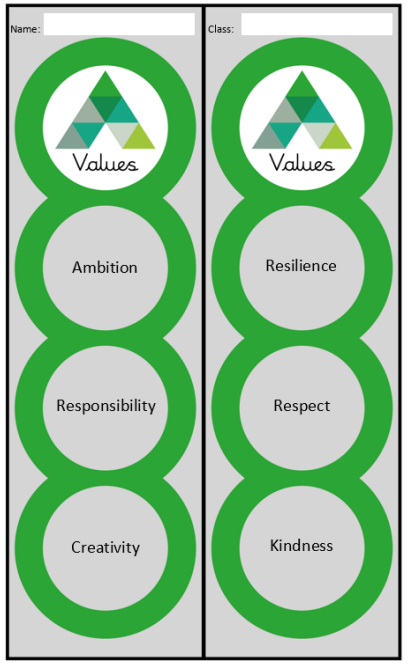
The children have created an avatar for each of the values:

Values are reflected through assemblies, class discussions and celebrated through the Headteacher Awards and the celebration assembly.

Albion Vision & Values

Value points

Book Mark



House Points

Value Slips

Albion Vision & Values

It is our vision that the teaching, experiences and opportunities which children receive at Albion will lead to them leaving the school with:

- High aspirations and goals to succeed
- A high degree of personal responsibility and self-motivation to learn and succeed;
- The skills, confidence and determination to work independently and creatively in a changing world;
- Respect for all difference and diversity…

Education is our passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.
Malcom X

Albion Curriculum

Our aim is:

- to provide our children with an engaging, exciting and empowering curriculum that equips them for today and tomorrow
- to develop the whole child through: enriched learning experiences both in school and out; allowing the children to develop positive relationships through collaborative learning building tolerance and inclusivity; connecting the children to their wider worlds and own emotions and experiences
- to recognise your child as a unique individual. We celebrate and welcome differences within our diverse school community. The ability to learn is underpinned by the teaching of basic skills, knowledge, concepts and values with a vision to prepare them for life beyond primary school. We believe that childhood should be a happy, investigative and enquiring time in our lives, where there are no limits to curiosity and there is a thirst for new experiences and knowledge
- to use our Albion Values (Ambition. Resilience, Respect, Creativity, Kindness, Responsibility) to create resilient, active, curious, independent, life-long learners and thinkers who can succeed and be happy in their local and wider global community
- To ensure community involvement is an integral part of our curriculum, inviting families and visitors to facilitate learning new skills and sharing experiences such as assemblies, workshops, curriculum outcomes and events

Relationships and Health Education

- For information on the Relationship and Sex Education Policy see Caroline
- Class Curriculum Newsletters will show what areas are being taught in PHSE. (If you would like to see the resources being used please see the PSHE Lead, Ellie)

Ellie Cruikshank PSHE Lead

Year 2 Curriculum

Our topics this year are:

- Food glorious food
- Marvellous machines
- One giant leap
- Out and About
- In the Wild
- Location, Location, Location

Further information will be provided each half term in Curriculum Newsletters

Year 2 Curriculum

This year, pupils will also participate in lessons delivered by curriculum specialists, such as:

Mandarin
Drama
Dance
Music
Sport

These lessons will provide pupils with the opportunity to expand their skill set with the help of experts in their field.

Year 2 Educational Visits

We place high importance on the value of educational visits to enhance children's learning and ensure children have one visit (if not more) per topic.
Some examples this year are:

Paper Gardens
The Theatre
Embankment/ Tower Bridge
Margate

Homework

In Year 2, children will receive homework on Mondays to be handed in/ completed on Fridays.

Spellings will be stuck into homework books to be practised daily.

Maths homework is set through Mathletics. This will be an extension of the learning that has taken place over the week at school.

Reading books will be set on Oxford Owl to consolidate their phonics knowledge as well as a pleasure book to read with an adult at home.

