



Delivering an outstanding learning experience for all children so they flourish and thrive; enabling them to achieve their own individual excellence.

29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an absolute delight to welcome our children back to Excalibur for the new term. We hope that all of our children and families have had a wonderful summer and we are excited about the year ahead.

Meet the Teacher

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher. As always, if you would like to speak to someone at school, please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing office@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk or speak to them before or after school.

Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament – Week 1 & 2

On Thursday 21st September, our Year 5 & 6 football team competed in the first match of the three-week football tournament at Alsager School. For their first match, they played against Pikemere. Excalibur got in early with a deft display of quick-feet passing and made it 1-0. Despite a hard-fought game, the opposition couldn't equalise and we won our first game.

This week, on Thursday 28th September, our team played again, this time against Alsager Highfields and St. Gabriel's. Our first game saw us face off against Highfields, where we won 3-0. The game against St. Gabriel's was tougher and neither side could break the deadlock, with the game remaining at 0-0.

Next week, we play our final game against Cranberry. The league trophy is within our reach!

Well done to the whole team for such a superb display of sporting grit, determination and respect.

One World Festival

The school choir will be taking part in Alsager's One World Festival in November. Organisers of the festival would like to know if any pupils' families would like to share their original culture or information about the countries that they or their parents were born. If this is something that you would like to be involved in, please get in touch with Katy Lawless in [07803](tel:07803)

[611048](tel:611048), with a view to having a stall at the One World festival.

Alsager School Open Morning

Alsager School is holding its annual open morning on Saturday 30th September 2023 between 9:30am and 12:30pm. This is a great opportunity to have a look around Alsager's high school and is particularly useful for Year 5 and 6 children.

Excalibur Library

You may have noticed that we have made some developments to our library area over the summer. This has resulted in a larger library area and an increase in the number of books we can have available for our children. As always, if you have any books at home which your children no longer want, please consider donating them to us. These can be dropped off with your child's class teacher at any time.

Welly Stores

Despite the current nice weather, it is likely that our field will begin to get wet and muddy again very soon. Therefore, please ensure that your child has a pair of outdoor shoes in school. These need to be stored in the welly stores on the playground. The children will be able to change into these at lunchtimes.

Coats

As the weather will continue to be unpredictable, please ensure that your children have coats in school. We make every effort to get outside at break and lunchtime.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

As you will be aware, we are always keen to develop our outdoor provision as part of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). If you have anything at home which you think we would be able to make use of in school, please get in touch by emailing office@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk. This could include any of the following but could include so much more too:

- Fancy dress clothes
- Tyres
- Small-world toys, such as figures, cars, etc.
- Dolls
- Lego or other building block toys

Parking

It has been brought to our attention that the Green is becoming increasingly congested at the end of the day, leading to poor visibility for both other vehicles and pedestrians. In addition to this, the ground is becoming churned. We would politely request that consideration is given to this when dropping off or collecting children from school.

Operation Encompass

In partnership with Cheshire Police, Excalibur Primary School is involved in a project called Operation Encompass. The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in, heard or witnessed a domestic abuse incident. Following such an incident, children will often arrive at school distressed, upset, worried and unprepared. Operation Encompass aims to ensure that relevant information is passed to nominated school staff, key adults, to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe and included. Key adults are trained to liaise with the police and ensure support is available to the child.

This is a valuable initiative that means we can continue to support and help children and families within our school community when they need it the most.

You can find out more by visiting www.operationencompass.org

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns or need safeguarding advice, please contact the school or, alternatively, our website has links to useful phone numbers:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/supportservices/6049>

Safeguarding Policy

Our safeguarding policy has been reviewed and updated. Please click on the following link for access http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/20291680

Online Safety Links

There are a variety of links on our school website to support parents/carers with information on different websites, such as Fortnite and Instagram. Click on the following link:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/parents-online-safety-area/6071>.

Our Safeguarding Ambassadors

Mrs Jones - Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Mrs Rogers – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Miss McArdle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Mrs Hilditch – Safeguarding Ambassador
 Tilly – Safeguarding Ambassador
 Evie – Safeguarding Ambassador
 Emma - Safeguarding Ambassador
 Harry – Safeguarding Ambassador
 Joey - Safeguarding Ambassador
 Oscar - Safeguarding Ambassador

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher

Mr Hancock
Assistant Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
29.09.23	Year 4 Potteries Museum Visit
10.10.23	World Mental Health Day
12.10.23	Year 2 Nantwich Museum Visit
12.10.23	Parents' Evening
13.10.23	Year 5 Potteries Museum Visit
16.10.23	Parents' Evening
18.10.23 –20.10.23	Year 6 Robinwood Residential
06.11.23	Academy Photography for individuals and children
13.11.23 – 17.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week
16.11.23	Y2 Class Assembly
17.11.23	Children In Need
07.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day

As always, should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us.
 Yours sincerely,