



13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Newsletter 18

Dear Parents/Carers,

Football might not be coming home, but our children continue to come to school to work hard, grow and learn well. They are a joy to be with each day!



### Y1 visit to the Sealife Centre

As part of their topic work, Year 1 visited the Sealife Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> June. They loved it and, as always, represented the school very well indeed.



### Choir Perform in the community

Following the success of winning the Love Music Trust choral competition, our choir has been out and about sharing their performances in the community. They performed at Clonter Opera on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Excalibur was also invited by Councillor Shirley Jones to send a choir to sing as part of the civic service recognising her selection as Chairman of Alsager Town Council. On a hot Sunday afternoon Mrs Bain, Mrs Bundy, Miss Taylor, Mrs Rogers and fourteen children and their families turned up to represent the school. Led by Mrs Bain, they performed 3 songs for the congregation. A heart-felt thank you to parents, carers, friends, staff and of course the children for giving up their time for both occasions. They represented the school fantastically. After the event the school were contacted by Councillor Jones who said:

*"Well what can I say. I found myself listening to the choir from Heaven. What a lovely, talented group of children and so ably trained and conducted. A very professional performance and one that I will remember for a long time to come."*

*Once again I thank staff, children and parents for their support. Excalibur School has a music tradition to be proud of and I felt that it made my special occasion really SPECIAL!"*

### FOE news

FOE held their annual summer fair and we were fortunate with the beautiful weather on that evening. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the night and to those who supported the event. FOE raised £1098.01

The Father's Day wrap raised £286.32. We hope that Dad's liked their gifts!

Sports Day refreshments raised £185.20. Yum!

All monies will be spent on those added extras for our children and you will be kept updated when the money is spent.



### Dementia cupcake sale

Thank you for supporting the staff led cupcake sale. We have donated £157.65 to the Alzheimer's society.



### Passport to the World Week

As part of our promotion of British Values and Global learning, the school became an airport week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> June. The children had their passports ready and moved to the 'gates' (classrooms) to take their trips to a range of countries. They participated in a range of activities to further their knowledge and appreciation of the world. The children have told us that they loved this week, particularly the chance to collaborate and work with different age groups – they would like to do this again next year and have made some really good "even better if's" suggestions for next time – they would like to learn about even more countries in the world and have more time working with people from other classes.

### **Reports and Open Classroom**

Your child should come home with their report today. We hope you enjoy sharing their achievements and progress from this year. A reminder that for the first time, we are trialling an open classroom time on the 16<sup>th</sup>, where parents/carers can 'drop-in' between 3.15pm and 5.30pm to look at your child's books. You may bring your child/ren with you but they must stay with you during the 'drop-in'.



### **Sports Round Up**

On Thursday 28th June, a squad of more than 30 children from Year 2 to Year 6 competed in the annual Town Sports event held at Alsager Highfields. During the event, the children participated in several events, including hurdles, sprint, bean bag sprint, sack, skipping and obstacle races. Throughout the evening, we succeeded in coming 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 27 races, including two relays. In addition, there were solid performances across the board, with everybody showing grit and determination at all times. Well done to everybody who took part.

On Tuesday 3rd July, our Alsager-winning rounders team competed in the Sandbach Sports Partnership finals at Sandbach High School. Having won the Alsager Community Trust competition comfortably, expectations were high that victory was possible. Our first match against Marton showcased the skill of our team, with a solid fielding performance securing our first win. Our next match, against Middlewich, proved equally impressive, with both fielding and batting ensuring a confident victory. It then came to our last two matches, against Blackfirs and the Dingle.

As the match against Blackfirs began, it became apparent that things weren't going quite as well. Batting first put us in a weaker position and we felt sure we hadn't quite done enough to win. However, when the score for that match was announced we had won by half a rounder. The last match was a final - the Dingle had won all their matches too - and whoever won would be champions. Again, batting first meant we had to pull out all the stops to secure victory. A series of outstanding batting performances ensured

several full rounders while clever tactics clinched several half-rounders despite the Dingle's solid fielding. When it came to field, it was all or nothing. For the first few bowls, we kept their score to zero, only letting a few rounders past towards the end of the innings. As the match drew to a close, we waited with baited breath for the result. Through practice and determination, and after winning the Alsager competition for many years, it was announced that we had won the SSP Rounders competition for the first time! Absolute credit must go to the team who pulled out all the stops!

On Tuesday 10th July, two teams of footballers visited St. Gabriel's Catholic Primary School for football friendlies. During the evening, the children played matches against teams from the host school. It was fantastic to see our Excalibur teams bond together as the event went on, improving with each fifteen minute match and showing that we have fantastic depth in our football squads.

### **Dinner money from September**

Please note that from September 2018 the price of a school lunch will be £2.30.

### **And Finally**

We still have some events and activities before the end of the academic year and lots of learning to complete, so there will be one final newsletter before we finish for the summer holidays.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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

## Diary Dates

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)
18-07-18 Reception pirate party
20-07-18 Dance like you care – school council fundraising event
24-07-18 Y6 leaver's assembly 9.15am
<b>24-07-18 SCHOOL CLOSES</b>

<b>04-09-2018 SCHOOL OPENS</b>
19/20/21 -09-18 Y6 Laches Wood residential
27-09-18 Parenting session – Life Education van (details to follow)
28-09-18 FOE Bake Sale
29-09-18 Alsager One World Festival – Civic centre 11am -2.30pm
10/11/12 –10-18 Life Education van IN
18-10-18 Parent/teacher consultations 4-7pm
19-10-18 FOE children's discos
23-10-18 Parent/teacher consultations 3.30-5.30pm
<b>26-10-18 SCHOOL CLOSES</b>