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16th November 2018

Newsletter 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

There are busy times ahead at Excalibur as preparations for our Christmas performances are getting underway.

Now the weather is getting colder and the nights are drawing in, we would ask that you ensure your child has a coat in school and hat and gloves as appropriate as we endeavour to be outside at playtimes and lunchtimes. It would help us greatly if you could check that everything is labelled.



Infants Bonfire

On Wednesday 7th November, Reception and Key Stage One were looking forward to enjoying their own bonfire, which has become an annual tradition here at Excalibur. Sadly the weather was against us and we were not able to proceed with the bonfire. However, the children came together to eat the chocolate apples they had made and enjoy a drink of warm hot chocolate. Fingers crossed for better weather next year! Thank you to Mr Pickin for his support with the arrangements.



Sports News

On Thursday 8th November, following a training session on the previous Tuesday, our squad of 7 basketball players competed in the Alsager Community Trust Basketball tournament.

After three intense and exciting games, we came a very respectable runner up, only narrowly missing out on victory. Well done to Will, Nicolas, Archie, Adam, Ben, Sam and Rudy. You showed the true Excalibur sporting spirit, improving from game to game.

On Thursday 25th October, a squad of girls from Year 4, 5 and 6 participated in the Alsager Community Trust Girls football tournament. Over the matches that we played, our team improved considerably, showing a solid determination and an eagerness to learn throughout the 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.

Year 5 Assembly

On Friday 9th November, Year 5 held their class assembly for parents and the rest of the school. During the assembly, they shared their learning about World War 2 and read out some of their work. Throughout the assembly, individuals shared their favourite parts of the term so far and finished with a rendition of Frere Jacques. Many thanks to Year 5 and Mrs Beale for all your hard work.



Year 6 Drumming Workshop

On Friday 9th November, Year 6 were invited to Alsager School for a drumming workshop with music teacher, Mr Galley. During the session, the children used traditional African drums and worked together to create a piece of music. Due to their dedication and focus, they also moved on to learn a song which could be added to music. By the end of the session, they had successfully put the two pieces together. Well done to everyone in Year 6 for their exemplary behaviour throughout the morning and thank you to Mr Galley for providing the session for us.

Year 6 Visit to Wesley Place

On Monday 12th November, Year 6 visited Wesley Place Methodist Church to participate in a Remembrance Day workshop. Throughout the morning, members of the church ran a variety of sessions with the children during which, they learnt about aspects of the bible. Following this, the children participated in a recruitment role play where the children were put through their paces in drills preparing them for World War 1. They also gained an understanding of what life was like in the trenches and listened to a poem and letter that were written during the Great War. Year 6 had a fabulous time at Wesley Place – many thanks to everyone from the church that made the day possible.



House Point Winners

Our house point winners, Camelot, enjoyed their non-uniform day on 8th November.

Finally...

If children wish to send Christmas cards, they can start to bring them into school from Monday 4th December (no earlier please!). Remember to write both names and the year group on the envelope. They should be posted in the school Christmas postbox which will be out in the reception area and our Y6 helpers will run a delivery service to the classes.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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**.

19-11-18 Reception visit to Wesley Place
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
03-12-18 Y6 Englesea Brook visit
05-12-18 Rudolph Run (details to follow)
05-12-18 Xmas dinner
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
17-12-18 Y3 & Y4 Xmas party
18-12-18 Y1 & Y2 Xmas party
19-12-18 Reception Xmas party
20-12-18 Y5 & Y6 Xmas party
20-12-18 School closes
07-01-19 School opens
09-01-19 Y4, Y5 & Y6 Trip – Wind in the Willows
15-01-19 Y5 & Y6 Growing up talk
17-01-19 Y2 & Y3 Trip – Wind in the Willows
04-02-19 Governors meeting 5.30pm
13-02-19 Y5 Smokebusters
15-02-19 School closes