



26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Newsletter 17

Dear Parents/Carers,



We have had a terrific sports week with a whole range of different activities for your children to participate in. I am sure that they have come home telling you all about it. We would like to say a huge THANKYOU to all the clubs, parents, and friends and to Alsager school for giving up their time and supporting us.

Thank you also to Friends of Excalibur for supporting sports day by providing refreshments for sale and for giving the pupils a well-earned ice-pop at the end of an energetic week. I would also like to thank all the staff for their organisation and participation which helps to make the week so successful, particularly Mr Hancock and Miss Robinson who co-ordinated the timetable.

At Excalibur, we believe that there is an activity and a sport for everyone. We know that studies show a strong connection between physical activity and emotional well-being. We hope that during sports week some of our pupils and even parents/carers have been encouraged to try new things and maybe even join a club. Do let us know if this is the case. Maybe your child has wanted to try tennis, golf, archery, climbing etc. out of school.

We have a link on our website to lots of sports clubs your child may like to get involved in. See <http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/local-clubs/26404> for contact numbers and details.



### Friends of Excalibur Disco

We had a well-attended disco again and FOE raised a total of £446.20 for school funds. The committee continues to meet and plan for several events, so do keep an eye out for information about future events.

Thank you to everyone who helped out on the night to make the disco another great success. The children certainly enjoyed the dancing!



### Y4 sharing assembly

Y4 shared some of their learning with parents/carers recently. I don't think any of us will ever forget the Ancient Egyptian mummification process after the dramatized reconstruction Y4 put together for us! Well done Y4; you were confident in your presentation.

### Space to talk

For your information, please see the message below from Visyon (a charity committed to improving the emotional health of children, young people and their families).

*Following this week's tragic events in Manchester, there may be children and families who are finding it difficult to cope with the thoughts that have arisen as a result. Equally we are aware that parents may also feel unprepared to support their children to manage their feelings and concerns. This is even more likely to be the case for those who might have been at the concert or who have been directly and personally affected in some way.*

*Visyon are offering some 'Space to Talk' sessions during half term week for teachers, young people and their parents in Cheshire East. We can provide a listening ear and also to suggest ways to support young people who need to explore their thoughts.*

The sessions will run simultaneously at both Exton House in Congleton and Mill House in Crewe on the following dates. No appointment is necessary.

**Tuesday 30th May: 1pm-3pm**  
**Wednesday 31st May- 1pm-3pm**  
**Thursday 1st June-1pm-3pm**

On Tuesday 30th May, Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June, a dedicated phone line will also be available between 1pm and 3pm and 5pm and 7pm. Please call 01260 290000 during these times.

### House Point Winners

Congratulations to **Camelot** house who are this half terms house point winners. Pupils in Camelot have earned the privilege of a non-uniform day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Well done!

### And finally

There are some new dates added below, so do please take a look. As already stated, 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will be held next half term, before September. A separate letter will be sent, but for now please see below to 'save the date'.

We hope that you all enjoy the half term and we will see you back at school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**.

**Remember that the school is CLOSED to pupils on polling day Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

Best wishes,

Mrs Lise Houldsworth  
 Head Teacher

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

<b>05-06-17 School opens</b>
05-06-17 Y5 to AHS – drumming workshop
06-06-17 Y4 to Tatton
<b>06-06-17 Y5 &amp; Y6 growing up talks – school nurses</b>
<b>07-06-17 Non uniform for Camelot house</b>
07-06-17 Team photos
08-06-17 School closed for Polling
<b>09-06-17 1.30pm FOE summer fair meeting – all welcome</b>
12-06-17 Y1 Phonics screening week
13/14/15-06-17 FOE Father's Day gift wrap at lunchtimes – details to follow
<b>15-06-17 New starters parent/carers evening 6pm</b>
20-06-17 Y6 Alton Towers – details to follow
22-06-17 Y1 class assembly 9.15am
<b>27-06-17 Mr Tideswell guitar concert 2.30pm</b>
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 9.15am
30-06-17 FOE Summer Fair 5-7pm
<b>04-07-17 Y1 Blue Planet – details to follow</b>
05-07-17 Full Governors 5pm
06-07-17 Reserve date for interschool sports
07-07-17 End of year reports OUT
<b>10-07-17 Parent/carers 'Meet the Teacher' for next year</b>
<b>Y3 – 4pm, Y5 – 4.30pm, Y6 – 5pm</b>
11-07-17 Y5/6 production – afternoon
<b>11-07-17 Parent/carers 'Meet the Teacher' for next year</b>
<b>Y4 – 4pm, Y1 4.30pm, Y6 5pm</b>
12-07-17 Y5/6 production – evening
<b>12-07-17 Teddy bears picnic for new starters and families</b>
19-07-17 Y6 leavers garden party/rounders 5pm
21-07-17 Y6 leavers assembly 9.15am
<b>21-07-17 School closes</b>