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20th July 2018

Newsletter 19

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of this academic year. We would like to thank you for your support this year. We finish for the summer holidays on Tuesday 24th and school re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 4th September.

Attendance

100% attendance certificates will be presented next week for the summer term. Excellent attendance 98%+ for the whole year will also be presented. Well done to pupils who achieve this. Above 98% is less than 4 days absence a year. Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can, leading to the best possible start to their education.



Sports Round Up

On Wednesday 11th July 2018, Mrs. Bundy had the privilege to take Adam, Archie and Felicity from Year 4 and Bo from Year 3 to the Cheshire and Warrington School Games County Final where the children competed in the tennis competition. The event was held at Macclesfield Leisure Centre and in the first round they competed against Gorsey Bank, St. Joseph's and St. Bedes Primary Schools. All children played with resilience and respect and showed what wonderful sports people they were being great ambassadors to

Excalibur Primary School. The children had the opportunity to meet and talk with the Olympic gymnast Craig Heap who was very friendly and kindly signed their t-shirts and they had their photographs with him. The children gained second place in group C which was very commendable considering very strong competition. They were a delight to take and a credit to the school.

On Thursday 12th July, a squad of four of our children competed in a tennis tournament at Alsager Lawn Tennis Club. Organised by head coach, Phil Ingram, the children played in doubles and singles matches against other schools in Alsager. Throughout the event, our children, most of whom do not play tennis regularly, improved constantly. Moving into the clubhouse to await the results, we had no idea how we would do. In the end, we won the whole tournament, receiving gold medals and the pride of winning the inaugural Alsager tennis tournament. Wonderful!

On Wednesday 18th July, we were invited to Pikemere School for a girls' football friendly. During the afternoon, the teams all played against each other in a tournament, resulting in some wonderful performances from both schools. It was fantastic to see so many players turn out, representing Excalibur with grit and determination, showing their willingness to practise and improve in sport. Particular thanks to Eva for organising the teams for the event, and captaining her team so well. Also, much appreciation to Mr. Ollier at Pikemere for hosting the tournament.

On Friday 13th July, the Alsager Community Trust held its annual Primary School Sports Awards at Alsager School. During the event, individuals from across Alsager's five schools received a number of different accolades to celebrate their achievements over the 2017-2018 year of sport. The guest speaker for the evening was Olympic half-pipe skiing finalist, Rowan Cheshire, who spoke about her journey

in the winter sport, including her recovery through an accident that left her with concussion. Rowan spoke about her determination to continue and get back on the skis, culminating in a 7th place finish in the Olympic final. On top of that, she was also a torch-bearer for Pyeongchang 2018. Rowan signed autographs and allowed the children to have photographs after the award ceremony. This year of sport at Excalibur has been exceptional and every member of the school has played their part in making it memorable, including extra-curricular clubs, Fit Friday, competitions against other schools and Sports Week. Many thanks to you all. A particular congratulations must go to the following recipients of 2018's ACT Sports Awards:

Play Leader Award - Alice W, Emily A, Emmie H, Oliver F

School Games Values - Oliver S (passion), Corey P (self-belief), Jack S (honesty), George Howell (respect), Izzy (determination), Sophie C (teamwork)

Dedication to PE - Oliver J, Tegan, Reilly, Calum B, Maisie, Grace

Bronze Ambassadors - George H, Ben T, Izzy T, Eva B

Outstanding Contribution - Ben T, Eva B

We look forward to the next year of sport at Excalibur.

Over the past few months, Mr. Hancock has had the pleasure of working with David Acton from Active Cheshire to review our provision of physical activity at Excalibur. Our involvement with the organisation began with the Active Lives survey, which Years 2, 4 and 6 have completed during the summer term. The results from this survey will be collated with national results to help guide the direction of

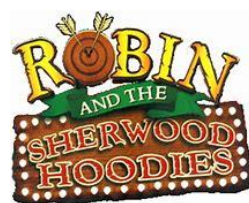
Sport England and government funding over the next few years.

As the lead organisation for physical activity and sport in Cheshire & Warrington, a representative from Active Cheshire then offered to visit Excalibur to gain a deeper understanding of the provision of physical activity and school sport. After spending some time with Mr. Hancock, and having a walk around school, David Acton praised the offer of physical activity at Excalibur. He has also produced an Active Plan with suggestions of what else we can be doing in school.

