



25th April 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has completed the annual parent questionnaire. You have told us that you like the friendliness and nurturing aspects of our school, as well as the variety of learning experiences provided. You also told us that you appreciate the positive relationships, good communication and team work at Excalibur. The questionnaires were collated over the Easter holidays and will be discussed with governors at their next meeting. Please find attached a summary for your information.



Staffing

As reception parents/carers already know, Mrs Rogers returns from maternity leave part time on 22nd May. We are sure you will all make her feel very welcome on her return. We are delighted that Mrs Cheadle joins the team permanently to work alongside Mrs Rogers.

Miss Kirby has successfully completed her apprenticeship with us and has secured a permanent position at a school in Crewe. Her last day is Friday this week. We wish her all the best for her future career.

As usual, staffing and class organisation for September 2017 will be confirmed in June.

This year, we have decided to hold 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in this summer term, before September. We thought this may be more useful for everyone. Details will follow, but we expect to hold the meetings during the week beginning 10th July.

Kitchen

Due to continued problems with utilities to the kitchen, Mrs Preen and her team, alongside

school staff, are working hard to ensure the children are provided with a hot meal; keeping disruption to a minimum. At the moment meals are being despatched in as we are using another local school kitchen. We hope to be back up to full capacity as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued understanding.



FOE Bake Sale

The Easter bake sale was a great success and FOE raised a brilliant £195.85. The winning entries were Sophie and Emmie; Reuben and Emily and the adult prize went to Finlay's mum in reception. Thank you to everyone for your support and to the FOE committee for running the event.

Home to School Travel Surveys - 24 April - 31 May

Children and Families Services in collaboration with Cheshire East Highways department is in the process of producing a Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy, which will serve to promote suitable alternative travel to school and will ensure compliance with statutory duties under the Education Act 1996. To inform this process, they will be conducting surveys with schools to gather information about their school travel plans and with parents and students about their modes of travel and routes to school. We have been asked to promote survey participation with parents. The survey can be accessed here: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/consultations



Polling Day

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has called a snap general election on Thursday 8th June. We have received confirmation that our school will be required as a polling station. Fortunately, we held an INSET day over. Therefore, although the staff will be working, **school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 8th June 2017.**

And finally

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Lise Houldsworth
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary. New dates are added in **bold**.

28-04-17 Artist in school
01-05-17 May day – school closed
04-05-17 Phonics workshop for parents 6pm – details to follow
05-05-17 Artist in school
05-05-17 Viking invasion in Year 3
08-05-17 Y6 SATS week
12-05-17 Reception class to Stockley Farm –
12-05-17 FOE children's discos
17-05-17 Y4 Bikeability
18-05-17 Y5 Bikeability
19-05-17 Y4 class assembly 9.15am
19-05-17 FOE meeting 2pm school hall – all welcome
22-05-17 Sports week
24-05-17 Governors – Strategic Leadership 5pm
26-05-17 Sports day KS1 9.15am, KS2 1.30pm (parents/carers welcome)
26-05-17 School Closes

05-06-17 School opens
05-06-17 Y5 to AHS – drumming workshop – details to follow
06-06-17 Y4 to Tatton – details to follow
07-06-17 Team photos
08-06-17 School closed for Polling
12-06-17 Y1 Phonics screening week
13/14/15-06-17 FOE Father's Day gift wrap at lunchtimes – details to follow
20-06-17 Y6 Alton Towers – details to follow
22-06-17 Y1 class assembly 9.15am
28-06-17 Y6 at Alsager High School – taster day
28-06-17 Governors – teaching & learning 5pm
29-06-17 Alsager interschool sports
30-06-17 Reception class assembly
30-06-17 FOE Summer Fair 5-7pm
05-07-17 Full Governors 5pm
06-07-17 Reserve date for interschool sports
07-07-17 End of year reports OUT
W/B 10-7-17 Meet the Teacher – details to follow
11-07-17 Y5/6 production – afternoon
12-07-17 Y5/6 production – evening
19-07-17 Y6 leavers garden party/rounders 5pm
21-07-17 Y6 leavers assembly 9.15am
21-07-17 School closes