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Newsletter 14

Dear Parents,

We are now well into the summer term and there have been lots of exciting things happening at school.



### **West Park Visit**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 3 class visited the Silk Museum in Macclesfield. During the day, the children took part in a range of activities including: making their own papyrus (Egyptian paper); taking on the role of museum curators; creating their own exhibition using different artefacts and dressing up in Ancient Egyptian clothing. They also had the opportunity to view different artefacts in the museum, including a real sarcophagus! All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the different activities, learning lots about Ancient Egypt to bring back to school.



### **Blists Hill Visit**

Year 4 visited Blists Hill this week to enhance their Victorian topic. Dressed in full costume, they had a Victorian school experience, even taking part in a PE lesson involving marching and drills. They were fully immersed into life in Victorian England – they even exchanged modern money for Victorian currency to spend in the confectioners, bakery and candle makers. Staff at Blists Hill commented on the exceptional way that our children interacted and engaged with the whole day. They were a credit to the school. Well done Y4!

### **Engineer's Award**

In the spring term, Year 6 took part in an engineers' award for which they worked to create a design for their own invention. They were required to draw a diagram of their idea and then annotate

it or write an accompanying cover letter. We are extremely proud to announce that, following a shortlisting process, Holly's work has been awarded a distinction and Harriet's work was judged as highly commended. Both entries will now be displayed at Coventry University. Out of 1500 entries, only 131 entries were selected for this honour. Well done both of you!



### **Y6 Carnival**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 6 children boarded this year's carnival float. Dressed brightly and wearing festival masks, they certainly fitted in well with the Mardi Gras theme. A big thank you to everyone who attended; you represented the school superbly.



### **Sports Update**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, a group of Year 1 children visited Alsager School for a multi-skills session. The activities varied from ball skills to relay-style races. Well done to everyone who took part.

Also on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, four children from Year 4 & 5 attended a tennis tournament at Alsager Tennis Club. During the competition, the children played doubles matches against other schools. Well done to Adam, Archie, Annie and Bo - you did Excalibur proud!

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, a group of four year 4 children attended a mini tennis tournament at Sandbach High School. Each child had to play 4 matches against a number of different schools from Congleton. They all played brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship and constantly improving their technique. Well done to Annie, Bo, Calum and Zac.



### **FOE**

Thank you to everyone that volunteered to help out with the Father's Day wrap. Friends of Excalibur raised a fabulous £256.89.

### **Staff Training Update**

All our teachers have received training on writing moderation. Our teaching assistants have completed special educational needs training. Mr Hancock and Miss Robinson have been involved in a Maths Mastery programme. Mrs Houldsworth

and Mrs Tomkinson have attended a designated safeguarding lead update workshop. Our training planned for the July inset will focus on developing children's deeper understanding in their learning of science and the foundation subjects.

### **Cheshire Events Calendar**

We would like to draw your attention to the new calendar from Cheshire East. The guide can be used to plan trips out for all the family, highlighting key Cheshire events taking place throughout the year together with hyperlinks to their listings on [visitcheshire.com](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/schools/bulletins/documents-for-bulletins-2019/cheshire-events-calendarnew.pdf). It is updated regularly to ensure no events are out of date. <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/schools/bulletins/documents-for-bulletins-2019/cheshire-events-calendarnew.pdf>

### **Change of Bank Holiday**

You may be aware that next year's May Day Bank Holiday has been changed from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 as part of the national celebrations of 75 years since VE Day. As a school we will be following suit and so Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 will now be a normal school day and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May will now be a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed.

Many thanks for your understanding with this change but it is driven by factors beyond our control.

### **A reminder...**

If your child is unable to attend after school clubs, please ensure that relevant staff are informed.

### **Out of Hours Club**

We are getting very excited planning our Excalibur out of hours club provision for next year. We are busy designing engaging and fun activities, planning the use of the full school facilities to enhance provision and organising the refurbishment and resourcing of the dedicated base in the mobile. Some people have asked us whether there is a name for our out of hours club. As is our way, we will seek the views and ideas of the children for this in the first few weeks of the club. We will also be constantly reviewing and adapting our activities and menus with the children's input.

If you would like to make use of our out of hours club, please return the forms as soon as possible to secure a regular place and avoid disappointment.

We plan to offer flexible weekly sessions where we can once regular bookings are confirmed. An additional form for this will be made available later this term.

Other good news is that we will also be offering our very own holiday club on-site here at Excalibur from September 2019!

All booking forms are available on the school's website. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs King in our office.

**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**.

<b>24-06-19 Town Sports. Highfields School at 4pm</b>
<b>25-06-19 Guitar Concert 2.30pm</b>
26-06-19 Y1 Blue Planet Visit
27-06-19 Bikeability Y5/Y4
28-06-19 Bikeability Y5/Y4
01-07-19 Last week for after school clubs
03-07-19 KS2 Christchurch visit
04-07-19 FOE non uniform day
05-07-19 Summer Fair 5pm
08-07-19 Meet The Teacher Y4 – 4pm; Y5 – 4.30pm Y6 – 5pm
10-07-19 Y6 Matinee 2pm (letter for tickets to follow)
10-07-19 Y6 Evening Performance 6pm (letter for tickets to follow)
10-07-19 Meet The Teacher Y1 – 4pm; Y2 – 4.30pm Y3 – 5pm
<b>11-07-19 Move up afternoon</b>
12-07-19 Reports out
15-07-19 Governors meeting 5.30pm
<b>16-07-19 ACT Sports Presentation (letter to follow)</b>
<b>17-07-19 Reception Pirate Party</b>
17-07-19 Y6 Garden Party 5pm
23-07-19 Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am
23-07-19 School closes
<b>04-09-19 School opens</b>
<b>25-09-19 Y6 Safeguarding workshop (details to follow)</b>
<b>4-10-19 – 8-10-19 Book Fair</b>
<b>25-10-19 School closes</b>