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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we race towards the end of term, it is a very busy time for all of us.



Summer reading challenge

Our local librarians led an assembly recently to tell the children all about the summer reading challenge; you should have received a flyer home. The summer reading challenge started from 1st July. This year's theme is animals. The children's author Tom Palmer who has written many books, mostly linked to football, will be visiting the library on Friday 28th July between 2.30 – 3.30pm. It promises to be a fun afternoon with a penalty shoot-out and football quiz.

Attendance

Mrs. King will soon be preparing the end of term 100% attendance certificates and these will be awarded before school finishes for the summer.

In addition, we will be awarding certificates to pupils who have achieved **98% or better** attendance for the **whole year**.

If you receive one of these, this is an outstanding achievement and means your child has had less than 4 days absence all year. Studies show that pupils with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can, leading to the best possible start to their education.



Summer Fair

Friends of Excalibur did us proud last Friday by running a fantastic summer fair. There were some new ideas and some old favourites. Everyone agreed what a superb team effort it was.

May I thank all staff and volunteers for giving up their time to plan, prepare, man stalls, clear away and generally pitching in for the benefit of all our school community— your support really means a lot.

F.O.E raised an amazing total of £1,500 . The pupil school council and the teachers are currently putting together a list of ideas for how the monies raised will be spent to enrich the provision at the school.

Data, data, data..

As a school we have very high expectations of our children, both academically and personally. Our children make us smile every day and we enjoy helping them to develop into well –rounded young people. As a school, we have always focused on the development of the whole child - education is much wider than test results.

However, I must take this opportunity to celebrate with you the outstanding achievement of our children again this year in all statutory assessments. They have done so well. More details will be available to view on our website shortly.



Y1 visit to Blue Planet

As part of their 'Under the Sea' topic, Y1 took a visit on Tuesday to the Blue Planet Aquarium. It was busy with lots of visitors, but the children had a fantastic day and, as always, staff and helpers commented on the exemplary behaviour of the children. Well done Y1!

Safeguarding reminder

If you have spoken to the office at the gate and have been 'buzzed in', please do not let anybody follow behind you through the gate; this is for obvious safeguarding reasons. Thank you in anticipation.

And finally

Thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you at 'Meet the Teacher' next week.

Mrs Lise Houldsworth
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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

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 Christ Church talk
19-07-17 Y6 leavers garden party/rounders 5pm
19-07-17 Reception class pirate party
19-07-17 Y1 visit to St.Mary's – Details to follow
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
14-10-17 Alsager One World Festival – Y4 (details to follow)
17-10-17 Parent/carer teacher meetings 3.30-6.00pm
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