



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

22nd September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our children back for the start of the new school year. I have been thoroughly impressed with the way they continue to exemplify our school values: resilience, respect, unity and aspiration have been on display throughout the last two weeks. As the new term and year progresses, I look forward to celebrating the many successes sure to come.

In terms of the nation, we have lived through historic times with the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts continue to be with His Majesty King Charles III, all members of the Royal Family, the rest of the nation, and the wider world as we remember the life of our longest-serving, longest-living, longest-reigning sovereign. The Queen's steadfast commitment to service and duty continues to be an example to us all.

Platinum School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in achieving the Platinum School Games award for the second time.

The School Games Award is a government-led awards scheme which was launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of sporting competition across school and into the community.

Very few schools have achieved the Platinum Award, a level that can only be achieved once the gold level has been achieved for five consecutive years.

Many thanks to Miss Robinson for leading on the application process.

Reading Challenge – Alsager Library

It has been a pleasure to hear that many of our children have completed Alsager Library's reading challenge. If your child has completed the challenge, please ask them to bring their certificate into school and they will be rewarded with house points accordingly.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Last week saw the beginning of this term's extra-curricular clubs. From film club to choir to a host of sporting clubs, many children across the school took part. While some clubs are already full, there are some spaces available so if your child has yet to sign up, please get in touch with the office.

Sporting Competitions Begin

This week sees the first of our inter-school sporting competitions, with the first week of the upper KS2 football league at Alsager School. Best of luck to the team and many thanks to Mrs. Thompson, who will be managing the team.

Rock Steady

Last week, the Rock Steady lessons began, giving children at Excalibur the opportunity to receive rock and pop band lessons. The feedback from the children was very positive and we look forward to hearing how their musical skills develop throughout the year.

OPAL

As you will have seen, Mr Pickin has been very busy over the summer holiday installing a variety of superb play equipment on our school site. This equipment is designed to enable children to develop skills of risk management in a safe and supervised environment. With one child describing it as "like Disneyland", the new equipment has certainly been popular with the children.

Many thanks to Mr. Pickin and other members of our school and wider community who have contributed to the development of our site. In particular, we'd like to thank Mat (Alexa's dad) and Mitch from MJ Law Ltd for their fantastic help during the summer. The groundworks they did for the school have really made a difference to the creativity of our pupils' playtime.

To further develop our outdoor play provision, we are now looking for small world toys on any theme, as well as dressing up clothes for the children to use. If you would like to donate any items, please send a photo to contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk and we will be in touch.

Considerate Parking

As we start the new year, may we please take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children.

Safeguarding

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>



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Yours sincerely,

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