



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

12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the summer term! Despite the current rainy weather, we are hopeful for bright sunshine in the near future, complete with summer fair, summer sports and many more exciting events for your children.

### **Coronation Celebrations**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023, children at Excalibur celebrated the coronation of King Charles III with a picnic lunch on the field, courtesy of Mrs Preen and our kitchen staff. Throughout the day, the children took part in coronation-themed activities, from making their own paper crowns to finding out about the ceremony and the regalia that's used.

We hope you and your families enjoyed the coronation weekend. Following on from last year's jubilee celebrations, and the passing of HM the Queen, we would like to update the royal display in our corridor. As part of this, we would like to include some photographs of members of our school community celebrating the historic event. Please send any photos of your celebrations, including parties, street events or trips to London, to [contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk),

### **A Bird's Nest**

Over the last few weeks, we have been lucky to have a blackbird nest in our tyre pyramid. Since the discovery, we have been keeping clear of the pyramid, but Imogen in Year 4 has been responsible for taking photographs as the eggs were laid. They have now hatched! Photos can also be found on our Facebook page.

### **Year 3-6 Cross Country**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, a group of around 60 children in Years 3 to 6 participated in the Alsager Community Trust cross country competition. During the event, Years 3 and 5 ran one lap of both high school fields, with Years 5 and 6 running two laps. Everyone who represented Excalibur did us proud, showing a grit and determination throughout and displaying sportsmanship and encouragement to all.

We had several individuals finishing in the top 10 in each race, leading to us coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 3 & 4 race, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 5 & 6 boys' category and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Years 5 & 6 girls' competition. Fantastic achievements all round!

### **Year 6 Trampolining**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023, a group of four Year 6s attended a trampolining taster event led by a member of staff at Alsager School. Well done to everyone who took part. You represented Excalibur brilliantly and did a great job with the gymnastics skills.

### **Easter Events with FOE**

Before Easter, FOE organised two events: a bake sale and the Easter headdress competition. Both events were a roaring success, with children and families from across school taking part. Over £300 was raised from the events.

Many thanks to everyone who made the events possible.

### **Springo Bingo with FOE**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, families from across Excalibur were treated to a bingo bonanza courtesy of Friends of Excalibur. During the evening, participants played six games of bingo and even took part in "Play Your Cards Right". A large array of prizes was distributed throughout and around £400 was raised.

Many thanks to everyone who made the event possible and for the prize donations.

### **Year 4 Times Table Success**

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 4 took part in an online times table competition. Initially, they participated in a regional event, in which they came 10<sup>th</sup> and gained them entry into the national competition.

Fantastically, we came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the national competition, with Freddie, Elliot and Fin getting into the top 5 in the individual rankings.

Well done to everyone in Year 4 for their superb contribution to the competition.

### **Year 6 SATs**

This week, Year 6 have completed their end-of-key-stage assessments. Throughout the week, the children have shown such a super attitude. We are extremely proud of them.

### **Litter Pickers**

We have been delighted with the way many of our children have been taking care of our school site, with several groups of children making use of our litter pickers to collect bags of rubbish. Well done and thank you to everyone involved with this.

### **OPAL**

Our outdoor play and learning provision continues to develop. Just this week, Mr. Pickin and Mr. Hancock collected a pile of pallets donated by a business in Stoke

– keep an eye out for some exciting projects which will be underway soon!

To see what great activities have been happening at lunchtime, visit the following page on our school website:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/opal/113550>.

We are always striving to further improve our offer, so if you have any toys or other items which you think would be suitable please let us know by emailing [contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk) or speaking to a member of staff.

In particular over the next couple of weeks, we are looking for tarpaulins or other similar items which could be used for den building.

### 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>

### Our Safeguarding Ambassadors

Mrs Jones - Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Rogers – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Miss McArdle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Hilditch – Safeguarding Ambassador  
Noah – Safeguarding Ambassador  
Imogen – Safeguarding Ambassador  
Ewan – Safeguarding Ambassador  
Ava – Safeguarding Ambassador

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Jones**  
Head Teacher

**Mr Hancock**  
Assistant Headteacher

### Diary Dates

Date	Event
19.05.23	Year 3 Trip to Deva Roman Chester
22.05.23	Prime VR Day for KS2
23.05.23	Dogs Trust Workshops
24.05.23	Year 3 Class Assembly
08.06.23	Reception Trip to Runway Centre
12.06.23	Sports Week
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16.06.23	
16.06.23	Sports Day (KS2 AM; KS1 PM)
19.06.23	Passport to the World Through Art Week (details to follow)
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23.06.23	
21.06.23	Year 5 Bikeability
23.06.23	Year 4 Blists Hill Trip
07.07.23	Summer Fair
11.07.23	Year 2 Trip to Llandudno
13.06.23	Year 6 Bikeability
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14.06.23	
18.06.23	Rocksteady Concert
21.07.23	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly