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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the academic year. I would like to take the opportunity to once more thank you for your support and collaborative working. Our children benefit when there are strong relationships between home and school and we all work together. The staff would also like to thank parents/carers for their kind words and support throughout the year; it is very much appreciated and goes a long way – so thank you.



Pirate Performance!

The Y5/6 production this year was a great hit! The children were fantastic and we received some super reviews. Here are a couple of snippets:

'Last week it was anchors away for the swashbuckling adventure "Pirates of the Curry Bean" performed with confidence and good humour by year 6 pupils. If you were lucky enough to have watched one of the performances then you witnessed the power of team work – ably lead by Mrs T and her teaching colleagues.'

Pirates of the Curry Bean was this year's great choice. It allowed all children involved to grow a little, to shine a lot and to dazzle with such piratical style.'

Excalibur Governor

'We joined you on Tuesday afternoon for the production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. What a brilliant performance and a credit to the school, the pupils, the staff and all those who helped. We have seen many school performances over the last forty years and can only say that Excalibur's performance was truly outstanding. As grandparents we cherish the opportunity to join Excalibur, as everything that you do is so well presented, and we look forward to continuing to do so for a few years yet.'

Excalibur Grandparents



Town Sports

Excalibur took a full team to the Alsager town sports event again this year and the children participated brilliantly. Thank you for all your support and encouragement – our school is always so well represented by our children, staff and parents/carers. At Excalibur, one of the things we emphasise is that the sporting activities we take part in are about getting as many children as possible to participate, to have fun and lead active, healthy lives. There is -quite rightly- an element of friendly competition in some of the events, but Alsager schools do not want to encourage a win at all costs. A positive attitude towards activities matters greatly to us all. As Mr Purcell (Alsager Community Trust manager) recently outlined at the sports celebration awards event at Alsager High school, all Alsager schools will be asking parents/carers to support the schools with this approach.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Our new starters and their parents/carers joined us last week for a Teddy bears' picnic at lunchtime – a lovely way to start to get to know each other. The weather held out for us too! We look forward to welcoming our new cohort to Excalibur in September and we are very excited to get to know everyone better.

Y1 visit to St.Mary's

Y1 took a visit to St.Mary's this week. They asked lots of questions and learnt about Christian symbols. They found out about baptism and searched for symbols around the church. Miss Robinson was very proud how sensible the children were.

Punch and Judy show

Y2 enjoyed a traditional seaside show this week to finish their seaside stories topic. Being so kind; they invited Y1 to join them too. Thanks to Mrs. Weatherby for organising this.

Diary Dates

Reception Pirate Party

Pirates have certainly been a theme in school this half term. No curry beans at Reception class's pirate party this week – but plenty of “arrghs”, “shiver me timbers” and even a few “walk the planks.” What great fun for everyone and a memorable way to complete their learning in Early Years.

House Point Winners

Congratulations to **Merlin** house who are this half terms house point winners. Pupils in Merlin have earned the privilege of a non-uniform day on Wednesday 6th September. Well done!

Y6 leavers

We say farewell to our Y6 today. They have excelled academically and over the last few weeks through a series of projects, shown us that they are confident young people ready for the next stage in their journey. We wish them all the best and will certainly be wanting to hear all about their future successes.

And finally

We wish you a wonderful summer break and we hope that you will enjoy some special family time together.

We look forward to seeing everyone back and raring to go on **Tuesday 5th September**.

Mrs Lise Houldsworth
Head Teacher

A list of dates currently in the school diary.

New dates are added in **bold**.

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 3.30-6pm
20-10-17 School closes

31-10-17 School opens
07-11-17 Academy photos - individuals
08-11-17 Governors meeting – Resources & Personnel 5pm
29-11-17 Governors meeting – Standards & Curriculum 5pm
04-12-17 FLUENZ – details to follow from school nurse team
06-12-17 Full Governors meeting 5pm
22-12-17 School closes

09-01-18 School opens
07-02-18 Governors meeting – Resources & Personnel 5pm
16-02-18 School closes