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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all been enjoying the recent sunshine.



Bikeability

Year 4 and 5 recently completed their Bikeability sessions and learnt how to ride their bikes safely. The children did really well and the instructors commented on how enthusiastic everyone was!



Carnival winners

Did you spot us at Alsager carnival? The Y6 float was 1920's New York themed and the children were excellent with non-stop waving and dancing throughout the procession. We were thrilled to be announced the winners this year! Thank you to the staff, volunteers, pupils and parents/carers who made this happen. Also – a big thank you to Friends of Excalibur who funded the resources to make the float.

Y4 Blists Hill visit

Year 4 visited Blists Hill this week to enhance their Victorian topic. They had a Victorian school experience which meant no slouching! They were fully immersed into life in Victorian England – they even exchanged modern money for Victorian currency to spend in the confectioners, bakery and candle makers.

I enjoyed using Victorian money to buy sweets at the shop." Millie

"I enjoyed seeing how the candles were made – can't believe that was one of the good jobs!" Finn

"I found it really interesting talking to the bank manager about coins and buying a gingerbread man." Sophia

All staff at Blists Hill and the public commented on the good manners and the way our children travelled around the town. Well done Y4!



Y6 Alton Towers treat

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Alton Towers on Tuesday.

"It was nice to go on the rollercoasters and spend time with your friends" Izzy

"It was fun to go on the big 7 and do the big 7 challenge with your friends. You could make memories with your friends" Leonie

"It was a great opportunity to go to Alton Towers with our friends and we had lots of fun." Sophie

Y5 Activity Day at Alsager High

Excalibur Y5 spent a day at Alsager High School on Wednesday. They enjoyed a science lesson exploring PH levels, then split into two groups for either Food Tech or Geography. They then all had a maths lesson exploring pentominoes. The lessons were great fun and really engaging. Mrs. Beale was very proud of the children who showed respect, good manners and excellent attitudes to learning. Well done Year 5! I will be emailing Alsager High to thank them for the day.



Sports Round up

Mini Tennis Competition - Year 3/4 - 7th June 2018

On Thursday 7th June, a team of Year 3s and 4s competed in the Sandbach Sports Partnership mini tennis competition, held at Sandbach High School. During the competition, our five players played in individual matches against opponents from four other teams from across the local area.

Our first match pitted us against Wheelock, and gave us the first chance to see how our players would fare against an opposition. Taking on board everything they had learnt in PE lessons, our players performed brilliantly, with three victories and one draw putting us in a very strong position. As we moved to our next match, confidence was at a high and we never looked back.

Our two toughest matches came towards the end, with Quinta A and Quinta B. Continually improving through the competition, we were able to keep our calm and pull out several victories and a draw against those teams.

As we awaited the announcement of the results, we knew we had come in the top three but had no way of knowing where. In the end, we were victorious!

Over the last year, both Year 3 and 4 have done lots of tennis during their PE lessons, as well as our coaching session at Alsager Lawn Tennis Club during sports week. It was abundantly clear during the competition how useful that practice has been, with everybody that attended performing wonderfully. Even in the face of difficulty, they all kept working on, showing those all-important characteristics of resilience, determination and grit.

Many thanks to the organisers of the competition for making it such an enjoyable experience for us all.

Multi Skills Afternoon - Year 1 - 7th June 2018

On Thursday 7th June, and after two successful multi-skills sessions with Year 2, the sports ambassadors of Alsager's primary schools stepped up to lead sporting activities for Year 1 children. During the session they participated in a host of different activities in Alsager School's sports hall, having a wonderful time throughout.

Mr. Morris, the Alsager Community Trust Sports Co-ordinator has already commented on how brilliantly our sports ambassadors led their group's activities - they are all a credit to the school!

Handball Festival - Year 5/6 - 24th May 2018

On Thursday 24th May, a group of 14 Year 5 & 6 children attended a Handball Festival at Alsager School. Organised and ran by sports leaders from the high school, the children were taught the basic rules of the game, including how to dribble

and the various passes that can be used. They then got into teams and played against each other in friendly matches.

Well done to everybody who took part as they showed a brilliant amount of determination, learning a new sport in a short space of time and then applying their skills.



Maths Workshop

Mrs Tomkinson held a parent/carer maths workshop last week; as requested on the parent/carer survey. Although we only had three attendees, they reported that it was a helpful insight into the methods we use to teach mathematics through the school. We will repeat this session in the autumn term when hopefully more people will be able to join us.

Y2 moderation

Mrs Weatherby met with the local authority moderators recently in a meeting where they looked at Y2 pupils' learning to evaluate whether we are accurate in our teacher assessment of reading, writing and maths. This was a successful meeting and the moderators praised the great progress our children were making.

And Finally

A polite reminder that children should not be playing on apparatus or equipment before the school day. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lise Houldsworth
Head Teacher

Mrs Juliet Tomkinson
Deputy Head Teacher

Diary Dates

20-06-18 Y1 visit to the Sealife Centre
22-06-18 Reserve Sports Day infants am/juniors pm
23-06-18 School winning choir to perform at Clonter Opera
25-06-18 Passport to the World week – details to follow
27-06-18 Y6 taster day at Alsager High
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
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)
24-07-18 SCHOOL CLOSES