



Message from Mrs Stray

Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't have much news to update you on this week because we've just been focusing on surviving in the heat, so I've taken the opportunity to experiment with a new look to my newsletter which I hope you like! We are very fortunate to have air conditioning in the upstairs classrooms which has meant we have been able to keep children in school and in their usual lessons and routines. The staff team has been brilliant as usual at supporting each other and have shared the cooler classrooms with the younger year groups as much as possible. Looking to the future, we are investigating the costs of installing AC to the downstairs classrooms to see if this is feasible. Next week it should be cooler so school uniform and lunch arrangements will return to normal. I hope you have a lovely weekend and manage to keep cool and comfortable for the remainder of the current heatwave.



Upcoming Events Next Week

- 30 July Magenta trip to Wagamamas
- 2 July Year 4 trip to Epping Forest
- 3 July Annual reports published
- 3 July Year 5 Pickleball session
- 3 July Year 6 Science Fair

<https://albancityschool.org.uk/news-dates/other-dates/diary-dates/>

Attendance and punctuality

Our current whole school attendance is 96.1%. We have noticed that lots of children are arriving after the gate has closed at 8.50am. Please could you make every effort to arrive before 8.50am so that your child has a calm and settled start to their day in school.



School lunch survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent parent survey. I am in the process of analysing all the information and will provide some feedback to you in due course. A key theme I have already picked up though was comments about school lunches in the 'Even better if' section, so I have asked the catering company to explore this further. They have produced a survey for you and your child to share your views with them, so I would appreciate a few minutes of your time on this to help them make the school lunches even better for the children. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACSCS0626>

Open Evening 9th July 5-7pm

Please make a note in your diaries about our Open Evening, and let your friends, families and neighbours know too. It is always a lovely occasion to celebrate the children's achievements from this year and visit different classrooms and areas of the school that you may not usually see. It is also a great way for new families to visit for the first time, and we need to maintain our pupil numbers, so bring everyone along!

PTA Summer Fair

I'm sure you will know by now that the PTA Summer Fair that was planned for tomorrow has been postponed to September 26th due to the very hot weather. Please keep the date free and we look forward to a fun family day in September, which is a lovely way to start the new academic year and welcome new families to our school community, as well as catching up with our Year 6 leavers to hear how they are getting on at their new schools.

Assessment week

Your child may have mentioned that they did some tests in school recently. We have introduced an assessment week towards the end of each term during which children in Years 1-6 will do some tests in reading, writing and maths. The purpose of this is to inform teachers which aspects of the learning each child has secured and what they need to focus on next in their teaching, both at a class and individual level. The tests are delivered in a way that is appropriate for the children's age and level of development and are certainly not anything for children to be worried about. Children in Years 4-6 will have an individual meeting with their teacher to discuss what they did well and what they need to focus on next. The completed tests will be sent home each term too so that, in conjunction with our parent consultation meetings and annual report, you are kept well informed about how your child is getting on and how you can help them at home.

New Tag Rugby After-School Club

I am excited to announce a new tag rugby club for next term, delivered by London Broncos – the South's only professional Rugby League club. The club is expected to be available for children currently in Years 2–5 (next year's KS2 pupils) and will take place after school on a Friday. Before the club can be confirmed, London Broncos need to gauge the level of interest from families.

If you think your child would be interested in taking part, please let them know by emailing karl.hoade@londonbroncosrl.com. Once sufficient interest has been received, the club can be confirmed and booking information will be shared. The cost is expected to be £8 per session, but (as with all extra-curricular clubs) the school may be able to help with the cost if your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding.

As part of the partnership with London Broncos, families can also look forward to a range of exciting opportunities, including:

- Discounted, and occasionally free, matchday tickets for students, parents and staff
 - Opportunities to meet players and take part in community events hosted by London Broncos
 - A chance for children to develop new skills, stay active and enjoy learning in a fun, inclusive environment
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Thursday 9th July 5pm - 7pm

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- OPAL in action
- Bright & colourful classrooms
- Children's work on display
- Ed-Tech in action
- Meet Mrs Stray, our Headteacher
- Meet our Mental Health Practitioner
- Meet representatives from Ambition Education Trust

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