



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



21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

## Newsletter 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

With Christmas now a distant memory, the weeks are certainly flying by. The children have returned to school ready to learn and there has been lots of fabulous learning going on in school.

### **Yellow Brick Road Workshops**

Our Y2 children launched their topic with an engaging drama workshop about the Great Fire of London, run by the Yellow Brick Company. These sessions really brought the learning to life and ignited the children's interest. The actresses from Yellow Brick were full of praise for the children and the way in which they conducted themselves and got involved with the sessions.



### **Reception Bring a Bear Day**

On 17<sup>th</sup> January, our Reception children were able to bring their special teddies or cuddly toys in to school. The children spent time talking about why their bears were special and then made them labels so that the bears wouldn't get lost. Throughout the day, the bears (and the children) enjoyed listening to stories about bears and, in the afternoon, the children took their bears on a bear hunt then made honey sandwiches for a special snack. What a fabulous day!



### **Sportshall Athletics**

On Thursday 17th January, a squad of Year 5/6 children took part in the Sportshall Athletics events at Alsager School. Over the course of the event, each participant took part in a maximum of 4 events (2 track events and 2 field events). Field events included standing long jump, standing triple jump, vertical jump, speed bounce, chest push and soft javelin. Track events included obstacle and hurdle relays and sprint and long distance events. Throughout the competition, fantastic results were achieved across the board and it was inspiring to see the amount of effort that went in to each performance. Well done team Excalibur on your determination and teamwork.



### **Wind in the Willows**

All our children from Year 2 up to Year 6 were lucky enough to take part in a fantastic trip to the New Vic theatre to watch Wind in the Willows. The children were mesmerised as they followed the adventures of Rat, Mole, Badger and Mr Toad.

*"I thought it was really funny when Mr Toad was put in prison." Lilly*

*"We all jumped when Mr Fox came out of the picture." Isaac*

*"It was amazing and wonderful when everyone made up at the end after all the trouble they had gone through." Jack*

Many thanks to Friends of Excalibur for their contribution towards the cost of the visit.

### **Staffing**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Katie Berrisford to our team. She has taken on the role of clerical officer and will be working alongside Mrs King and Mrs Hilditch.



### World Book Day

This year, World Book Day will be on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Our School Council have suggested that, this year, it would be nice if the children could dress up as their favourite character from a book.



### Rudolph Run

After taking part in the Rudolph Run for St Luke's Hospice before Christmas, the children have raised an incredible £1,215.82. A fantastic amount! Well done to all who took part.



### FOE Film Night

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Friends of Excalibur will be holding a film night at school for children in Year 1 up to Year 6. More details to follow...

### Finally... a request from our Reception class

Should you have any unwanted Lego or Duplo that your child no longer plays with, our Reception class would be happy to give it a new home.

In addition, our Reception class would also welcome any donations of old school trousers that you no longer need for either girls or boys. Sizes 3 – 4, 4 – 5 and 5 – 6 only, please.

**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**.

21-01-19 Y6 National Media Museum visit
25-01-19 Y1 class assembly
<b>28-01-19 FOE meeting 2pm</b>
<b>01-02-19 FOE Movie night (details to follow)</b>
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
<b>28-02-19 Academy Photography</b>
<b>06-03-19 Book Fair</b>
<b>07-03-19 Bags2school collection</b>
12-03-19 NSPCC assembly
12-03-19 NSPCC workshop Y5/Y6
14/15-03-19 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
<b>21-03-19 Y5 Brass concert (details to follow)</b>
28-03-19 Parent's Evening 4pm – 7pm
01-04-19 Governors meeting
02-04-19 Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
<b>05-04-19 Easter Service (details to follow)</b>
05-04-19 School closes
23-04-19 School opens
<b>13-05-19 Y6 SATS week</b>
<b>20-05-19 Sports Week</b>
<b>24-05-19 Sports Day</b>
24-05-19 School opens