



Delivering an outstanding learning experience for all children so they flourish and thrive; enabling them to achieve their own individual excellence.

7th September 2018

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great start to the school year this week has been! The children have come in with positive attitudes, big smiles and bags of confidence. We are already busily getting on with our learning.



Summer holidays

As always, during the summer break, lots of work was completed at school. Our site manager, Mr Pickin, has been very busy! We have had a new telephone system installed; classrooms, corridors and our infant kitchen redecorated; carpets steam cleaned; windows cleaned; hall floor polished; hedges and branches cut back; fort repaired and maintained; new fire doors fitted; the mobile building renovated; fence repaired and panelling painted. The school is looking great and teaching staff have ensured that the learning environments are colourful, well equipped and organised.

A few reminders...

Can we remind you of some of the things which help our school run smoothly.

- Pupils should not play on any equipment before or after school;
- Any late/leaving early pupils should be signed in/out using the touchscreen in the office area;

- School cannot authorise pupil absence in term time except in exceptional circumstances (please note that Cheshire East will be issuing fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absence);
- Please drive and park with care and consideration; to keep our children safe and to respect our neighbours;
- Excalibur is a healthy school; please try to send only healthy snacks into school – no sweets/chocolate bars;
- Our website has lots of useful information, school news and updates;
- School office hours are 8.30am – 4pm each day;
- Pupil absence should be reported using the main reception number and leaving a voicemail message.
- Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day and that they also have a waterproof coat every day as we will go out to play in the drizzle!
- If you haven't already done so, labelled outdoor shoes/wellies can be brought in and placed in the welly stores so that your child can access our field at lunchtimes;
- We encourage water bottles to be brought in daily (water only please).



Free School Meals

Since September 2014, all pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have been eligible for a free school meal, but some children may be eligible for extra funding through the pupil premium.

It is worth registering for Free School Meals anyway because if you register:

- ***School receives a 'pupil premium' – an extra payment which can be spent on useful services;***
- ***Registering your child may also get you financial help for extra things.***

Whether a child is entitled to pupil premium is confidential between your family, the class teacher and the senior leadership team. The

rest of the school community (including governors) can only see anonymous data.

Please see Mrs Hilditch in the office or visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm or call 0300 123 5012 to see if your child is entitled or to make an application.

And finally

Excalibur operates an 'open door' policy which means that we endeavour to speak with you and support families in any way that we can. Please arrange to speak to a member of the team should you have any questions or concerns. If you are a working parent, we can be contacted via notes, by telephone or email and we will reply to messages as soon as possible.

Please remember that teachers are with their classes from 8.50am to 3.15pm and should you need to speak with a class teacher, a time after school is preferable and provides a better quality opportunity to support.

If you need to speak with Mrs Tomkinson, please contact the main office and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Houldsworth
Head Teacher

Mrs Tomkinson
Deputy Head Teacher

Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary.

19,20,21-09-18 Y6 residential to Laches Wood
26-09-18 Y1 trip to Reaseheath (details to follow)
27-09-18 Life Ed Van Parent's workshop
29-09-18 One World Festival
05-10-18 Infants harvest assembly 9.15am
10,11,12-10-18 Life Education Van
11-10-18 Book Fair delivered
17-10-18 Woodcocks Wells (details to follow)
17-10-18 Reception walk to Meerlake Way (details to follow)
18-10-18 Parent/carers teacher meetings 4-7pm
19-10-18 FOE Disco
22-10-18 Governor's Meeting 5.30pm
23-10-18 Parent/carers teacher meetings 3.30-5.30pm
24-10-18 Y3 visit to Chester (details to follow)
26-10-18 School closes

06-11-18 School opens
06-11-18 Academy photos - individuals
08-11-18 FLUENZ – details to follow from school nurse team
20-11-18 Y1 & Reception trip to see Stickman (details to follow)
26-11-18 Governors meeting 5.30pm
07-12-18 KS2 Xmas service at St Mary's at 2pm
12-12-18 KS1 Xmas production 1.45pm
20-12-18 School closes