



12th December 2016

Newsletter 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Christmas celebrations and preparations are gathering pace at Excalibur. We enjoyed a delightful carol service by the junior children at St. Mary's last Friday. Thank you for your support; we hope that you enjoyed the service if you were able to come. Thank you for your kind donations. This will be split between the school council's chosen charity this year -Cancer Research- and St. Mary's church.



Fire Safety – Smokebusters

Y5 had a visit from the Fire Service recently and learnt all about fire safety and the best ways to stay safe in the event of a fire. The children listened really well and took the messages delivered seriously – hopefully they were able to retell the main points to you at home too. Thank you Y5.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas fair this year. We raised a brilliant £932.78, which will be spent on added extras for the children. Well done to Y6 who organised some terrific stalls as part of their enterprise project. The teams will be judged in the New Year and we will let you know how they get on in the wider Alsager competition.

Sarah Cliff, Friends of Excalibur chairperson, has taken the difficult decision to resign as

chair due to work and family commitments. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone at Excalibur, to thank Sarah for her commitment to the school and the difference she has made for the children during her time as chairperson. As the last AGM was very poorly attended; we now need to recruit new members for the committee. Please come and talk with me or Mrs Hilditch to find out more if you are interested in this.

Town Council Election – 12 January 2017

Last week, we were given notice of a potential election for the east ward of Alsager town council. Excalibur has been selected as a polling station. As a local authority school, this is something which we cannot refuse.

Following a risk assessment, we have made the decision to keep school OPEN. Anticipated turn out is much lower than a national election or referendum and therefore we can use the separate mobile building at the rear of the school. However, on this day, to minimise risk, the children will have indoor break and lunch times.



Poppy Appeal

Last week, the local honorary organiser for the poppy appeal called into school to thank us for helping with this year's appeal – he was very impressed that we raised a total of £222.27 and asked us to thank everyone who donated.



Starting school September 2017?

A reminder that all applications for school places for a September 2017 start must be completed online by 15th January 2017. Applications received after this date will be treated as late applications and not processed in the same way. If you are not resident in Cheshire East, but live in another English Local Authority, you must

apply via your home local authority even if your preference is for a Cheshire East school.

And Finally

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully,

Lise Houldsworth
Headteacher

Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary.

12-12-16 Christmas celebration – Infants dress rehearsal
13-12-16 Christmas celebration – Infants performance
14-12-16 Christmas lunch – details to follow
15-12-16 Reception visit to St Mary's church
16-12-16 Christmas Jumper Day
16-12-16 Y6 to Alsager High carol concert
19-12-16 Infants Christmas party
20-12-16 Y3/4 Christmas party
23-12-16 Y5/6 Christmas party
23-12-16 School closes

09-01-17 School opens
12-01-17 Alsager Town Council Election
16-01-17 NSPCC assembly
18-01-17 Governors - Community
18-01-17 E-safety workshop for parents 6pm –details to follow
20-01-17 Bentley Be Extraordinary IN Y5
23-01-17 NSPCC workshops with Y5/Y6
09-02-17 Life Education IN Y3-6 E-safety
15-02-17 Governors – Strategic leadership
16-02-17 Y3 Class assembly 9.15am
17-02-17 School closes

27-02-17 School opens
01-03-17 Y6 join AHS Oliver performance pm and evening – details to follow
02-03-17 Book Fair delivered
09-03-17 Y2 class assembly 9.15am
14-03-17 Y4 Standon Bowers
16-03-17 Class photographs
22-03-17 Governors – Learning & Teaching 5pm
23-03-17 Parent/teacher consultations 4-7pm
24-03-17 Y5 class assembly 9.15am
28-03-17 Parent/teacher consultations 3.30-5pm
29-03-17 Full Governors 5pm
31-03-17 Easter service – Juniors 9.15am
31-03-17 School closes