



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy few weeks at Excalibur with lots of activities and some amazing work being produced.



Fizz Free February

As part of a Cheshire East initiative, during the month of February, our school undertook the Fizz Free February Challenge: to go without drinking fizzy drinks throughout February. In total, over 80 children completed the challenge in full, with many more making a good effort at cutting down their fizzy drink intake. A superb effort by all. Well done Excalibur!



Y6 Grease Performance

On Wednesday 27th February 2019, our Y6 children performed in Alsager High School's performance of *Grease*. After several weeks of practice, including two sessions led by Alsager High School's music teacher, Mr. Galley, the children stepped up to perform for an audience. During the afternoon, they performed two songs: *We Go Together* and *Shaking at the High School Hop*. Many thanks to all of the adults who supported the event, both from Excalibur and Alsager School. Particular thanks to those children who returned in the evening for a fantastic performance in front of a sell-out crowd.



Sports News

On Thursday 7th February, our netball team competed in the second week of the annual Alsager Community Trust Netball Tournament. Throughout the competition, the children showed both grit and determination and we were delighted, when the results were announced, to discover we had finished in 3rd position - a fantastic result! Well done to everybody who took part and particular thanks to those who stepped in at short notice - you did Excalibur proud.

On Thursday 14th February 2019, a team of Year 5 & 6 children competed in the Alsager Community Trust B Team Netball Competition. Playing against four schools during the event, our squad showed the true breadth of our netball skills at Excalibur. After a host of superb performances, we came runners up, narrowly missing out on the top spot.

On Tuesday 5th March, we took a squad of six Year 5 & 6 children to the Sandbach Sports Partnership Hockey Tournament. During the afternoon, seventeen teams from several primary schools battled it out to be crowned champions. There were some outstanding performances, both in defence and upfront, with superb teamwork and passing plays resulting in some excellent hockey. Well done Holly, Emily, Izzy, Adam, Nicolas and Kai - you displayed Excalibur's sporting attitude throughout. Additional thanks to our parents for supporting the event.

Y6 Skype Call

On Monday 5th March 2019, Year 6 participated in a live online engineer event as part of the Engineer's Leaders Award. This competition will see the children submit ideas along the theme of: "If you were an engineer, what would you do?"

The children received a presentation from Alison Benn, a senior engineer at Astra Zeneca, a research-based biopharmaceutical company. During her talk, Alison spoke about

what had inspired her to become an engineer, along with the route she had taken to become one.

Following her talk, the children were encouraged to ask questions amongst which they wanted to know what had been her favourite project so far.



World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, the children were invited to come into school dressed as a character from a book. What a fabulous effort everybody made. The children looked amazing! During the morning, the children talked about their favourite books and the whole school shared the book "The Poppy Field" by Michael Morpurgo. I'm sure there will be some wonderful work to follow.



NSPCC Assembly

On Tuesday 12th March, the NSPCC came into school to talk to the children about their **Speak out, Stay Safe programme**. This involved an assembly during which the children learned about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and what do if they have any concerns or worries. Following the assembly, our Y5 and Y6 children were involved in a workshop led by the NSPCC team.



Outdoor shoes

With the weather being unpredictable at the moment, the children will need their outdoor shoes on to play on our field at break times. We would ask you to check that your child has their outdoor shoes in school and that the shoes still fit.

As always, many thanks for your continued support. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

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**.

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
20-03-19 Y1 trip to Spaceport
21-03-19 Y5 Brass concert
22-03-19 FOE non uniform day
22-03-19 Y3 Art Day
23-03-19 FOE Easter Egg Hunt
26-03-19 FOE Mother's Day Wrap
27-03-19 FOE Mother's Day Wrap
28-03-19 FOE Mother's Day Wrap
28-03-19 Y 3,4,5,6 Cross Country
28-03-19 Parent's Evening 4pm – 7pm
01-04-19 Governors' meeting
02-04-19 Y5 Smokebusters
02-04-19 Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
03-04-19 Y5 visit to Wesley Place
03-04-19 EYFS Once Upon a Time Ball
05-04-19 Easter Service
05-04-19 School closes
23-04-19 School opens
26-04-19 Y6 Fire Station Visit
02-05-19 INSET day
07-05-19 Y4 Library Visit
09-05-19 Y 1 – 6 Orienteering
13-05-19 Y6 SATS week
16-05-19 Y3/4 Swimming Gala
20-05-19 Sports Week
24-05-19 Sports Day
24-05-19 School closes
04-06-19 School opens
06-06-19 Stoke City Problem Solving Day
19-06-19 Academy Photographs – Class/Groups
27-06-19 Bikeability Y5
28-06-19 Bikeability Y5
23-07-19 Y6 Leavers' Assembly
23-07-19 School closes