



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

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for reading our first newsletter of 2022. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Despite being only 2 weeks into the new term, our children have been engaged in a range of exciting learning opportunities.

### **Year 5 & 6 Hockey Skills Session**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, a group of Year 5 & 6 children attended a hockey skills session at Alsager School as part of the Alsager Community Trust sports events. During the event, they took part in a variety of activities designed to develop their hockey-playing skills. This included shooting, dribbling, passing and lifting the ball. All of our children represented Excalibur wonderfully, showcasing our core values and working hard to improve throughout the session. Well done to Tom, Maisie, Ellie, Leah, Noah, Grace, Jacob, Imogen, Emmie, Isla, Maddie, Lily and Angel.

All of the events were organised by hockey players from Alsager School, many of whom play for our local club: Triton Hockey Club. They provide training and match opportunities for a range of age groups, so please visit the website if you would like more details of how to join:  
<https://www.tritonhockey.co.uk>.

### **Chess Club Details**

We have been contacted by Mow Cop Junior Chess Club regarding an opportunity for children to learn how to play chess from online Welsh champion, Jonathan Blackburn. They meet at Mount Pleasant Village Hall (ST73LG) on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The cost is £5. For more details, please contact Jonathan on 07891 600114 or [jonathan.blackburn1985@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.blackburn1985@gmail.com).

### **Treetops Update**

This term's theme at Treetops is "Around the World". This week, they have started with Antarctica and, at the end of the week, they will be spinning the globe to find out where they are going next. Keep an eye on our social media channels to find out about their adventures.

If you wish to get in touch with Treetops for any reason, please either email [contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk) or ring 01270 667272

### **Red Postbox for Office Correspondence**

A red post box has been installed at the top of the drive. This should be used for all correspondence with the school office, including handing in of any payments.

### **Excalibur Library – Update and Thank You**

As we enter the new term, our Excalibur Library continues to grow with a selection of recent donations from parents, staff and friends of the school. Many thanks to everyone who has donated so far.

If you do wish to donate books to the school, please bring items to the school office or hand to your child's class teacher.

Don't forget to check out the following link to see some of our recent arrivals at the Excalibur Library:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/whats-new-in-our-excalibur-library/112100>.

### **OPAL Update**

As introduced before Christmas, we are embarking on a project to develop our outdoor play and learning provision. Many thanks to everyone who donated items before the holidays – these have been checked and stored ready to get them out at lunchtimes. Before we can do this, we are in a need of a few more items to ensure we have enough resources for our children to play with. Please see below for a list of some of the items we are interested in:

- Small world toys, such as cars, dinosaurs, figures, etc. These could be donated loose or in a box,
- Old or unwanted pots and pans,
- Milk crates / stacking crates (lightweight),
- Lightweight pallets,
- Car tyres.

If you do think you have something which would enrich our outdoor environment, please send a photograph of the items to [contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk) and we will get back to you at the earliest opportunity.

### **HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee – Platinum Pudding Competition**

As part of this year's celebrations to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Fortnum & Mason is inviting people across the country to submit entries to create the official Jubilee Pudding. Entries are open to anyone aged 8 or over. For more information, please take a look at the following website:

<https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding>.

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

As is always the case, if you have any enquiries or concerns, please let us know.

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