



25<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks are flying by and everyone is working hard in school. Be sure to cast your eyes over the diary dates at the end of this letter; as committees have met and bookings have now been able to be made.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their slip to book a seat for our reading evening. This really is an enjoyable, worthwhile event and I urge you to attend if you can. It will help with understanding how to engage your child with reading and further your knowledge of how children progress with their reading, whatever your child's age and stage. We usually have some fun too!



The Friends of Excalibur committee have held their first meeting and have lots of great events planned for our families and pupils. They have already welcomed our Reception parents/carers with a 'cuppa' and the children with a Gingerbread man.

Remember – any support you can offer in any way helps all our children and everyone is most welcome to get involved. The next meeting is to be held in the school hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.

### **Reception class admissions 2018 – a reminder from Cheshire East**

From 1 September 2017 you can apply online to start school in reception in September 2018. If you are not resident in Cheshire East, but live in another English Local Authority, you must apply via your home local authority even if your preference is for a Cheshire East school. The

closing date for applications for Reception class 2018 is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018** – any applications received after this date will be treated as late applications. If you have a child (or know anyone who has a child) born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, the child will be due to start primary school in September 2018.

### **School Council 2017-18**

Following the presentation of manifestos and a democratic vote, our school council have been duly elected. Congratulations to you all! The council will soon start work on a child-friendly bullying prevention guide and also be working with FOE on a project to further enhance playtime equipment. Our new pupil school council are:

Year 1- Ava and Joshua

Year 2- Jenson and Lily

Year 3- Taylor and Seth

Year 4- Archie B. and Emily

Year 5- Sophie and Sam C.

Year 6- Jamie and Molly



### **Cross- country**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September a team of year 3, 4 and 5 pupils took part in a cross country event at Alsager School. The event was attended by five of the Alsager Primary schools. All the pupils involved showed real grit and determination. The year 3 and 4 pupils ran in the same race around the playing fields perimeter which is quite a distance. Archie W was the first Excalibur pupil to cross the line and came in third overall. He was followed by Euan B and Matilda B. The Year 5 pupils ran in separate races. Being older they had to complete two laps of the playing fields. Sophie T was the first Excalibur girl to cross the line and she also came in third overall followed by Elinor R and Holly B. For the Year 5 boys it was Evan B who crossed the line first for Excalibur followed by Nicholas M and Will S. The overall results placed Excalibur as third for Year 3/4, fourth for Year 5/6 girls and fourth for Year 5/6 boys. The children showed great sporting conduct and were a credit to the school. Thanks to all those who took part and the parents for their support.



### **Gold in 2017...again!**

We are thrilled to have been awarded the Gold School Sports Award for the fourth consecutive year. This accreditation recognises our commitment to sport within and beyond the curriculum. Thank you to everyone for their hard work. We have our sights set on platinum!



### **Laches Wood residential visit**

Year 6 enjoyed 3 days at Laches Wood outdoor education centre last week. The children excelled – many of them faced their worries and overcame fears – congratulations Year 6.

The children took part in a range of activities including: climbing, canoeing, bushcraft, high ropes, orienteering and camp fires to name a few.

Many thanks to Miss Taylor, Mr Hancock and Mrs Tomkinson for giving up their time away from their families to accompany the children.

### **And finally**

Details of the upcoming parent/teacher consultations have gone home today on a separate letter. Please book your appointment on parentmail. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to arrange to speak to a member of the team.

Mrs Lise Houldsworth  
Head Teacher

## **Diary Dates**

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

<b>29-09-17 Y1 visit to Reaseheath</b>
<b>02-10-17 Amaven PE assessment day</b>
<b>04-10-17 One World dancer IN – Y4</b>
<b>04-10-17 Y5 evacuee day at Woodcock's Well</b>
05-10-17 Book Fair delivered
06-10-17 Infants harvest assembly 9.15am
<b>06-10-17 FOE meeting 2pm – hall – all welcome</b>
09,10,11-10-17 Life Education Van
<b>10-10-17 Reading Evening 6pm</b>
<b>10-10-17 FOE Bags to school IN</b>
<b>11-10-17 One World dancer IN – Y4</b>
<b>12-10-17 Parent/carers lunch for reception class</b>
12-10-17 Parent/carers teacher meetings 4-7pm
14-10-17 Alsager One World Festival – Y4 (details to follow)
17-10-17 Parent/carers teacher meetings 3.30-6pm
18-10-17 Reception Welly Walk (details to follow)
19-10-17 Y3 visit to Chester (details to follow)
<b>20-10-17 FOE Bake sale afterschool</b>
20-10-17 School closes

31-10-17 School opens
<b>03-11-17 FOE children's discos (details to follow)</b>
07-11-17 Academy photos - individuals
08-11-17 Governors meeting – Resources & Personnel 5pm
29-11-17 Governors meeting – Standards & Curriculum 5pm
<b>30-11-17 FOE non uniform day – details to follow</b>
<b>01-12-17 FOE Christmas Fair – details to follow</b>
05-12-17 FLUENZ (Reception – Y4)
06-12-17 Full Governors meeting 5pm
<b>07-12-17 Infants Christmas celebration at St.Mary's 2.15pm – details to follow</b>
<b>12-12-17 KS2 Christmas performance – hall - 2pm – details to follow</b>
22-12-17 School closes

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