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17th January 2020

Newsletter 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you had a lovely two weeks, enjoying time with family and friends. The children have returned to school ready to learn and there has been lots of fabulous things going on in school.

Infants Theatre Visit

On Thursday 9th January, our Reception children enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Lowry Theatre in Manchester where they watched "The Gruffalo's Child". The children were absolutely mesmerized by the singing, dancing and acting.

"I liked the Gruffalo's child. Her face was really good when she was scared." Inaaya.

"I liked the fox. He had a funny voice and sang a really good song." Emma

"I liked it when they were running around and throwing snowballs at each other." Tobi

Well done to all our Reception children for your impeccable manners and fantastic behaviour.



Sportshall Athletics

On Thursday 16th January, a squad of our athletes attended the Alsager Community Trust Sportshall Athletics. As one of the biggest events of the sporting calendar, the competition involves children competing in a variety of track and field events, including obstacle, hurdle, sprint and middle distance races as well as chest push, soft javelin, speed bounce, standing long jump, standing triple jump and vertical jump. This year's event saw fantastic performances throughout, with several top three finishes in the races as well as excellent scores across the field events. When it came down to the results, all was up for grabs - we had no idea where we would come. As the positions and total point tally was announced in reverse order, we found ourselves in the top two.

We came runners up, narrowly missing out on the top spot! With one of our best Sportshall Athletics results in recent years, everyone who represented Excalibur did us proud!



Netball

As part of England Netball's opportunities for ages 9-11, Alsager Leisure Centre is hosting a Netball Youth Camp during February half-term on Monday 17th February 2020 from 10:00am. The day will involve top quality coaching, fun games and match play. It is open to both experienced netball players and for anyone aged 9-11 who is interested in playing netball. Follow the link below for more information and to book a place:

[\(https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/play/netball-youth-camps/\)](https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/play/netball-youth-camps/)

Staffing

As you may be aware, Mrs Bailey started her maternity leave this week, a little earlier than anticipated. Although her new baby has not yet arrived, both are doing really well. As soon as there is any news, we will let you know. I am sure that you will join us in welcoming Mrs Griffin and Mrs Harris to our school who will be covering Mrs Bailey in her absence.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are making some slight amendments to the way that parents are notified about clubs that run after school. On the day that the children return to school after a holiday, parents will receive an email detailing the clubs that will be available that half term. This will be notification only and should not be returned to school. On the following day, bookings for clubs will be made available electronically from 3pm. For any clubs that are full, a waiting list will be kept. Children on this list will be offered a place first if the club is continued in the following term.



Board Games

Christmas is often a time when new games are received and old ones are no longer required. If you have any games that are surplus to requirement, we would be pleased to offer them a home at Excalibur! Any such items can be handed in at the main office.

Midday Assistant

We have a vacancy for a midday assistant, starting from next half term. The hours would be daily from 11.45am to 1.30pm. If you are interested in applying for the position, please ask Mrs King for an application form.

Treetops Update

There have been lots of exciting activities available at Treetops, the children have made New Year's resolutions and took part in a winter themed quiz. As Chinese New Year approaches, the children will be taking part in various activities next week such as lantern making, Chinese name writing and creating red envelopes.

Just a reminder...

We would ask that all communication to the school is directed through our admin email (aside from Treetops enquiries which go to the office email). As this is managed daily, it will ensure a speedy response.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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

22-01-20 Y3 Class assembly 9.15am
28-01-20 Y6 Enterprise (2 groups @ AHS)
29-01-20 Smokebusters Y5 1.30pm
04-02-20 Y4 Parent's meeting for Standon Bowers
06-02-20 Y2 Trip to Ford Green Hall (letter to follow)
11/12-02-20 Kids that Rock (details to follow)
12-02-20 Y2 Class assembly 9.15am
13-02-20 Y6 Annie rehearsal @ AHS (letter to follow)
14-02-20 School closes
24-02-20 School opens
26-02-20 Y6 Annie matinee 1pm
26-02-20 Y6 Annie evening performance 6pm
04-03-20 Year 1 Class assembly 9.15am
5/6-3-20 Y4 trip to Standon Bowers
12-03-20 KS2 trip to The Big Bang (letter to follow)
16/17/18-03-20 Life Education Van in school
18-03-20 Year 4 Class assembly 9.15am
19-03-20 Dance workshop Y5/Y6 @ AHS 12.30 – 3pm (details to follow)
19-03-20 Parent's evening 4pm – 7pm
24-03-20 Parent's evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
25-03-20 Reception Class assembly 9.15am
26-03-20 Y5 Class assembly 9.15am
03-04-20 School closes
20-04-20 School opens
21-04-20 Y2 Yellow Brick Road workshop
11-05-20 Y6 SATS week
22-05-20 School closes