



19<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Two weeks in and our children are very settled with their learning. We began the year by referencing the personal qualities and attributes of our amazing Team GB in the Rio Olympics. We have talked with the children about how we can learn and be inspired by their performance. The children are now all busy developing the 5 R's – being resilient, resourceful, responsible, and reflective and reasoning. Great!



### Harvest

This year our harvest assembly will be taken by our infant children (R,Y1,Y2) and Rev Pete Howard will join us. It will involve some harvest songs and a few poems and words. Parents /carers of infant children are welcome to join us, but we ask that you reserve a seat by returning the slip attached to this newsletter. As we are restricted by the size of our hall and the number of seats, we can allocate 2 seats per family. We will not issue tickets; we will sign you off our list when you arrive. Thank you.

This year, we will be happy to receive donations of within-date tins and packets of food, which we will donate on your behalf to Alsager food bank.

The junior children will be leading the Easter assembly in the spring term.



### Safeguarding

A couple of concerned parents/carers have contacted us to say that they have noticed some drivers mounting the pavements when driving

along Ivy Lane and the surrounding roads. **Please could we repeat our request for all parents/carers to park and drive safely and with care and consideration around school?**

Obviously, we want all our children to stay safe.

### Cheques

A reminder from the office that when paying for school dinners by cheque, they should be made payable to **Cheshire East Borough Council**, please do not abbreviate this in any way. Thank you.



### Attendance

Pupils will receive their 100% attendance certificates for last term. We also have 21 children who will receive 100% certificates for the whole year, which is brilliant. Well done to them!

***At Excalibur, every day counts; every minute matters!***



### Social Media warning from Cheshire Police

I received the following e-mail from the safeguarding team at the end of this week:

*Please find below some information sent to us by the police safer schools lead. It might serve as a good reminder to pupils and also to their parents about being safe online:*

*Police in Cheshire are advising parents to be vigilant following a suspicious incident. A family received a phone call from a man purporting to be giving tutoring sessions on behalf of the local primary school and that he would be doing extra maths tuition with the girl, who he named. On enquiry with the school they had not made any arrangements for out of school tutoring and the matter was reported to police. PC Liz Stanton from the Safer Schools & Young Persons Partnership said: "The man named the girl which leads us to speculate that she may have revealed personal information on social media. I would advise parents to be vigilant. I'd also ask you*

*remind children that it is important not to put personal details on social media.”*

*Protect yourself online:*

- *Only accept friend requests and other types of communication from people who you know and trust.*
- *Adjust your privacy settings so that you are in control of your profile and you know who is able to view it.*
- *Be aware that Facebook, Twitter and other forms of social media usually have some form of age restriction; Facebook for example is 13 years and upwards.*
- *If you are unfortunate enough to become a victim of online bullying, be sure to block the communications from the person sending them to you and report them to the site administrators.*

*Advice for parents:*

- *Try to put the computer in an easy to see place in the home so that you can monitor what sites your child is visiting*
- *Check out the websites your child is using, just like you'd check out a school or a youth group they might visit. Have a look and make a judgment whether you think it is a safe environment for them to be involved in.*
- *Set up reasonable guidelines and limits for internet usage. Understand that it may be a big part of their life but that it needs to be regulated*
- *Explain to your children why it is important for them never to give out personal details or post pictures of themselves publicly, just like you would when you explain to them not to talk to strangers*

*To find out more about keeping safe online go to <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>*

*NSPCC guide for parents to the social networks used by children and young people [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)*



### **Reading Evening reminder**

A reminder to book a seat at the reading evening on the 28<sup>th</sup> September if you haven't already done so.

### **And Finally**

As always, should you have any queries or concerns come in or speak with a member of the team. The sooner we know about it, the sooner we can help.

Yours Faithfully,

Lise Houldsworth  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

This is a list of dates currently in the school diary.

<b>26-9-16 Friends of Excalibur AGM 7.30pm @ Excalibur – all welcome</b>
<b>27-9-16 Y1 visit to Reaseheath College</b>
<b>28-9-16 Y4 One World dance practice</b>
<b>28-9-16 Reading Evening for parents/carers 6pm</b>
<b>05-10-16 Y4 One World dance practice</b>
05-10-16 Governors - Community
07-10-16 Harvest assembly – Infants 9.15am
07-10-16 FOE discos KS1 5.15pm, KS2 6.30pm
08-10-16 One World Week Festival in Alsager
<b>10/11/12-10-16 Life Education Van IN</b>
13-10-16 Parent/Teacher meetings
18-10-16 Parent/Teacher meetings
<b>20-10-16 Y3 visit to Chester – Dewa experience</b>
<b>21-10-16 School closes</b>

<b>01-11-16 School opens</b>
09-11-16 Governors – Strategic Leadership
17-11-16 Individual photographs
23-11-16 Governors – Learning & Teaching
<b>28-11-16 Last week of clubs</b>
07-12-16 Governors - Full
09-12-16 Carol Service @ St Mary's – Juniors (details to follow)
13-12-16 Christmas celebration – Infants (details to follow)
<b>23-12-16 School closes</b>

<b>09-01-17 School opens</b>
18-01-17 Governors - Community
15-02-17 Governors – Strategic Leadership
<b>17-02-17 School closes</b>

Please could I reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the harvest assembly on 7-10-16, 9.15am.

Name of child\_\_\_\_\_

Year Group\_\_\_\_\_

Signed\_\_\_\_\_