



13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Newsletter 8

Dear Parents/Carers,



It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas...

I would like to say a big well done to all the children and staff for their hard work and effort in preparing their Christmas performances. It takes teamwork, courage and commitment to stand up, sing, act and speak in front of an audience and they all did their best – we are very proud of all of them. Thanks to everyone who supported with providing costumes and to F.O.E for serving teas, coffees and mince pies. Thank you also to parents/carers and friends of the school who have passed on their kind comments to staff and the children. It is lovely to know that our efforts are appreciated.



### Sports Round-up

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December we took three teams of basketball players to take part in a basketball festival at Congleton High School. Over the course of two hours, the teams competed against schools from across the Sandbach Partnership area. Winning some and losing others, everybody did absolutely brilliantly, honing and improving their basketball skills throughout the evening.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, a squad of Year 5/6 children competed in the Sandbach Sports Partnership Basketball Tournament. After winning the Alsager competition several weeks ago, the team were confident that they stood a good chance of being contenders for the title.

Our first match, against Peover Superior, started strongly, with several baskets scored in quick succession and victory quickly guaranteed. We then won our second match against Scholar Green. Our third match against Quinta proved to be a battle for victory, with both teams struggling to score for most of the game. At 1-1 and with the end of the match nearing, Excalibur kept fighting to clinch a last-minute basket and win our third consecutive match.

By chance, our final match against Blackfirs proved to be the final - whoever won would claim the trophy. The first half went by without a basket, both teams defending valiantly to deny the opposition two points. Then, as the second half drew to a close Blackfirs pulled ahead by a couple of baskets and the match ended. Despite the obvious disappointment of narrowly missing the top spot, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was a huge success!

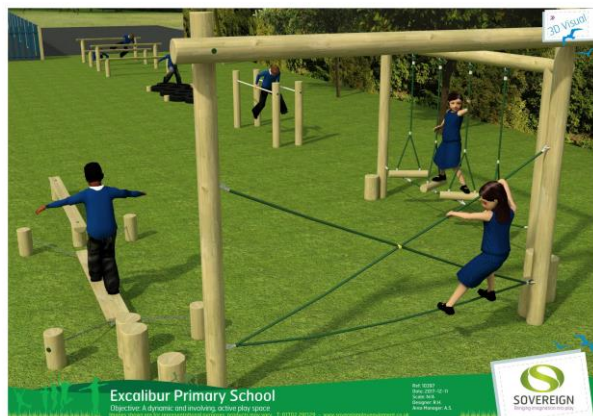
On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, a group of KS2 children attended a multi-skills event at Alsager School. During the session, they participated in a range of different activities, including wheelchair basketball, indoor golf, short tennis, goalball, boccia, speedstacks and an obstacle course. The activities were led by Alsager School's sports leaders. Everyone that attended thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to take part in such a variety of different sports and physical activities and represented Excalibur wonderfully.



### FOE news

The Christmas Fair so far raised £1,186.66. This figure excludes raffle ticket monies which are still coming in.

Friends have now raised enough funds for us to order the trim trail for the children, which we plan to site on the top end of the field. This will provide another opportunity for our pupils to keep active and will be a great addition to our facilities. The children have had a say in the design and the plans look a little like this...



A huge thank you to everyone for your support!

### **PE Fleece**

The new PE fleeces have proved to be very popular and we are currently waiting for more stock. Just a reminder that they are only to be worn for PE or outdoor play and not as a replacement for jumpers and cardigans in school.

### **Bits and Bobs**

A reminder please to check newsletters and our website for information – we do put lots on there to help everyone remember.

I look forward to seeing everyone in their Christmas jumpers on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> when we will be supporting Save the Children 'making the world better by wearing a sweater'. Suggested donation is £1.

Juniors - you should have had an email regarding Christmas parties and the dates are on this and the last newsletter. Junior children just need to bring a bag of party clothes which they will change into at lunchtime.

I am glad to report that Mrs Preen is back in the school kitchen after being poorly and we have our Christmas lunch to look forward to next Wednesday.

### **And Finally**

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Excalibur.

We will see you all back raring to go on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Lise Houldsworth  
Head Teacher

## **Diary Dates**

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

15-12-17 Christmas jumper day
19-12-17 Infants party
20-12-17 Y5/6 party
20-12-17 School Christmas lunch
21-12-17 Y3/4 party
22-12-17 School closes

<b>09-01-18 School opens</b>
12-01-18 Y2/3 Yellow Brick workshops
16-01-18 5pm Phonics Evening for parent/carers – details to follow
19-01-18 Be extraordinary challenge – Bentley IN Y5
19-01-18 F.O.E meeting 9.10am school hall – all welcome
<b>22-01-18 Y6 trip to National Media Museum</b>
07-02-18 Governors meeting – Resources & Personnel 5pm
<b>07-02-18 Y6 – 2 teams at enterprise event at AHS – details to follow</b>
09-02-18 FOE film night – details to follow
<b>16-02-18 School closes</b>

<b>26-02-18 School opens</b>
01-03-18 Class photos – Academy IN
6/7/8-03-18 FOE Mother's Day gift wrap – details to follow
<b>08-03-18 Fire Service IN to Y5</b>
14-03-18 Governors – Standards & Curriculum 5pm
16-03-18 Mid-Year report card home
22/23-03-18 Y4 Standon Bowers – details to follow
22-03-18 Parent/teacher consultations 4-7pm
27-03-18 Parent/teacher consultations 3.30-6pm
28-03-18 Full governors 5pm
<b>29-03-18 School Closes</b>