



29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

## Newsletter 17

Dear Parents/Carers,



### Orienteering

A team of Y5/6 pupils went to Alsager High school to represent Excalibur in an orienteering competition. As usual, our children represented our school brilliantly and were overall team winners. Well done to all involved.



### Racket skills event

Continuing the sports theme, a group of Y3/4 pupils attended a racket skills event at the sports hall at Alsager High school. Mr Cotterill reported that: "The event was a big success with children having the opportunity to try different racket sports including: table tennis, squash, tennis, and badminton. As always, our children were great ambassadors for our school, future Wimbledon stars in the making!"



### Standon Bowers

Y4 returned from their Standon Bowers residential trip full of tales of 'epic' activities. The staff who accompanied the children were very proud of the way the children tackled the activities. With great gusto, the children demonstrated organisational skills, determination, resilience and an all-round brilliant attitude. Thank you children!

Also, a big thank you to the staff who accompanied them on this overnight stay.



### Smokebusters

Year 5 children learned all about 'escape to safety' last Wednesday; they had an in-school visit from the fire service.

### Keeping everyone safe

Please could you support us to help to keep everyone safe by observing the following?

- Scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the playground either before or after school – even by younger siblings.
- Excalibur currently allows children afterschool to use the climbing frames under parent/carer supervision only. Please ensure that you supervise your child closely if you choose to allow them to access equipment after school.
- Dogs (other than guide dogs) are not permitted on school premises at any time.
- Please do not enter classrooms in the mornings – always come in through the main office area and wait for assistance.

### Staffing

Following a full recruitment process, I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Juliet Tomkinson has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Excalibur with effect from September 2016.

In addition, Mr Daniel Hancock will be joining the team at Excalibur as class teacher from September 2016.

Full details of staffing structure and year group organisation for September will be confirmed in June.

### And finally..

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully,  
Mrs Lise Houldsworth  
Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

This is a list of dates currently in the school diary.

02-05-16 School closed - May Bank Holiday
05-05-16 School closed for polling
06-05-16 Y5 class assembly 9.15am
09-05-16 Year 6 SATS week
09-05-16 FOE meeting 7.30pm @ The Manor
18-05-16 Y6 Taika drumming @ Alsager High
19-05-16 Y1 to Blue Planet Aquarium – details to follow
20-05-16 Y3 class assembly 9.15am
20-05-16 FOE children's discos – details to follow
23-05-16 Sports Week
23-05-16 PDSA IN to Reception class
25-05-16 Governors community meeting 5.30pm
27-05-16 Sports Day KS1 9.30am/KS2 1.45pm
27-05-16 School closes

07-06-16 School opens
07-06-16 Key Stage 1 Maths information workshop for parents 5pm @ Excalibur – details to follow
08-06-16 Reception to Stockley Farm – details to follow
08-06-16 Y4 Alsager Maths Day @ Pikemere – details to follow
11-06-16 Alsager Carnival
13-06-16 Phonics screening week Y1
15-06-16 Reception class assembly
15/16/17-06-16 FOE Father's Day gift wrap at lunchtimes – details to follow
17-06-16 Y2 class assembly 9.15am
21-06-16 Guitar concert (Mr Tideswell) 2.30pm
22-06-16 Governors meeting – strategic leadership 5.30pm
23-06-16 School closed for EU referendum
24-06-16 Road Safety Y6 with the fire service
24-06-16 Judaism with Jeremy IN Y5 – details to follow
28-06-16 Alsager town sports at Highfields school 5pm (Y2-Y6)
01-07-16 FOE Summer Fair 5-7pm
05-07-16 Y6 production 2pm
07-07-16 Y2 trip to New Brighton – details to follow
06-07-16 Governors meeting teaching and

learning 5.30pm
07-07-16 Y6 production 6pm
08-07-16 End of Year Reports come home
12-07-16 Y6 family garden party 4.30-6pm
13-07-16 Full Governors meeting 5pm
14-07-16 Y4/5 Bikeability – details to follow
15-07-16 Y4/5 Bikeability – details to follow
19-07-16 Y6 leavers assembly 9.15am
19-07-16 School closes for Summer

06-09-16 School opens
21-10-16 School closes