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14th December 2018

Newsletter 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy run up to Christmas with lots going on in school.

KS2 Carol Concert

A big well done to all our children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 for their excellent Christmas carol concert at St Mary's. They provided an outstanding start to our Christmas celebrations, singing beautifully and delivering their lines with clarity. Thank you to all staff involved. Such professional performances require a fine blend of teamwork and effort.

"Hey Ewe"

The infant Christmas production this year was fabulous, retelling the story of the nativity through the eyes of sheep. The confidence displayed by the younger members of our school was amazing; throughout the production, their voices were clear and audible. Great work KS1! Thanks also to all staff whose commitment and diligence made this a performance to remember.

We would also like to extend gratitude to Ian White who has given up his time to support the school in playing the piano at both performances.



Rudolph Run

On Tuesday 11th December, the whole school participated in a Rudolph Run in aid of St. Luke's Hospice. Everybody wore reindeer antlers and bright red noses supplied by the charity for the event. Wearing these, the children ran laps of either the field or the playground whilst dancing along to festive music. It was wonderful to see everybody getting into the Christmas spirit for such a good cause. Thanks to everyone who has already returned sponsorship forms. Please return all money raised by Tuesday 18th December 2018.

Premier Education Enrichment Day

On Monday 10th December 2018, Premier Education visited the school to work with the children with a focus on health and nutrition. During the sessions, the children were taught the fundamentals of healthy living, including the importance of exercise, eating well and getting enough sleep. The sessions culminated in a food tasting activity, where they had a go at trying vegetables that many of them had never eaten before. Thanks to Premier Education for providing the opportunity for our children and well done everyone for putting their all into the sessions.

Year 6 Englesea Brook Trip

On Monday 3rd December, Year 6 visited Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum for a science-themed day with a Victorian twist. On arrival, the children dressed up as Victorian school children and experienced a traditional-style Victorian Sunday school, led by the strict Miss Fell. During the lesson, they wrote on slates and practised their arithmetic and reading. The behaviour of the children throughout the day was exemplary; they were praised on their knowledge and enthusiasm about a range of scientific topics. Well done Year 6.

Amaven

On Thursday 13th December, Mr. Cross visited school to run the Amaven physical literacy tests with the children in years 1 to 6. During the day, children were challenged to get their very best score in skills such as the broad jump with stick landing, agility, flexibility and throwing and catching. Scores will be uploaded by Christmas and will be available for parents to view through logging into their online locker. Login details will be sent home via a letter next week.

Well done to all the children for their hard work and many thanks to Mr. Cross for giving up his time to run the tests.



Poppy Appeal

Our school managed to raise a commendable £295.80 in this year's poppy appeal. Many thanks to all parents who helped in supporting this extremely worthy cause.



Christmas Parties

As you will be aware, Christmas parties start next week. Just a reminder that infant children can come into school in their party attire; junior children just need to bring a bag of party clothes which they will change into at lunchtime.

Finally...

And finally, may we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Excalibur. We will see you all back and raring to go on Monday 7th January 2019.

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**.

17-12-18 Y3 & Y4 Xmas party
18-12-18 Y6 Enterprise Market Stall
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
09-01-19 Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
15-01-19 Y5 & Y6 Growing up talk
17-01-19 Y2 & Y3 Trip – Wind in the Willows
25-01-19 Y1 class assembly
04-02-19 Governors meeting 5.30pm
05-02-19 Y6 Enterprise Event
06-02-19 Reception trip Manchester Museum
08-02-19 Y2 class assembly
13-02-19 Y5 Smokebusters
14-02-19 Y3 class assembly
15-02-19 School closes
25-02-19 School opens
12-03-19 NSPCC assembly
12-03-19 NSPCC workshop Y5/Y6
14-03-19 Y4 Standon Bowers
15-03-19 Y4 Standon Bowers
15-03-19 Reception class assembly
18-03-19 Basketball County Finals
19-03-19 Y2 visit to Ford Green Hall
19-03-19 NSPCC Parent Workshop
28-03-19 Parent's Evening 4pm – 7pm
02-04-19 Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
05-04-19 School closes