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Dear Parents,
As we approach the end of the year, we would like to take the opportunity to extend a huge thank you for all your support throughout the year.

Over the last few weeks, we have been keeping extremely busy with lots of exciting things going on.



Guitar Concert

On Tuesday 25th June, a group of our talented musicians showed off their skills to parents and the rest of the school in a captivating concert led by Matt Tidswell. This was a real celebration of all they had learnt throughout the year. Well done to all involved.



Y1 Trip to the Blue Planet

On Wednesday 26th June, our Year 1 children went on a trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium. The children had a fantastic day, looking at a variety of sea creatures and finding out lots of interesting facts about them. Miss Robinson was very proud of both the behaviour of the children and their knowledge when answering questions. Well done, Year 1.

KS2 visit to Christchurch

On Wednesday 3rd July, our Key Stage Two children visited Christ Church as part of their Big School's Event. During the day, the children participated in a carousel of engaging activities which included: discussing some of the Bible stories; learning about Christian beliefs surrounding the life of Jesus; exploring the historic church building and reflecting on the children's own hopes and aspirations for the future. Many thanks to Christ Church for hosting the event and making us feel so welcome.



Bikeability Y4/Y5

Year 4 and 5 recently completed their Bikeability sessions and learnt how to ride their bikes safely. The children did really well and the instructors commented on how enthusiastic everyone was!



Radio Stoke Visit

Several weeks ago, Excalibur hit the news after a group of former pupils met up to recreate a school football team photograph from 1979. Our current children were intrigued and curious about the photograph. On Thursday 27th June, John Acres from BBC Radio Stoke visited our school to record an interview with some children which was to be broadcasted on their breakfast show. During the interview, the children gave their views on Excalibur's appearance in the local and national news. The children also met the original image's photographer and some of the players from 1979.



Passport to the World

Following the success of last year's *Passport to the World*, our school, once again, became an airport for a week. This activity is part of our global learning and offers the children the opportunity to extend their knowledge and appreciation of different cultures of the world.

For the week beginning 1st July, on every afternoon, classrooms were transported to a range of exciting destinations from Mauritius to Canada. Eagerly clutching their passports, the children moved around the school to the different countries where they experienced arts associated with each of them. The children reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the week – particularly the opportunity to work with children from different age groups.



Y6 Let the Games Begin

On Wednesday 10th July, Year 6 - ably supported by our Year 5 children - performed their production *Let the Games Begin*. The children's performances were nothing short of outstanding, showcasing fantastic acting and singing skills that they should all be extremely proud of. As is our inclusive way, every child had their part to play, including those responsible for the music and the props, who

successfully ensured a smooth transition between scenes. Well done to all staff involved, especially Mr Hancock, Miss McArdle and Miss Hilditch.



Sports Update

On Monday 24th June 2019, a squad of children from across Year 2 to Year 6 competed in the annual Town Sports event at Alsager Highfields. During the evening, they competed in several events, including sprinting, skipping, bean bag race, long distance, obstacle and relays. The performances across the board were outstanding. In the end, we came a fantastic joint 2nd place, equalling our all-time best position in the event. It was wonderful to see our children supporting each other throughout, showing brilliant sportsmanship to each other and cheering on their teammates.

On Tuesday 2nd July, a squad of Year 5 & 6 children attended the Sandbach Sports Partnership Rounders Tournament at Sandbach High School. During the event, our children displayed true strength in their fielding skills and grit and determination when batting.

Well done to Will, Nicolas, Izzy, Holly, Emily, Ruby, Rory, Ben and Harry - you did Excalibur proud!



FOE Summer Fair

On Friday 5th July, FOE held their annual summer fair. We were incredibly fortunate with the beautiful weather. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the night and to those who supported the event. FOE raised £1481.13.

Reports and Open Classroom

Your child should come home with their report today. We hope you enjoy sharing their achievements and progress from this year. If there are any things that you need to discuss further with your child's teacher before the end of term, there will be an opportunity to "drop in" to your teacher's classroom. "Drop ins" will be on Monday 15th July between 3.15pm and 4.30pm for Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. "Drop in" for Year 5 will be Wednesday 17th June between 3.15pm and 4.30pm.

Poetry Competition

As part of Alsager One World festival 2019, there will be an opportunity for children to enter a poetry competition. This may be something that

the children could do over the summer holidays. Details of this will be sent via ParentMail.



Summer safety

At this time of year, please would you discuss with your children the usual summer safety messages just as we will be doing in school: road safety, stranger danger, sun safety, water safety and given our location - railway safety. Furthermore, as it is likely that children spend more time on their tech during the long holidays, please ensure that you know what they are accessing via the internet, check parental controls on devices and understand the nature of the games they are playing. There is lots of support on the e-safety section of our website to help.

Outstanding Monies

As we draw to the end of the term, please could everyone check that they do not have any outstanding balances to settle on ParentMail.

End of Term Checks

Please could you check that your child has taken their old trainers/wellies from the welly stores at the end of the year? Also, we would be grateful if you would have a quick check at home for any school reading books which need returning. Lastly, lost property items will be out on the playground on Thursday 18th July at 3.15pm to be reclaimed. All articles of unclaimed lost property will be disposed of over the summer holidays.

And Finally...

We wish you all a lovely summer break!

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**.

15-07-19 Parent "Drop in" 3.15pm – 4.30pm Y1,2,3,4,6
15-07-19 Governors meeting 5.30pm
16-07-19 ACT Sports Presentation
17-07-19 Reception Pirate Party
17-07-19 Parent "Drop in" Y5 3.15pm – 4.30pm
17-07-19 Y6 Garden Party 5pm
18-07-19 Guitar Concert 9.30am (Nathan Fairless pupils)
23-07-19 Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am
23-07-19 School closes
04-09-19 School opens
09-09-19 FOE Committee Formation Meeting 5pm
19-09-19 Reception Family Lunch
25-09-19 Y6 Safeguarding workshop (details to follow)
04-10-19 Harvest Assembly 9.15am (details to follow)
04-10-19 – 08-10-19 Book Fair 3.15pm
05-10-19 Alsager One World Festival 10am – 1pm
17-10-19 Reception Welly Walk to Merelake Way (details to follow)
25-10-19 School closes