Homework

Reading

In Year 2, children are expected to read for 20mins every evening as part of their homework. This should be signed off by an adult in their planner weekly.
Please ensure your child has their reading book and planner with them every day in school in order for us to monitor this.

Assessment

Children are regularly assessed through marking and feedback during lessons. They are taught to assess themselves and their peers too.

Children are assessed at the end of a full term to identify progress made as well as to inform planning.

Assessment includes teacher assessment over time and tests.

Inclusion

To ensure all children reach their full potential at Albion, some children may receive some extra support or intervention. These interventions or support can be tailored to suit individuals or groups.

Tegan Dempsey
SENDCO

- One to one reading
- Small group maths or English teaching
- Speech and language group
- Breakfast booster
- Place 2 be

- Learning mentor / health mentor support
- Targeted Teaching Assistant support in class
- Outside agencies (Autism support , Hearing support, Camhs support)
- Behaviour support plan

Place 2 Be

Place2be has been running at Albion for over 15 years. It is a school based counselling service, dedicated to improving the emotional well being of children.

There are 4 types of services that Place2be run the school.

*Place 2 be 1:1 counselling (which parent or teacher can refer to)
*Place 2 talk (child refer drop in)
*Parent counselling
*Group support/ circle time

Please see Caroline or Katie (Place 2be) for more information

Parent/Carer Workshops

We provide workshops for parent/carers throughout the year to enable them to support their child at home.

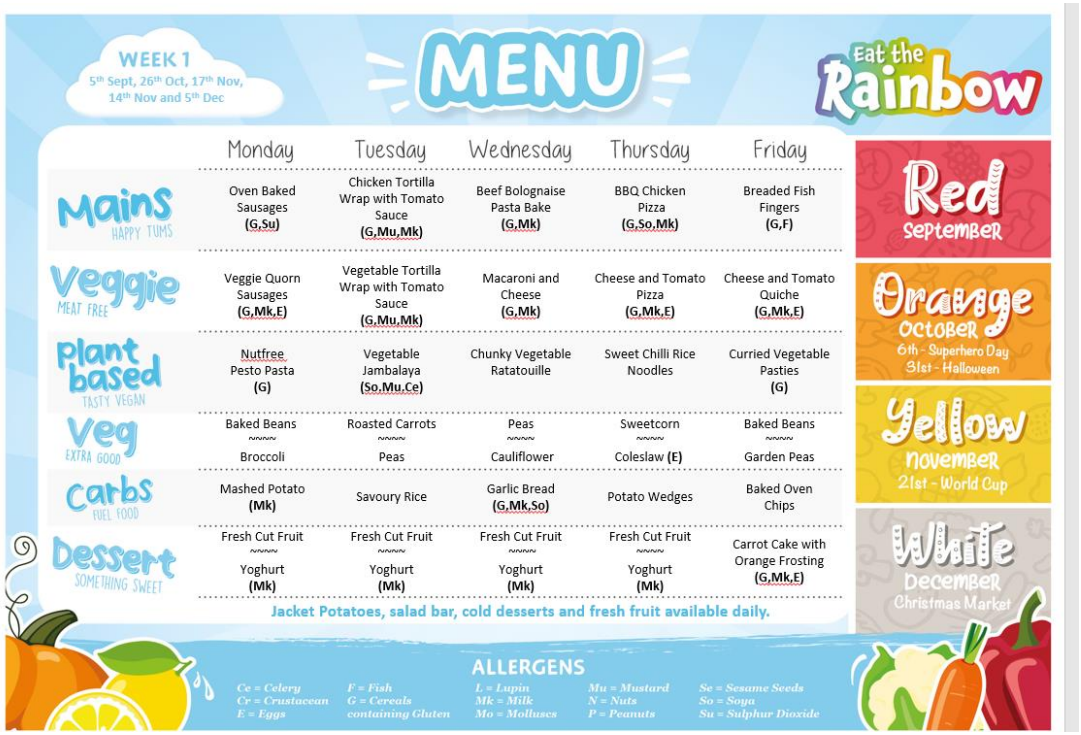
Parent Workshops will begin later this term.

