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26th October 2018

Newsletter 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Half term is already on us and we can feel the change in temperature as we hurtle towards Christmas! Before we finish for half term, we would like to take this opportunity to bring you up-to-date on all that has been happening in the last few weeks and draw your attention to some things to look forward to next term.



Y3 Trip to Chester

On Wednesday 24th October, our Year 3 children visited Chester to enrich their study of The Romans. Whilst they were there, they walked the Roman walls and learnt all about the life of a Roman soldier. Once they had marched the streets of Chester to the chant of "Sin,dec", the children took their learning into the museum, exploring a range of Roman artefacts. All staff accompanying the children reported that the behaviour of the children was exemplary; they were impressed with the questions that the children asked and their excellent attitude to their learning. A big thank you to Year 3 for representing our school so well and to all staff who accompanied the children.



Y4 Trip to West Park Museum

To enhance their learning about ancient Egypt, our Year 4 children visited West Park museum this week. They had the opportunity

to explore Egyptian artefacts, learn about the life and beliefs of the ancient Egyptian people and make some papyrus. The children were a credit to the school, asking interesting and thoughtful questions and being respectful around the museum. Fantastic work, Year 4.



French Day

On Thursday 18th October, the whole school took part in our very first French Day. During the day, the children got the opportunity to speak to a fluent French speaker, Mrs Scott, and order their own snacks at the Excalibur Market Stall. They shared a story and sang some songs in French. The KS2 classes also began practising letters that will be sent to pen pals. It was wonderful to hear so much French being spoken throughout the day. Many thanks to Mrs Scott and also to Miss McArdle, who came in to support the activities.

PCSO Visit

On Tuesday 23rd October, PCSO, Sophie Jebb Bowman visited the school to share lunchtime with the children. She spent time in the dinner hall, then joined in with some lunchtime games. Sophie was incredibly impressed with the children's manners in the dinner hall and their behaviour in the playground. She is looking forward to returning to our school next half term to lead an assembly on "Stranger Danger".

Year 4/5/6 Girl's Football Tournament

On Thursday 25th October, a squad of girls from Year 4, 5 and 6 participated in the Alsager Community Trust Girls football tournament. The sportsmanship displayed by the whole team was exemplary, with a thoroughly positive attitude throughout. Well done to Sofia, Ava, Felicity, Holly, Izzy and Bo - you represented Excalibur wonderfully!

Coding at the Library

As Excalibur Primary school had the highest number of children registering for the summer Reading challenge this year, we were invited by Alsager library to participate in a coding workshop. On Friday 19th October, our Year 5 and Year 6 children visited the library to participate in a Micro:bit emoji workshop. The children spent their time programming emojis into a Micro:bit before using an app to digitally design a 3D paper robot. Once the designs were finished, the children printed off their robot, glued it together and inserted the Micro:bit as a face. The children were thoroughly engaged and focused throughout the activity and said how much they had enjoyed the experience.



Book Fair

Our recent book fair was a great success once more and we took a total of £688.96. As always, we receive a good percentage of commission on this amount which we then spend on updating our reading stock in school – the pupils often choose the books from the catalogue themselves. Many thanks for your support.

NSPCC Pants are Private

Next term, the whole school will be spending an afternoon learning about “Pants are Private” which is a programme that has been developed by the NSPCC and teaches children how to stay safe and that their body belongs to them. Further information will be made available on our website.



First World War Centenary

A reminder that, to commemorate the end of the war, we would like to decorate the railings along our driveway. This will begin on 6th November and will continue throughout the

week. As you come into school, you will be able to tie your fabric to the railings.



House Point Winners

Well done to Camelot, our house point winners. The non-uniform day for Camelot will be 8th November.

Finally...

Thank you for your continued support. We hope that you have a good half term break and look forward to seeing you in November.

Mrs Houldsworth
Head Teacher

Mrs Tomkinson
Deputy Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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

06-11-18 School opens
06-11-18 Academy photos - individuals
07-11-18 Infant bonfire
08-11-18 FLUENZ – Y5
08-11-18 RWI meeting for Reception parents
09-11-18 Year 5 class assembly
09-11-18 Y6 Drumming workshop @ Alsager High School
12-11-18 Y6 visit to Wesley Place
13-11-18 FOE meeting at Excalibur 2pm
20-11-18 Y1 & Reception trip to see Stickman
26-11-18 Governors meeting 5.30pm
29-11-18 Non-uniform day for FOE Xmas celebration
05-12-18 Rudolph Run (details to follow)
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
20-12-18 School closes