



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

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. As we start the second part of the autumn term, with Christmas not too far away, there are lots of exciting learning opportunities and festive events to look forward to.

### **Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament – Week 3**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023, our squad of Year 5 & 6 children competed in the final week of the annual Alsager Community Trust football tournament. Despite playing admirably, they narrowly lost the game, coming a highly respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to the whole team for displaying such tremendous sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

### **Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football**

The Alsager Community Trust Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament was held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at Alsager School. Our fantastic squad played four games against other schools.

Some well organised and robust defending (lead by Evie and Ella) enabled Excalibur to keep a clean sheet in their first three games against St Gabriels, Pikemere and Cranberry. Unfortunately, they were unable to make the most of any attacking possession and all three of the matches ended in goalless draws.

However, this did mean that the girls still had everything to play for in their final match against Highfields. This last game again proved to be a tight affair with chances aplenty in front of goal for both teams. In the end, Excalibur were edged out marginally, losing by a single goal (the only one that they conceded all tournament!). This was a valiant effort against the eventual tournament winners.

A solid all-round performance for the squad saw them finish in joint third place overall with three draws and one loss. Well done girls. It was a fantastic performance and effort from you all. Look to build and develop on this going forward and use this experience to help

motivate you in the future. Well done to Harper, Symphony, Imogen, Evie, Ella, Pippa, Hannah and Lauren.

### **Remembrance**

Over the next week, we will be selling poppies and related items to raise money for the Royal British Legion's annual Remembrance fundraiser. Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community. Children are welcome to bring in some money in order to make purchases to support the appeal.

### **One World Festival**

Tomorrow (Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November) is Alsager's annual One World Festival which will be held at Alsager Civic. Our choir will be in attendance with a superb performance as always so please get down if you can and support the event. Please see attached for the flyer.

### **Excalibur Library**

Our Excalibur Library continues to grow, with new releases being added on a monthly basis. If you do have any books at home which you wish to donate to school, please pass them to your child's class teacher or bring them into the school office.

### **Welly Store Reminder**

With the weather getting colder and rainier, it is essential that all children have outdoor shoes in school on a daily basis. This enables them to make the most of our field and other muddier areas. 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 or at other times during the school day.

### **Coats**

As the weather will continue to be unpredictable, please ensure that your children have coats in school on a daily basis.

### **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](mailto: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

## 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](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

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

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Jones**  
Head Teacher

**Mr Hancock**  
Assistant Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
04.11.23	Alsager One World Festival
06.11.23	Academy Photography for individuals and children
13.11.23 – 17.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week
16.11.23	Year 2 Class Assembly
W/c 27.11.23	DT Week
07.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day

11.12.23	KS2 Christmas Rehearsal at St. Mary's Church
12.12.23	KS1 Christmas Performance at 2:00pm
14.12.23	EYFS & Nursery Christmas Performance at 10.00am
14.12.23	KS2 Christmas Performance at St. Mary's Church at 2:00pm
15.12.23	Fluenz Nasal Spray
18.12.23	St. Luke's Hospice Elf Run
19.12.23	Year 1 Lowry Theatre Trip
20.12.23	Christmas Dinner
20.12.23	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
21.12.23	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
22.12.23	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party