



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

5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Newsletter 4

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome back after the half term holidays. We hope you have all had a lovely break. It was great to welcome the children back in to school on Tuesday.

This week has been packed full of exciting learning and there are a number of things to draw your attention to.

### Year 4/5 Art

There has been some fabulous artwork happening in school this week. The children have concentrated incredibly hard on developing their skills and the outcomes have been amazing:

### Year 4 Artists



### Year 5 Artists



### Year 6 Field Trip

On Wednesday 21st October 2020, Year 6 went into Alsager to carry out a series of geography field trip activities. In the morning, they did a traffic survey on the roads around Milton Park. This included noting down the number and type of vehicles seen as well as considering who the roads were being used by. In the afternoon, they did a nature survey on the fields and woodland area around Fanny's Croft. Well done to all of Year 6 for representing Excalibur so well throughout the day and for having such enthusiasm in developing their skills in geography.



### Year 2 Football Skills

Can you do a Matthews' move number one? Or maybe a Matthews' move number two? Year 2 can. They have been learning about another local historical figure - Sir Stanley Matthews. He played for Stoke, Blackpool and England, in 701 matches with no yellow cards. What a legend!



### Infant Bonfire

*Remember, remember 5th November, gunpowder treason and plot.*

On 5th November, our KS1 children had a really wonderful time enjoying the infant bonfire. The children watched as Mrs Weatherby lit the fire and, as the flames danced, everyone enjoyed their chocolate apples.

Bonfire quotes:

Katy "I liked looking at the bonfire, especially the sticks burning"

Nelly "I loved the apple because I loved the chocolate on it"

Noah "I did see the orange fire. I could smell burning"

Leo M "I saw smoke when the water went on"

Harry " I heard the water whoosh and I saw the flames"

Thanks to Mr Pickin for making sure that this could go ahead safely.



### **Friends of Excalibur**

Friends of Excalibur have very kindly offered to pay for our children to enjoy an online pantomime, delivered by The Mercury Theatre in Colchester. This will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and will link with Xmas jumper day.



### **Remembrance**

Throughout next week, we are once again inviting you to mark this event by tying a piece of red ribbon or fabric to the railings at the front of the school. The children are welcome to attach poppies and simple messages too. We will continue to sell remembrance items at the front of school until the end of Tuesday and on Wednesday the children will take part in age appropriate activities and discussions as well as a minute's silence. Thank you for your support.

### **Staffing**

As you will be aware, Miss Robinson has started her maternity leave this week. Please be assured that she is well and is enjoying some rest. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Bass back to our team and also in wishing Miss Robinson all the best when her new little person arrives.

### **Children in Need**

We will be participating in Children in Need next Friday. Further details will follow.

### **Bag2School**

We are really pleased to share that we have raised an incredible **£87** through the Bag2School fundraising scheme. Many thanks for all your support. The funds raised through this scheme will be used to enhance the educational provision for our children.



### **Treetops - Before and After School Club**

There are lots of exciting activities upcoming at Treetops this half term. The children will be doing some remembrance day activities, such as making lanterns and poppy pictures. They are also planning on making some delicious treats of rice krispy cakes and rocky road.

### **And finally**

Many thanks for your cooperation and support around the changed drop off and collection times. In light of the new national restrictions, we would ask that you continue to adhere to your timings in order that we can maintain the safety of our school community.

As the weather is increasingly inclement, can you please ensure that your child has their outdoor shoes in school. These should be different to their PE footwear.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to arrange to speak to a member of the team.

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