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Dear Parents/Carers,

We finish for the Christmas holidays tomorrow. Our last few weeks have been very festive. The children have enjoyed all the extra special things we do in school to mark this magical time of year.



Whoops -a-Daisy Angel

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 gave a wonderful performance of the nativity – they were all stars and such confident performers! Thank you for providing costumes and for helping the children to learn lines and lyrics. A big thank you to the infant staff for all their hard work.



Christmas Jumper Day

Everyone looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers last week and we managed to raise £134.54 for Save the Children. Thank you for your donations.



Christmas Lunch

Mrs. Preen and her team served over 200 delicious Christmas lunches on Wednesday last week. The children gave their compliments to the chefs and the snowman ice creams were a particular hit!

Y6 at Alsager High Christmas Concert

Y6 visited Alsager High school last week to watch their carol concert. The concert was excellent and it was particularly great to see so many of our ex-Excalibur pupils shine during the concert.



House Points

The house point tokens will be counted and the winners announced in the Friday assembly. Your child should be able to tell you who wins. As usual, the winning house earns the privilege of coming in non-uniform on **Tuesday 10th January**. We will put a winning banner on the website as usual just in case your child forgets.



Excalibur Primary School

School Website

We recognise that Facebook can be a useful tool for communication, but please remember that as a school, we do not have an official Facebook page.

However, all school information, letters, forms and notices are uploaded to our website for your convenience, so do check there if you have missed any letters or information. Thank you.

Transport Police and PCSO's

On Monday, our PCSO's were accompanied by the transport police to lead the junior assembly. They requested an opportunity to talk to the children in Alsager schools about keeping safe around the railways, particularly the level crossing near to us. There have been reports of some children in the locality playing around the railway line. Clearly, this presents significant risk.

The children engaged really well with the messages in the presentation and we are sure that you will reaffirm the safety messages at

home when you are out and about in the local area.

Attendance and Punctuality

100% attendance certificates for the autumn term will be celebrated at the end of this week. Well done everyone who has achieved full attendance. Class attendance figures are as follows:

Reception – 97.97%

Y1 – 96.97%

Y2 – 96.94%

Y3 – 96.06%

Y4 – 95.74%

Y5 – 97.15%

Y6 – 94.85%

Well done to Reception who have the best attendance.

We all know that good attendance is key to a child's success at school. We have a section on 'top tips' for ensuring good attendance on our website, as well as information regarding the procedures the school has to follow regarding absence.

Also very important is punctuality. We find that not only are the children who may be a few minutes late unsettled and sometimes upset, but coming in late is also disruptive to the teachers and the rest of the pupils. We understand that occasionally things are hectic in the mornings or unexpected difficulties arise, but regular lateness has a detrimental impact on a child, their learning and their self-esteem.

Please can we encourage all parents/carers to ensure that their child arrives at school between 8.50am and 9am. Thank you.



Menu

When we return after Christmas, we will be on week 3 of the school meal menu.



Road Safety

We have had another complaint of a black transporter vehicle driving without care around school by mounting the pavement. Please may we ask everyone to drive and park carefully in order to keep our children safe? Thank you for your co-operation. If we are given number plate details we do pass this information on to our PCSO's. Alternatively, you can contact the police directly if you are concerned.

Carol singing at the Luncheon Club

Mrs Bain, Mrs Hilditch, Miss V Hilditch and Miss R Hilditch and I accompanied a group of Year 5 and 6 children to the civic centre this week to entertain the luncheon club with some Christmas carols. A thoroughly enjoyable event and our children brought a little bit of joy to our community with their beautiful singing. Thank you children.

And Finally



From everyone here at Excalibur, we wish you, your friends and family a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 9th January 2017.**

Season's greetings!

Lise Houldsworth
Headteacher

Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary.

23-12-16 School closes

09-01-17 School opens
10-01-17 Winning house non uniform day
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
20-01-17 Yellow Brick Road workshops IN for Y2 & Y3 – details to follow
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