



24th May 2018

## Newsletter 16

Dear Parents/Carers,



What a fantastic week we have had so far with all the sports on offer! We have had climbing, golf, scoot-fit, archery, football, tennis, rounders and athletics - to name just a few of the activities. The assembly held by GB Olympian Gymnast Kristian Thomas was truly inspirational and the knowledge and experience he shared with our children matched perfectly the ethos of Excalibur.

We have had such fantastic support from various sports clubs and volunteers and we would like to thank all of them for their expertise and time this week. We would also like to thank all of the staff for their contributions to sports week; for going over and above what is required of them and for joining in with activities. A particular mention and thank you to Mr. Hancock for his co-ordination of the activities. Let's hope the weather continues to be kind to us for tomorrow's sports day.

### FOE

FOE's held a super disco last week which proved as popular as ever with the children. You should have received their latest newsletter where you can keep abreast of upcoming FOE events. Thank you to everyone involved for your time, effort and support. It really is appreciated.



### Stockley Farm visit for Reception

Mrs Rogers and Mrs Cheadle reported that it was a pleasure to take the reception children to visit Stockley farm last Wednesday. The children loved going on a tractor trailer ride, feeding the pigs and

kids, brushing the pony and meeting the small pets. They also enjoyed visiting the reptile house (which is new to the farm). The children were not sure that they enjoyed the smell of the farm! However, the ice-cream was a welcome treat at the end of the visit.

### Y6 SATS

Y6 took their statutory end of key stage assessments recently. We were impressed by their positive attitude and resilience during the week. Whatever the results in July, each and every one of them did their best and we are proud of them. What terrific young people they are.



### Social Media

In previous communications, school has requested that pupils, parents and the wider school community be responsible and respectful when using social media. We are pleased that the vast majority of Excalibur's community understand this and support the school.

We are aware that year group facebook pages exist and appreciate that this might be a useful tool for parents/carers. We must again remind you that these are not 'official' pages and there are times when incorrect logistical information has been given by third parties.

Please use the school's official website - where lots and lots of information is available for you to check arrangements, dates and details of school events 24 hours a day.



### Dementia Friendly Alsager

Here is a great example of the positive use of social media celebrating all the Alsager schools' commitment to helping our next generation to be dementia friends. See the Alsager Partnership twitter feed which showcases the great work happening in Alsager schools to support Dementia Awareness week.

**Alsager Partnership**  
**(@AlsagerPartner)**

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Raising awareness of Dementia in young people is a priority in [#Alsager](#) and through all 6 schools we have reached 2,300 children who are now [#DementiaFriends](#) What an incredible way to support [#Dementia](#) in our town [#UnitedAgainstDementia](#) [#Daw2018](#) [#DementiaActionWeek](#) @Alzhemerssoc [pic.twitter.com/sqjkGWB5HA](https://pic.twitter.com/sqjkGWB5HA)

You can see the contribution Excalibur made to this event displayed in the entrance area of our school. Every child took part and the final product holds special memories and thoughts from our children. Again – many thanks to the staff for their team work on this project.

**And Finally**

As usual, any queries or concerns, please come and see a member of the team.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Lise Houldsworth**  
**Head Teacher**

**Mrs Juliet Tomkinson**  
**Deputy Head Teacher**

## Diary Dates

<b>06-06-18 SCHOOL OPENS</b>
<b>06-06-18 Maths evening for parents/carers 4pm – details to follow</b>
06/07-06-18 Y4 & Y5 Bikeability
11-06-18 Y1 Phonics screening week
11-06-18 Y4 visit to Blists Hill
12-06-18 Y6 visit to Alton Towers
12/13/14-06-18 FOE Father's Day gift wrap – details to follow
13-06-18 Y5 Activity Day @ AHS
13-06-18 New starters parent/carers evening
15-06-18 Cupcake Day
20-06-18 Y1 visit to the Sealife Centre
<b>23-06-18 School winning choir to perform at Clonter Opera</b>
25-06-18 Passport to the World week – details to follow
<b>27-06-18 Y6 taster day at Alsager High</b>
28-06-18 FOE non uniform day – details to follow
29-06-18 FOE Summer Fair 5-7pm – details to follow
04-07-18 Governors – Standards & Curriculum 5pm
06-07-18 Kids that Rock – details to follow
09-07-18 Kids that Rock – details to follow
10-07-18 Y5/6 production - matinee
11-07-18 Full Governors 5pm
11-07-18 Laches Wood Meeting 3.15pm
12-07-18 Y5/6 production - evening
13-07-18 Reports OUT
16-07-18 Open classroom drop in to look at your child's books 3.15 – 5.30pm
17-07-18 Y6 garden party/rounders for Y6 children and parents/carers (no siblings please)
<b>24-07-18 SCHOOL CLOSES</b>