Time for you to see what's happening!

Workshop	Date
Parents Evening and Gallery	17th and 19th October 6th and 8th February 10th July: optional
Parent Drop-in	Thursday 23rd November 22nd March and 20th June
Parent Workshop	Thursday 2nd November 2023 Lemon Reading Thursday 9th November 2023 Buttercup Reading

School Lunches

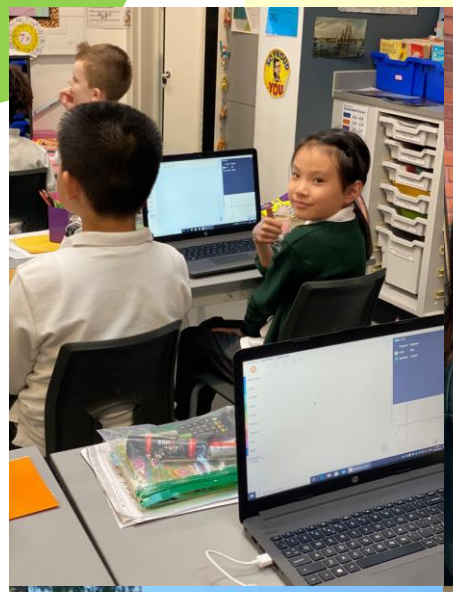
Accent Catering.



Accent focus on producing great tasting food, from scratch on site.

It has been great to hear the children commenting how much they love the food!!

A Child's Journey at Albion



Celebrating Albion - GDPR

We aim to share as many successes as possible through our school website, social media and other publications. Images say much more than text so we ask for your consent to take photos of your child.

Emergency Contact Details

It is extremely important
that we have an up-to-date record
of children's emergency contact details.

Chickens at Albion

Children from Nursery – Year 6 take turns to learn how to take care of our chickens, know where our food comes from and are introduced to business and enterprise.

We then sell our delicious free range, organic eggs every Wednesday and Friday from the office foyer.

Extended Services

We provide an extended services which run for those parents who require additional child care beyond 3:15pm – 5.45pm and from 8.00am – 9.00am.

During Breakfast Club, children are provided with a healthy breakfast and a space to socialise and complete their homework if they choose.

During Extended Day, children are provided with equipment to play a variety of games or help with their school work. A light snack is also provided.

Valentina Pearce

After School Clubs

As part of our after school provision we offer After School Clubs including: Multi-sports, Karate, Football, Basketball, Fencing, Gardening, Street Dance, Spanish, Choir, Cooking, Musical Theatre and Arts/Crafts …

These run from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Parents register their child through ParentPay and pay in advance for the term. Some of these are oversubscribed. For more information report to Caroline in the office.

Albion Parent Carer Community

Every parent/carer automatically becomes a member of APCC (Albion Parent Carer Community) when their child joins Albion. We would like to encourage everyone to get involved even if you can only spare a small amount of time.

APCC has been created to assist with raising funds for school resources to enhance our children's educational experience. It also exists to provide closer links between home and school, working towards a common goal.

Albion Parent Carer Community

Albion Parent/Carer Community (APCC) plays a vital role in organising events and fundraising for our primary school

APCC meet on a half-termly basis to discuss and plan any upcoming events or fundraisers in our school community.

Upcoming events for this academic year include:

International evening
Half-termly creative homework competitions
Cake sale / preloved uniform sale / books sale
Winter fair 2023
Summer fair 2024

…And many more!

These events are solely reliant on the goodwill of our volunteer school community (APCC). To ensure the success of these events for your children, we require parents/carers to attend APCC meetings and support the management and running of these events whenever possible.

Albion Parent Carer Community

Rebecca Dawkins (Assistant Headteacher) leads the APCC with a supportive group of parents/carers, who will be organising future events.

We held a successful Summer Fair in July 2023 which raised £1,500.