On Wednesday 18th July, David returned to Excalibur to handover a certificate to show that we have gone through the Active Kids diagnostic and have completed the Active Kids Pledge, striving to embed physical activity into school life. Many thanks to Active Cheshire for providing us with this opportunity.

Local Governing Board

Following the recent parent governor election we can announce that Gail Whittingham will be joining the local governing board at Excalibur as a parent governor. Thank you to all the candidates for offering to support our school and welcome to Gail who will begin her role in September. Details of the local governing board can be found on our website.



Y5 and 6 production

Our upper juniors performed their summer production this week. What a hit! They were truly outstanding and the whole team produced a fantastic show. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Midday Assistant Vacancy

We are recruiting! We are seeking to employ an additional midday assistant from September. Ideally, this is for every day, for just over an hour at lunchtime. You would sometimes be inside the dining hall helping the children and sometimes outdoors supervising and engaging children in play activities. Perhaps you could only commit to a few days and not a full week – this is fine, as we could look at job-sharing. If you are interested, please come in and talk to Mrs. King, Mrs. Hilditch or Mrs. Tomkinson as soon as possible about the requirements of the role.



Summer safety

At this time of year, please would you discuss with your children the usual summer safety messages just as we will be doing in school: road safety, stranger danger, sun safety, water safety and given our location - railway safety. Furthermore, as it is likely that children spend more time on their tech during the long holidays, please ensure that you know what they are accessing via the internet, check parental controls on devices and understand the nature of the games they are playing. There is lots of support on the e-safety section of our website to help.



Support signposting

A useful website we would like to signpost you to again is the Cheshire East Live well website. The care and support part of the website provides information on:

- *Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS) - the 'front door' for access to services, support and advice for children and their families, from early help and support through to safeguarding and child protection.*
- *Family Information Service - which provides a free, confidential and impartial information, advice and guidance service for prospective parents, carers, professionals and children and young people in Cheshire East right through to their 20th birthday.*
- *Children's Centres - places for young children and their families and details of the Sandbach and Alsager Children's Centres can be found on Excalibur website.*
- *Health visitors - The Health Visiting Service in Cheshire East is provided by Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust. Health Visitors are specialists in child health and development who work at community, family and individual levels to promote and improve the health and well-being of pre-school children and their families.*
- *Young offending and preventative services*
- *Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) - the Cheshire East Local Offer includes information about the support and provision that families can expect from a wide range of agencies for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities (SEND) from birth to 25 years old.*
- *Community activities - a wide range of activities that residents are able to access in their local community or area. Many are provided through voluntary, community or faith organisations, who can also provide mutual help and support, and taking part in community activities can help people to become part of their local networks.*

Outstanding Monies

As we draw to the end of the term, please could everyone check that they do not have any outstanding balances to settle on ParentMail – it really does help us tremendously if we do not have to spend time chasing debts. Thank you.

End of term jobs

Please could you check that your child has taken their old trainers/wellies from the welly stores at the end of the year. Also, have a quick check at home for any school reading books which need returning etc. All articles of unclaimed lost property will be disposed of over the summer holidays. Thank you.



And Finally

We wish you all a lovely summer holidays with your family and friends making special memories. Let's hope this glorious weather stays with us...at least for a few days of the holidays anyway!

Mrs Lise Houldsworth
Head Teacher

Mrs Juliet Tomkinson
Deputy Head Teacher

Diary Dates

24-07-18 Y6 leaver's assembly 9.15am

24-07-18 SCHOOL CLOSES

04-09-18 SCHOOL OPENS

10-09-18 Extracurricular clubs start – letter to follow

10-09-18 FOE Meeting – Mere Inn 7pm

19/20/21 -09-18 Y6 Laches Wood residential
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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

22-10-18 Governors meeting 5.30pm

23-10-18 Parent/teacher consultations 3.30-5.30pm

26-10-18 SCHOOL CLOSES

06-11-18 SCHOOL OPENS

06-11-18 Academy photos - individuals

08-11-18 School nurses -FLUENZ nasal spray R-Y5 – details to follow

26-11-18 Governors meeting 5.30pm

26-11-18 Last week of extracurricular clubs

07-12-18 FOE Christmas Fair

20-12-18 SCHOOL CLOSES
