



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

18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are in the last week of this academic year. What a busy year it has been! The final few weeks have been action packed and the children have been brilliant throughout the range of things going on.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all your support. Our school community is made stronger through the collaboration and cooperation you all give.

#### **Year 1 Blue Planet Trip**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 1 children visited the Blue Planet Aquarium to learn all about life under the sea. During the visit, they took part in a workshop about where different sea creatures live and they even saw the stingray being fed.

#### **Year 1 Parents/Carers Lunch**

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022, we were delighted to welcome our Year 1 parents to school to share lunchtime with their children. Many thanks to all of our visitors who were able to attend.

#### **Computing with Raj in Year 2, 4 & 6**

Over the last couple of weeks, our Year 2, 4 & 6 children have benefitted from computing sessions with Raj Barard. The children have worked on CoSpaces, an online coding programme where they were able to code in a 3D space. Year 2 learnt how to move their characters around the space while Year 6 developed parallel codes and multiple scenes. It was a great opportunity for our children to develop their knowledge of computer programmes.

#### **Science in Year 2**

Year 2 have been developing their skills of scientific enquiry by exploring whether sounds get fainter the further away they are. The children worked well to observe and make records of their observations, before concluding what their findings showed. Year 2 are clearly a class full of future scientists!

#### **Water Sports at Astbury with Year 6**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Year 6 took part in an action-packed water sports day at Astbury Water Sports Centre.

During the full day event, the children took part in a selection of activities, including paddle-boarding, canoeing, kayaking and raft building. Year 6 were an absolute credit to the school, showing resilience to overcome their fears and support each other throughout the day. Many thanks to the fabulous staff at Astbury.

#### **Summer Fair**

It was a delight to hold our first summer fair since 2019 last Friday. We had a whole host of activities on offer, including the BBQ, tombola, photo booth and a variety of games and activities organised by our Year 6 children. We would like to pass on a great big thank you to all parents and members of our school community who helped at our Summer Fair. With your help, we raised a fantastic £1722.10 which will be used to provide additional opportunities and experiences for our children. Thank you all!

#### **Sports Day Winners**

Following our Sports Day earlier in June, and the verifying of the results, we are now able to announce that Arthur were crowned Sports Day Champions 2022. The points from this event will be added to all other house points to decide the end-of-year winner.

#### **Town Sports Champions!!!**

At the end of June, a team of Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 children took part in the final event in our sporting calendar - Town Sports - where we competed against five other schools in a range of athletic races. There were lots of amazing individual performances as well as fantastic teamwork on display. The support and encouragement that the children showed for each other was brilliant to see. As a result of the grit, determination and talent demonstrated by the children, we were crowned this year's winners and brought home the trophy for the first time.

#### **The Greatest Show – Year 5 & 6 End-of-Year Production**

For the past few weeks, Year 5 and 6 have been rehearsing for their summer production of the Greatest Show, a play following the exploits of the Pickle Family as they battle against the dastardly Colonel Obadiah Blastpipe. The children have worked hard to make a superb production and it has been a pleasure to see it develop as the weeks have gone on. The individual acting and singing performances have been a pleasure to watch and Year 5 have been a fantastic support as members of our choir. Well done to everyone who has taken part and a special thanks to the team of staff and volunteers, without whom none of this would have been possible.

#### **Alsager Library Summer Reading Challenge**

Alsager Library are hosting their annual Summer Reading Challenge and registration is now open! Last

week, librarian Clare led an assembly for the whole school where she invited all children to take part. Children can register by visiting Alsager Library. Last year, out of all the schools in Alsager, we had the highest number of children complete the challenge - let's see if we can get even more this year! For more information, please visit Alsager Library - they can also be contacted by ringing 01270 375325.

### **Stop Summer Learning Loss with PLYTIME Learning**

Following their research project with Manchester Metropolitan University, PLYTIME Learning are offering our school a unique 20% discount for one month of primary maths support over the summer. From less than £10 per week, your child could benefit from:

- 24 x 7 access to personalised maths practice, built around the curriculum.
- Supported by convenient, 1-to-1 tutoring sessions, designed around the optimal attention span of 15 minutes
- A flexible subscription that can be cancelled anytime.
- Online support that can be accessed remotely.

To find out more and receive your discount code, please visit:

<https://plytime.com/20-plytime-discount-sign-up>

If you have any queries or need any further information, you can get in touch via the website.

### **Safeguarding**

Mrs Jones - Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Rogers - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Miss McArdle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Hilditch - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Ellie - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Oscar - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Will - Safeguarding Ambassador

With the summer holidays in front of us, if you have any safeguarding concerns or need safeguarding advice, please contact the school or, alternatively, our website has links to useful phone numbers:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/supportservices/6049>

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

We hope you have a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September. We wish our Year 6 children all the very best. I am sure that they will make a positive mark on the world!

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Jones**  
**Head Teacher**

**Mr Hancock**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## **Diary Dates**

19.07.22 – Y6 local hike (details to follow)
20.07.22 – Y6 Leavers' assembly (details to follow)
20.07.22 School closes
06.09.22 School opens