



20th January 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a good start back to the year and we are already busy with our learning across the school.



NSPCC

As I am sure your child may have told you, each key stage had an assembly led by the NSPCC on Monday. The children were given ideas to help them stay safe.

The NSPCC will be returning to Excalibur to deliver some workshops aimed specifically at Year 5 and Year 6. This work is an important part of our safeguarding policy and procedures and happens bi-annually.

Excalibur would like to support the great work that the NSPCC do with young people by running a fundraiser. To this end, your child will come home next week with a sponsorship form for Buddy's word play. This activity is essentially a spell-a-thon and the child's class teacher will explain to them what they need to do. Please could all sponsor forms and monies raised be returned to school by 1st February 2017 in order for the children to receive their buddy badge.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Staff Development

Mrs Hilditch, Mrs Tomkinson and I attended 2 days of coaching training this week. Excalibur hosted an RE subject leaders meeting on

Wednesday. On Monday, all teachers worked in year groups with colleagues from local schools to assess writing.

School funding

You have received a separate letter from us regarding the government's proposals for a national funding formula. Please do read this letter carefully and respond to the national consultation. The proposals will have significant detrimental impact on the services that both primary and secondary schools are able to offer their communities.



It's all about health and well-being

Alsager partnership are hosting an exhibition at the civic centre on the 4th February 11am-3pm entitled 'It's all about health and well-being.' There are opportunities for free medical checks and you can discover how you can help your family stay healthy and improve well-being.

Water Bottles

A polite reminder that children should come to school with water only in their water bottles.

And Finally

Unfortunately, so far we have had only one response of support regarding forming a new Friends of Excalibur group. Therefore, at the moment, we have no further events planned in the diary. Should you or a group of like-minded friends wish to talk more about the opportunity to get involved in supporting the school through a PTA, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lise Houldsworth
Headteacher

Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary.

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| 20-01-17 Bentley Be Extraordinary IN Y5 |
| 20-01-17 Yellow Brick Road workshops IN for Y2 & Y3 |
| 23-01-17 NSPCC workshops with Y5/Y6 |
| 01-02-17 NSPCC sponsor money deadline |
| 01-02-17 Road safety workshop Y6 |
| 09-02-17 Life Education IN Y3-6 E-safety |
| 15-02-17 Governors – Strategic leadership |
| 15-02-17 Reception trip to Runway visitors park – details to follow |
| 16-02-17 Y3 Class assembly 9.15am |
| 17-02-17 School closes |

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| 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 |