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Dear Parents/Carers,



I hope that you have been enjoying the sunshine!

A reminder that extra-curricular clubs have now finished. Thank you.

Alsager Carnival

Thank you to everyone who supported us, not only on the day, but in making the superb art work for the float and for the wonderful costumes. We had a great time contributing and representing our school at the Alsager carnival. As always, the children were fabulous!

Y4 Victorians

Y4 went back in time at Tatton Park and became servants at the 'big house' for the day. They scrubbed the floors, worked in the kitchen and gained first-hand experience of life in Victorian times. This is what they thought:

My favourite part was when we scrubbed the floors because it was fun and made me feel like a real Victorian – Izzy

My favourite part at Tatton Park was looking at the big mansion because all of the rooms were really posh and pretty – Hattie

I enjoyed making the scones because we got to put in all the ingredients – Tyler

I enjoyed polishing the spoons and knives and teapot because it's really surprising how clean and shiny you can get them – Morgan

I enjoyed everything because it was fun and what I enjoyed the most was making the scones because

at the end of the day I ate one and they were the best scones ever. – Finlay



Father's Day Gift Wrap

Friends of Excalibur came into school to help the children wrap presents for Father's Day. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

Parent Governor

Following our recent request for parent governor nominations, I can confirm that we will be welcoming Mrs Wayman-Zwart will to the governing body this term.



Summer Fair – Non Uniform

The summer fair is fast approaching and preparations are underway by Friends of Excalibur. We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Tuesday 27th June**. The 'fine' is a contribution for the fair to be brought in on the non-uniform day please:

R,Y1,2 – sweetie jars

Y3,4 – chocolates

Y5,6 – bottles

Check the latest fair letter from Friends of Excalibur for more details about the fair.

Y1 successes

Y1 have had a busy few weeks; they have completed their phonics assessments and all did so, so well. We are very proud of them ☺. Also, Y1 held a fantastic assembly for all of us this week – well done Y1!



PCSO's visit

As part of our on-going KiVa bullying prevention work, PCSO's James and Lorraine came in to talk to the children last week. They spoke to them about bullying. They asked what the definition of bullying is, and named the 3 different types of bullying: Physical abuse, verbal abuse and silent bullying. They talked about the effects of bullying and how it can make you feel for example, running away, feeling sick with worry, loss of self-

confidence. A list of people that you can trust was discussed, teachers, friends, parents, who you can go to with any worries about bullying.

Y6 Alton Towers

Y6 visited Alton Towers this week as a leavers treat. They had a superb sunny day and a thoroughly good time. Staff reported that the children were great company and showed exemplary behaviour and manners throughout the day. Thanks to all staff for organising the trip.



Staff Development

Mrs Tomkinson and I attended an OFSTED course recently. All teachers have networked with other Alsager teachers to develop the strategies around mastery in mathematics. Mrs Ling and Mrs Tomkinson have been working on behalf of the local authority visiting other Cheshire schools moderating end of key stage teacher assessments.



Quad kids

On Tuesday 13th June, a squad of ten athletes from Excalibur competed in the Sandbach Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics competition. During the event, all of the participants took part in four events, the results of which were aggregated together to produce the team score. The events were: 600 metre run, 75 metre sprint, howler throw and standing long jump. The standard of competition was really high, with a level of competition that challenged us brilliantly. Well done to Alex, Evie, Nell, Lilly, Jack, Isobel, Nicolas and Sophie.

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**.

27-06-17 Mr Tideswell guitar concert 2.30pm
27-06-17 Non uniform for the summer fair
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
04-06-17 Y1 Blue Planet – details to follow
05-07-17 Full Governors 5pm
06-07-17 Reserve date for interschool sports
07-07-17 End of year reports OUT
10-07-17 Parent/carer 'Meet the Teacher' for next year
Y3 – 4pm, Y5 – 4.30pm, Y6 – 5pm
11-07-17 Y5/6 production – afternoon
11-07-17 Parent/carer 'Meet the Teacher' for next year
Y4 – 4pm, Y1 4.30pm, Y2 5pm
12-07-17 Y5/6 production – evening
12-07-17 Teddy bears picnic for new starters and families
19-07-17 Y6 visit to Christchurch – details to follow
19-07-17 Y6 leavers garden party/rounders 5pm
21-07-17 Y6 leavers assembly 9.15am
21-07-17 School closes

05-09-17 School opens
20,21,22-09-17 Y6 residential to Laches Wood
05-10-17 Book Fair delivered
06-10-17 Infants harvest assembly 9.15am
09,10,11-10-17 Life Education Van
12-10-17 Parent/carer teacher meetings 4-7pm
17-10-17 Parent/carer teacher meetings 3.30-5.30pm
20-10-17 School closes

31-10-17 School opens
07-11-17 Academy photos - individuals
08-11-17 Governors meeting 5pm
29-11-17 Governors meeting 5pm
06-12-17 Full Governors meeting 5pm
22-12-17 School closes