



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



12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Newsletter 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another extremely busy few weeks at Excalibur Primary School as we find ourselves rushing towards half term. Outside, the weather is getting colder; the nights are drawing in and the leaves are changing colour and falling from the trees, keeping Mr Pickin extremely busy!



### Life Education Van

The Life Education Van has been in school this week. This is a mobile interactive classroom where each class engage in learning about healthy lifestyles. The younger children have even been introduced to "Harold the Giraffe". This has been funded again this year by the Friends of Excalibur (FOE) and is an 'added extra' to our PSHCE and science curriculum. Many thanks to them.

### City 7s Assembly

On Monday 1st October, representatives from Stoke City FC visited school to lead an assembly. They offered an exciting opportunity for our children to attend a Stoke City match for just £5.00. Our Year 2 children were also given a City 7s Membership, including an array of goodies and a free ticket to attend the match. In all, children from our school purchased 91 tickets for the match - fantastic! Fingers crossed Stoke win!



### Harvest Service

Many thanks for all your support with our harvest celebrations. Our key stage 1 children certainly gave us a colourful assembly. It was lovely to see so many of you. All donations of food were gratefully received and have been taken to the Alsager food bank to help families in need.



### Year 5/6 Football

In sporting news, our Excalibur football team have played their first matches in the Alsager tournament. In the first week, our team played a challenging and competitive game against St. Gabriel's. Despite a promising start, the opposition gained the upperhand, confidently sending the ball into the back of our net. Despite the obvious disappointment of defeat, the team took the opportunity to spend the next half an hour practising their skills and discussing improvements that needed to be made for the following games.

In the second week of matches, we had a tough two games against Highfields and Pikemere. In the initial game, our team played really well together, trying hard to get into spaces for their team mates. Our defence was solid and we were unlucky to lose 1-0. After a lively team talk, the squad played their match against Pikemere. The players really put their learning in to practice, defending effectively and working tirelessly to find spaces. Their hard work was rewarded with a 1-1 draw. A fantastic effort, team. Good luck for next week!



### Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our school by attending our book fair this week. There were some brilliant, engaging books on sale. Every book sold at the fair helps the school to get free books for our children.

## Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary.  
New dates are in **bold**.



### **Y2 Trip to Bet 365 Stadium**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, our Year 2 children went on a visit to the Bet 365 stadium where they had a tour of the grounds before learning about the local legend, Sir Stanley Matthews. The behaviour of the children was exemplary and they had a fantastic time.



### **Reading Evening**

Just a reminder of our reading evening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. This really is an enjoyable, worthwhile event and I urge you to attend if you can. It will help with understanding how to engage your child with reading and further your knowledge of how children progress with their reading, whatever your child's age and stage. We usually have some fun too! If you haven't done already, you can book a place at reception.

### **Alsager Town Council**

Concerns have been raised to us by Alsager Town Council, regarding the problems of leaving engines idle during collection times. This can cause a danger to children from toxic air. The council would ask that you ensure that your engines are switched off when you are waiting for your children outside the school gates.

### **Finally...**

Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to arrange to speak to a member of the team.

**Mrs Houldsworth**  
Head Teacher

**Mrs Tomkinson**  
Deputy Head Teacher

16-10-18 Reading Evening 6pm
17-10-18 Y5 trip to Woodcocks Wells
17-10-18 Reception walk to Meerlake Way
<b>18-10-18 French Day</b>
18-10-18 Parent/carers teacher meetings 4-7pm
<b>19-10-18 Y5/Y6 Library coding workshops</b>
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
25-10-18 Y4 visit to Macclesfield Museum
<b>26-10-18 School closes</b>

<b>06-11-18 School opens</b>
06-11-18 Academy photos - individuals
08-11-18 FLUENZ – Y5
08-11-18 RWI meeting for Reception parents
<b>09-11-18 Y6 Drumming workshop @ Alsager High School</b>
12-11-18 Y6 visit to Wesley Place
13-11-18 FOE meeting at Excalibur 2pm
<b>16-11-18 Smokebusters Y5</b>
20-11-18 Y1 & Reception trip to see Stickman (details to follow)
26-11-18 Governors meeting 5.30pm
29-11-18 Non-uniform day for FOE Xmas celebration
<b>05-12-18 Rudolph Run (details to follow)</b>
07-12-18 KS2 Xmas service at St Mary's at 2pm
12-12-18 KS1 Xmas production 1.45pm
14-12-18 FOE Xmas celebration 3.30pm
<b>20-12-18 School closes</b>