Parent/Carer WhatsApp

Did you know that all parents and carers can sign up to join their child's class WhatsApp group?

These WhatsApp groups are run by parents and carers and endorsed by the school.

Parent/Carer WhatsApp

The purpose of these groups is to create a forum to allow parents and carers to **share useful information** and **ask questions** related to the children amongst other parents and carers. This can include things such as *homework due dates, sharing and reminding of upcoming events and activities, and even checking for misplaced personal property.*

Communication

Our website and the Albion app are regularly updated.
We tweet regularly.

We write an Albion newsletter at the end of each month.
Curriculum newsletters are provided at the beginning of every half term for each year group. These are displayed on the Noticeboard in the Playground too.

Annual parent/carer surveys.

Notice board and A-frames in the playground.

Regular letters are texted and/or emailed.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance has been a concern at Albion for years. Our target is 96% and last year we achieved 94%

If a child is absent it becomes a safeguarding concern if we are not informed of why the child is absent. It is important to contact the school straight away to give a reason for absence.

A 'Child Request for Leave Form' needs to be completed and evidence is needed if there is a planned absence. Holidays cannot be authorised.

Unauthorised absences do not go in the school's favour. This is when there are no reasons for absence and becomes a safeguarding concern.

Persistent absence at Albion is high and is a red flag to not only governors but to the local authority.

Attendance and Punctuality

Parents and Carers will:

- Ensure that their children attend school regularly
- Notify school on the first day of absence before 8.30am on the Studybugs App.

Studybugs

Get the app or register now

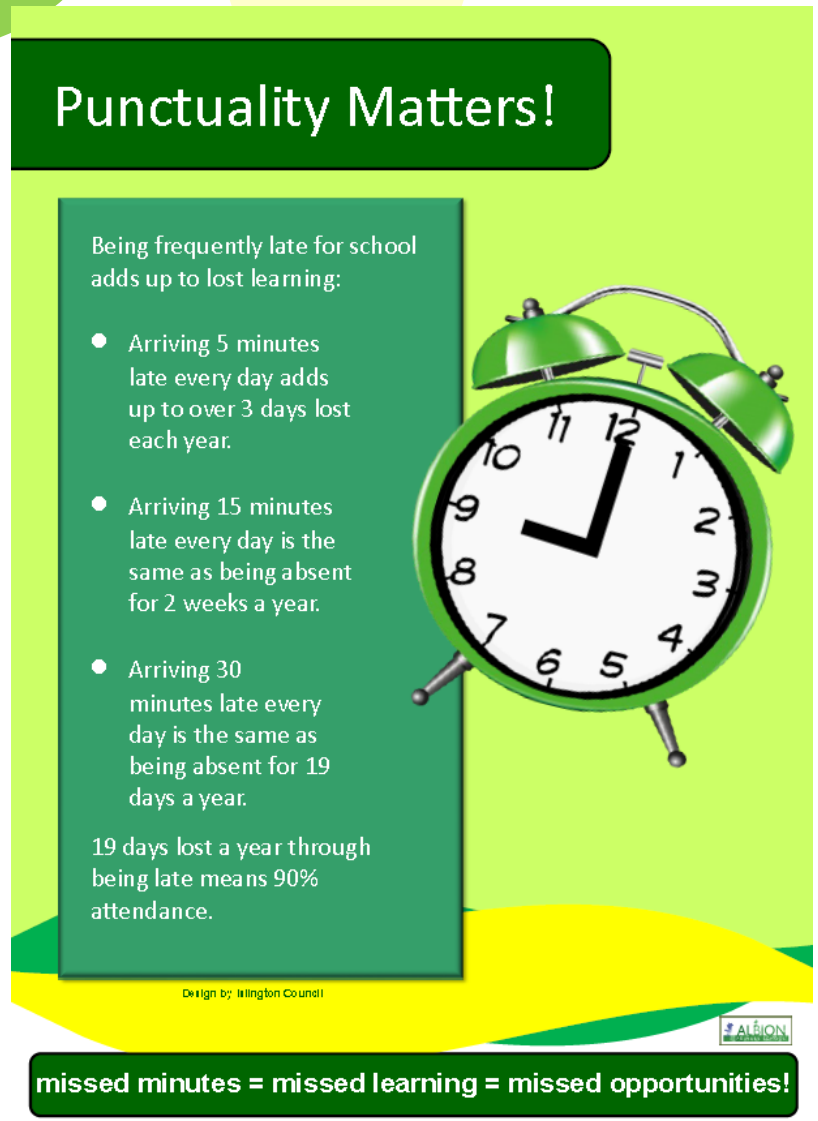
(https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

