



29th March 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

When we return from the Easter holidays, Excalibur Primary School will be an academy and part of Chancery Multi Academy Trust. This is an exciting time and there will be increased opportunities and support for our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their support during the very run up to conversion; particularly Mrs Hilditch and Mrs Tomkinson who have worked tirelessly to support me during this busy time.



Your school needs you!

Thank you to everyone who has completed their paper copy of the parent survey. After we have analysed the responses, we will send out a collated version for everyone.

In the meantime, may we ask as many of you as possible to complete the online version of the survey on the OFSTED Parentview website? It is really easy to do and it is important for us all that the school has fair and accurate representation on this public site. Parentview can be completed on a smartphone, tablet or desk-top – you just need to give an email address and the questions are the same as the one from us. Many thanks in anticipation of your support with this.

Y2 Activity Day

On Thursday 22nd March 2018, a group of eight Year 2 children visited Alsager School to take part in a host of exciting activities in the sports hall. All of the activities were organised and run by sports ambassadors from the primary schools. During the event, they took part in two activities involving hockey, throwing and catching games, football dribbling and relay races. Our sports

ambassadors did a wonderful job of running activities for all the children across Alsager's primary schools. They devised and implemented the activities themselves. Thank you to the organisers of the event from Alsager School.

Y1 class assembly

Year 1 shared their learning in an assembly for parents/carers and the rest of the pupils. They were superb; confident and enthusiastic. Well done Y1 – you are great!



Y4 Standon Bowers Residential Visit

Year 4 spent two days at Standon Bowers last week accompanied by Miss Taylor, Mrs Bundy, Mrs Tomkinson and Mr Rogers. They tried lots of exciting activities including caving, climbing, low ropes and campfires. On their return they were full of tales about 'facing their fears.' What a great opportunity for them. Thank you to the staff who agreed to accompany the children.

Y2 trip to Staircase House

As part of their topic on the Great Fire of London, Year 2 visited Staircase House on Wednesday this week. They had a great day of learning and as always interacted with the activities brilliantly! Well done Year 2.



FOE Easter Hunt

FOE have been busy again! They held an Easter trail last Saturday and lots of people came along to join in. As well as raising monies for Excalibur children, this was a lovely community event and the local dog walkers commented how great it was to see families using the local environment in this positive way.

Y5 visit to Wesley Place

Y5 walked down to Wesley Place and spent Tuesday morning engaged in a range of Easter craft activities. Many thanks to the helpers who accompanied them and to Wesley Place for inviting us again.

Mrs Bain

As you know, Mrs Bain leaves Excalibur today. Mrs Bain joined the school in 2002 as our Year 6 teacher and during the years has had a few different roles. Her contribution to our school community has been significant over the years and I would like to thank her, on behalf of all the children, staff and governors, for her hard work and support. We will miss her! We wish you all the best in the next stage of your adventures, Mrs Bain!



Choral competition

As you know, Excalibur progressed to the finals of the Cheshire East Love Music Trust choral competition. They were amazing and guess what? We were crowned the overall winners! We were given a prize of £500 which will be spent on further musical provision in the school. This is a fantastic achievement and congratulations to everyone who was involved. Thank you for doing our school proud!



Reception have a ball!

Reception took part in a celebration 'Once upon a time' ball. This was to help bring the Fairytales topic to life as an enrichment activity. The children spent the first part of the week preparing for the ball. They recorded royal invitations, created magical wands to grant wishes, they also visited the royal kitchen to bake jam tarts for the royal feast. The children even learnt the Venetian waltz. Everyone looked amazing in their costumes. Great fun was had by all!

House point winners

Arthur have won the house point trophy this half term. Arthur house may come in non-uniform on Friday 20th April as a reward.

And Finally

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 16th April.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lise Houldsworth **Mrs Juliet Tomkinson**
Head Teacher **Deputy Head Teacher**

Diary Dates

29-03-18 School Closes

16-04-18 School Opens

19-04-18 Class photos (rearranged from 1st March)

20-04-18 Non uniform for winning house - Arthur

25-04-18 Y3 Viking Workshop

30-04-18 6.30pm FOE meeting @ Excalibur – all welcome

02-05-18 Y2-Y6 Dementia Friendly team to classes – details to follow

07-05-18 Bank holiday

14-05-18 Y6 SATS week

18-05-18 FOE school disco – details to follow

21-05-18 Sports Week

23-05-18 Governors – Resources & Personnel 5pm

25-05-18 School Closes

06-06-18 SCHOOL OPENS

06/07-06-18 Y4 & Y5 Bikeability – details to follow

11-06-18 Y1 Phonics screening week

12/13/14-06-18 FOE Father's Day gift wrap – details to follow

13-06-18 Y5 Activity Day @ AHS – details to follow

29-06-18 FOE Summer Fair 5-7pm – details to follow

04-07-18 Governors – Standards & Curriculum 5pm

11-07-18 Full Governors 5pm

24-07-18 SCHOOL CLOSES