



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

19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Spring Term 2024.

We hope you all had a happy Christmas break. It's great to see the children back at school. They seem to have settled back in quickly with a great attitude to their learning.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Mrs. Bickerton to Year 3 and Mr. Silva to Year 4. Please join us in making them feel welcome and part of the Excalibur family.

Year 6 SSP Basketball Finals

On Wednesday 10th January, a team of five Year 6s competed in the area finals in basketball. Following victory in the Alsager competition back in 2023, the team earned a place in the next round. During the tournament, they played against three other schools. They won one game and narrowly lost the other two. However, due to a fantastic second game where they scored nearly 10 baskets, they came runner up. Well done to Ella, Joel, Cooper, Oscar and Jacob.

Year 2 Multi-Skills Session

On Thursday 11th January, a group of Year 2 children visited Alsager School to take part in a multi-skills session ran by the schools' sports ambassadors. During the event, they took part in a variety of sports, including dodgeball, netball and athletics. Well done to everyone who took part and to our sports ambassadors, Ella, Joel and Emma, who led one of the activities.

Art Workshops

Years 4 and 5 have enjoyed art workshops over the past few weeks with Sue from 'Junk Art' and Felicity Hawkins from Fledgling Education. They have been creating some artwork based around our Core Values. We can't wait to see them displayed in the school hall!

Christmas Fair and FOE Disco

On Friday 8th December, Friends of Excalibur organised our Christmas Fair. The total raised so far is £1300. Many thanks to all those who supported this!

Exciting News

We are very excited to announce that Miss Hilditch gave birth to a beautiful baby girl this week. We wish her and her partner all the best and can't wait to meet the new addition and welcome her to the Excalibur family.

Reminder

Please can all families have a look at home for Star of the Week badges. We are running very low on stock. These badges are for our weekly stars to wear with pride for a week and then return to school to be worn by others.

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 Griffin - 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

Mrs Griffin
Deputy Headteacher

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
|---------------------------|---|
| 19.01.24 | Year 6 SATs meeting 3.20pm |
| 05.02.24 – 09.02.24 | Children's Mental Health Week |
| 19.02.24 - 23.02.24 | Spring Half Term |
| 07.03.24 | World Book Day |
| 11.03.24 – 15.03.24 | British Science Week |
| 13.03.24 | Parents Evening |
| 14.03.24 – 15.03.24 | Year 4 Residential – Standon Bowers |
| 18.03.24 | Year 1 Barnaby Bear Concert Congleton Town Hall - more details to follow |
| 19.03.24 | Parents Evening |
| 21.03.24 | Odd Socks Day – to raise awareness of Down Syndrome |
| 26.03.24 – 27.03.24 | Year 2 Residential - Delamere |
| 27.03.24 | Key Stage 2 Easter Assembly at 9.00am Reception Ball in the School Hall |
| 29.03.24 – 15.04.24 | Easter Break |
| 23.04.24 | Academy Photography – Class |
| 25.04.24 | Year 1 Class Assembly at 9:00am |
| 02.05.24 | Polling Day |
| 13.05.24 – 16.05.24 | KS2 SATs Week |
| 20.05.24 – 23.05.24 | Sports Week |
| 24.05.24 | Sports Day (Timings TBC) |
| 25.05.24 – 03.06.24 | May half term break |