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## Newsletter 11

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Easter holidays are just around the corner and the promise of sunshine is in the air. There have been lots of exciting things going on, in and around school during the last two weeks.



### **Standon Bowers**

Year 4 spent two days at Standon Bowers accompanied by Miss Taylor, Mrs Woodcock, Mrs Bundy and Mrs Bailey. They tried lots of exciting activities including caving, climbing, low ropes and building campfires. On their return, they were full of tales about their adventures. What a great opportunity for them. Thank you to the staff who agreed to accompany the children.



### **Science Week**

Excalibur had a great week carrying out a range of investigations and experiments for Science Week. Every class had the opportunity to take part in exciting activities including creating lava lamps, testing which objects float and sink and exploring their sense of sight and hearing. All children took part with great enthusiasm and great scientific discussions took place in every year group.



### **Y2 Visit to Ford Green Hall**

On Tuesday 19th March, Year 2 visited Ford Green Hall in Stoke on Trent. Lisa was there to greet the children and give them a tour of the house. She drew the children's attention to the wattle and daub exterior, jetties and a small front door with no letter box. Inside the house, the children were fascinated by the four poster bed with a bedpan

underneath and a bed which up to eight children would have slept in. The children were even fortunate enough to meet Samuel Pepys in one of the rooms. The staff at Ford Green Hall were impressed with the children's knowledge and the way they conducted themselves around the hall. Well done to Year 2.



### **Y1 Visit to Spaceport**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 1 children took a trip to Wallasey to visit Spaceport. Whilst there, the children learned more about space through hands on activities. They found out about life on other planets and watched a film in the planetarium. They were even able to blast their own rockets into the air. Everyone had a fabulous time and the children behaved brilliantly. Miss Robinson was very proud of them.



### **Y5 Brass Concert**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, our Year 5 children dazzled us with their trumpeting skills. Parents, peers and staff watched and listened as the children demonstrated what they had learned. Well done Year 5 and a big thank you to Mr Birch from Love Music Trust who has worked diligently with the children over the last ten weeks.

### **Blue Planet Live**

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Year 2 watched the BBC **Teach Blue Planet Live Lesson**. The lesson looked at Earth's rich marine life. Expert wildlife biologist, Lizzy Daly talked to the children about healthy ecosystems and the threat to our oceans from plastics and over fishing. They watched as Steve Backshall swam with sharks in the Bahamas. He showed the children what sharks can teach us about ecosystems and how human behaviour can threaten shark life. What a fantastic bit of learning, Year 2!



### **Sports News**

On Thursday 7th March 2019, a squad of eight Year 5 & 6 children competed in the Alsager Community Trust Dodgeball Competition. Our team gave an outstanding performance, resulting in a final position of joint first! Fantastic! We have now won the competition for three consecutive years - ever since the competition began!

On Thursday 14th March 2019, a group of Year 3 children participated in a hockey festival at Alsager School. During the activity, they practised skills such as passing and dribbling, before moving into a small-sided game against each other. Thank you to Triton Hockey Club and Alsager School pupils who organised and ran the activities.

On Monday 18th March 2019, our squad of Year 5 & 6 basketball county finalists took part in the Level 3 event of the Cheshire & Warrington School Games. Getting to the county finals is a huge achievement. With over a hundred schools in Cheshire and Warrington, being in the final eight shows what a fantastic team we have. Well done! You did Excalibur proud!

On Thursday 21st March 2019, a group of eight Year 2 children attended the Year 2 Multi Sports Event. The activities were planned and lead by sports ambassadors from across the town's schools. They all did a fantastic job.



### **Book Fair Update**

Thanks to everyone who supported the book which made a fantastic £698.10. All commission is reinvested in school, purchasing stock for our book shelves. The children often choose the books we buy for the classrooms.

### **Just a reminder...**

In order to keep our school day running smoothly, we would ask that parents ensure that their children refrain from playing on the A-frame or other equipment either before or after school.

### **And finally...**

We hope that you have a fantastic Easter break with lots of chocolate and sunshine!

## **Diary Dates**

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

03-04-19 Y5 visit to Wesley Place
03-04-19 EYFS Once Upon a Time Ball
05-04-19 Easter Service
<b>05-04-19 School closes</b>
<b>23-04-19 School opens</b>
26-04-19 Y6 Fire station visit at school
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
<b>23-05-19 Y3/Y4 Racket Sports</b>
24-05-19 Sports Day
<b>24-05-19 School closes</b>
<b>04-06-19 School opens</b>
06-06-19 Stoke City Problem Solving Day
<b>13-06-19 Y6 Rounders Tournament</b>
19-06-19 Academy Photographs
<b>26-06-19 Y1 Blue Planet Visit</b>
27-06-19 Bikeability Y5
28-06-19 Bikeability Y5
23-07-19 Y6 Leavers' Assembly
<b>23-07-19 School closes</b>

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