- Complete a 'Child Request for Leave Form' for absence in term time for exceptional circumstances. Holidays cannot be authorised.
- Hand in medical evidence for 4 or more days absence due to illness
- Meet with the Deputy Head Teacher or Family Liaison Officer to discuss their child's attendance / punctuality when necessary
- Aim to make dental or medical appointments outside of school hours where possible

Attendance and Punctuality

A pupil arriving late may seriously disrupt not only his/her continuity of learning but also that of others.

When a pupil arrives after 9.25am their lateness will be marked as unauthorised absence. Emerging patterns of lateness will provide grounds for investigation and possible prosecution.



Attendance and Punctuality

8:45am The school gates are opened and parents/carers should ensure children go straight to their classroom

8:55am School begins. Children arriving after this time are regarded as late and must report to the office.

8:56am The school gate closes and late children must report to the school office through the Albion Street entrance.

Uniform

Please make sure that you child's uniform is clearly labelled.

Children are encouraged to be responsible for their own belongings, when they take off a coat or jumper they need to keep it with them.

Uniform

Jewellery

For health & safety and because we have so many children running around during play, as well as active P.E. lessons, some items are not allowed in school.

Yes	No
Stud earrings	**Bracelets**
Wrist watches (with alarms turned off)	**Necklaces**
	Rings

We will need to take the items off your child and return back to you.

Uniform

For hygiene and health and safety reasons, it is important that your child brings in a change of clothes to participate in P.E. lessons.

- Plain bottle green or white t-shirt (not football shirts or other logos). Albion logo t-shirt available
- Bottle green or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms.
- Trainers or plimsolls.

We encourage children to bring their PE kits in on a Monday regardless of their PE day to minimise the number of instances that lessons are missed due to forgotten kits.

Home-School Agreement

Child's Agreement

I will do my best to:

- Always try my best and work hard to learn.
- Come to school regularly and arrive on time.
- Behave well and be polite and helpful to others.
- Follow the school and class rules.
- Be polite, friendly and show respect to other children and all adults.
- Look after others.
- Take responsibility for myself and my actions.
- Do my homework regularly and return it to school on time.
- Bring all the equipment I need every day including my PE kit, book bag and reading books.
- Wear the correct school uniform by following the school dress code.
- Take good care of the school equipment, school environment and living things.

Child's name.....

Child's class..... **Date**.....

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Home-School Agreement

2023 - 2024

Home-School Agreement

Parent/Carer's Agreement

I/We will do my/our best to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly, is punctual, properly equipped to learn and provide an explanation if my child is absent.
- Support the school to make sure my child maintains good behaviour.
- Ensure that my child wears the correct school uniform and brings their PE kit to school when required.
- Encourage your child to always do their best.
- Ensure that my child's homework is completed and returned on time.
- Attend achievement assemblies, parent workshops and parent meetings to discuss your child's progress.
- Support the school in upholding its standards and policies.
- Support all staff in their efforts to create a caring community which values children and their rights.
- To treat all members of the school community with respect and politeness.
- Work in partnership with the school.

Signed..... **Date**.....

Thank you!

Working in partnership in a positive way to ensure we have the maximum impact on children's educational experience at Albion.

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