



21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

## Newsletter 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evenings recently; the teachers value your time and your positive responses. It is good to know that our efforts and hard work are appreciated.

It has been a busy few weeks in school, as you will see from all the news below. The half term has flashed by! The children have been focused and working hard.



### Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the book fair. We took £497.20 which means that our school has commission of £198.88 to spend on books for the classrooms.



### School Council

After presenting manifestos and holding an election, the following pupils have been elected to the school council for 2016-17:

Year 1 - Ellie S. and Tom

Year 2 - Calum and Rose

Year 3 - Felicity and Rossi

Year 4 - Rudy and Izzy

Year 5 - Jamie and Sophie

Year 6 - Wolfy, James H. and Lilly

Congratulations to all of you! Lots of good work to come I am sure.



### Sports round-up

Due to parents evening at school on Thursday evening, Mrs Thompson and Miss Kirby were the stand in team managers for the football league match this week. We were against Highfields, who were apparently the team to beat having won all their previous games. Excalibur put the pressure on from the kick off playing as a team and passing the ball between themselves. After a beautiful through ball from Lewis, Oliver slid it under the keeper, 1-0 to Excalibur. Highfields started the second half well, showing why they were the league favourites. Excalibur battled well and defended as a team right to the final whistle, final score 1-0 to Excalibur. Well done to the players, managers and of course the parents for their support.

On Monday 10th October 2016, a squad of seven Year 4s attended the Sandbach Sports Partnership Football Tournament at Sandbach United Football Club. The team won the first two matches, with scores of 2-1 and 5-0, playing brilliantly throughout. Unfortunately, in their next three matches they couldn't quite match the success of earlier in the afternoon, missing out on victory in all three. They came 4th in their group. Despite their obvious disappointment, all players played with a smile, showing good sportsmanship and determination throughout. Well done to Rudy, Will, Sam, Nicolas, Evan, Ben and Kai.



### Life Education Van

Each class enjoyed a session in the Life Education van recently. The specially equipped classroom provides an unforgettable experience for the children whilst contributing to our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship curriculum. The fun, interactive and age-appropriate programmes help children to understand the wonders of the human body and how to look after it. Thank you to Friends of Excalibur for funding this additional resource.

### Y6 at the high school

Y6 have visited Alsager school twice this week. On Monday, they took part in a drumming workshop in the music department and on

Wednesday they had an inspirational launch to the enterprise project where they heard about the skills needed to be young entrepreneurs.



### Disco

The children had fun at the Autumn disco and demonstrated some great moves! Thank you to Friends of Excalibur and the staff who supported and supervised the event. We raised a terrific £321.77 for school funds.



### Y3 trip to Chester

Y3 walked in the shoes of Roman soldiers yesterday; taking part in the DEWA experience in Chester. The topic was really brought to life for them and they had a great adventure.



### Reception walk

Reception took a 'welly walk' around our locality on Thursday; observing seasonal changes in their local environment. They even found a fairy door!

### Vacancies

We are looking to recruit midday assistants who we could call on to cover absence or illness at lunchtime. If you are interested in this, please arrange to discuss the opportunity further with Mrs Hilditch, our School Business Manager.



### Staff Development

As always, our committed staff take part in a range of professional development activities. This half term, Mrs Tomkinson and myself have attended safeguarding briefings, Ofsted training and leadership conferences. Miss Taylor is busy working on the Global Learning Project as our lead this year. Mr Hancock, Mrs. Weatherby and Miss Robinson have all received specific year group training for using texts to inspire learners. Miss Kirby has completed pediatric first aid. All

staff had a workshop looking at best practice and developing use of our Activ inspire digital screens.

We have also had visitors from local schools who have asked to observe lessons, had support with curriculum areas and school initiatives such as KiVa.

### And Finally

We hope that you all have a great half term and we will see you back at school on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016.**

Yours Faithfully,

Lise Houldsworth  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary.

<b>01-11-16 School opens</b>
01-11-16 Fluenz spray Y1,2,3
02-11-16 Y5 wartime evacuation to Woodcock's Well
<b>07-11-16 Y4 visit to West Park Museum</b>
09-11-16 Governors – Strategic leadership
<b>11-11-16 Bentley Driving Futures IN Y4</b>
17-11-16 Individual photographs
<b>17-11-16 My World project graduation @ BAE systems</b>
23-11-16 Governors – Learning & Teaching
28-11-16 Last week of clubs
<b>30-11-16 Smokebusters – Fire service IN Y5</b>
<b>02-12-16 FOE Christmas fair 5-7pm</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)
19-12-16 Infants Christmas party
20-12-16 Y3/4 Christmas party
23-12-16 Y5/6 Christmas party
<b>23-12-16 School closes</b>

<b>09-01-17 School opens</b>
16-01-17 NSPCC assembly
18-01-17 Governors - Community
18-01-17 E-safety workshop for parents –details to follow
<b>20-01-17 Bentley Be Extraordinary IN Y5</b>
23-01-17 NSPCC workshops with Y5/Y6
15-02-17 Governors – Strategic leadership
<b>16-01-17 Y3 Class assembly 9.15am</b>
<b>17-02-17 School closes</b>

<b>27-02-17 School opens</b>
<b>09-03-17 Y2 class assembly 9.15am</b>
<b>14-03-17 Y4 Standon Bowers</b>
<b>16-03-17 Class photographs</b>
<b>22-03-17 Governors – Learning &amp; Teaching 5pm</b>
<b>23-03-17 Parent/teacher consultations 4-7pm</b>
<b>24-03-17 Y5 class assembly 9.15am</b>
<b>28-03-17 Parent/teacher consultations</b>

<b>3.30-5pm</b>
<b>29-03-17 Full Governors 5pm</b>
<b>31-03-17 Easter service – Juniors 9.15am</b>
<b>31-03-17 School closes</b>