



Message from Mrs Stray

Welcome to a new school year. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and the fantastic summer weather. A very warm welcome to the families who have joined us this week. I hope you settle in quickly and soon feel part of our school community.

We have now officially joined Ambition Education Trust, and we are looking forward to working with colleagues and children in the other schools in the Trust. If you would like more information about AET, their website is <https://www.ambitioneducationtrust.org/> We also have a newly designed school website, where you can read the weekly class blogs that the teachers update every Friday after school to keep you informed about what your child has been learning this week. <https://albancityschool.org.uk/>

Staffing update

I will be working with the AET executive leaders and the other primary schools in the Trust on Tuesdays and Thursdays in my role as Director of Curriculum and Standards, so Mrs Carter will be Acting Headteacher on these days. Welcome to Mrs Majunder who joins us as a teaching assistant in Amber class, and congratulations to Miss Hanbury who got married during the holidays and is now Mrs Hanbury-Smith. Miss Lord and Mrs Scott are still on sick leave, and we send them our best wishes for their recovery and hope to see them soon.



Upcoming Events

Sept 18th : Y3 Stone Age Day

Sept 24th : Y4 trip to the British Museum

Sept 25th : Languages Day

<https://albancityschool.org.uk/Diary-Dates/>

Attendance and punctuality

If you need to inform us of your child's absence please call the school office or email admin@albancity.aetrust.uk.

Class Blogs

Don't forget you can catch up on what the children have been learning each week on our Class Blogs.

<https://albancityschool.org.uk/>



Attendance

We have had a great first week back at school and it's been lovely welcoming all of the children into their new classes. They have settled into school life so well, but we all know that returning to school is a shift in routine compared to the summer holidays. Resetting bedtimes, limiting screen time before bed, reintroducing familiar routines such as reading a bedtime story, preparing clothes or having time for a calm breakfast can really support your child's transition and set them up for a positive day in school. Mrs Carter is our Attendance Lead and she is always happy to speak to parents about attendance issues at any time. Please remember that holidays and days out during term time will not be authorised and may lead to a penalty notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Allergy Awareness

Please be mindful that some children in our school have serious allergies which can be life threatening. Please do not send anything into school that contains nuts or pesto, and be very careful with anything that contains milk around the Year 2 classrooms and cloakroom. If you accidentally spill anything that contains milk anywhere around the school, please inform a member of staff so that we can clean it up immediately.

Dogs

For everyone's safety and wellbeing (including the dogs!) please do not leave dogs tied up unattended at the school gates, or leave them with Mr Edwards in the mornings. Dogs can only be brought into the playground if they are carried, not on the ground.

Scooter Parking

We welcome scooters in our scooter park, but unfortunately cannot accommodate bicycles in this area because we do not have enough storage space, so please do not leave bicycles at school during the school day.

OPAL

OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and Learning. Last term we were delighted to receive the OPAL Platinum Award in recognition of the outstanding outdoor play provision we have at ACS. Please remember that the children go outside to play in all but extreme weather conditions, so they will need a raincoat in school every day because they will still go out to play in the rain unless it is torrential. More information about OPAL is on our website.