



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

17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 6 Basketball Tournament**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, a team of five children competed in the annual basketball tournament held at Alsager School. During the event, they played against four other schools. Each game tested them in different ways but, through a combination of grit, resilience and basketball prowess, they were successful in winning every game. As a result, they have earned a place in the next round of the competition which will take place at Congleton High School in December. Well done to Cooper, Joel, Oscar, Jacob and Harry.

### **Year 2 Multi-Skills Event Led by Sports Ambassadors**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, a group of Year 2 children participated in a multi-skill sport event at Alsager School. The activities tested their skills in a variety of sporting disciplines. Throughout the event, they performed brilliantly and represented Excalibur with an exemplary attitude. The activities were led by the sports ambassadors from the five local primary schools. Well done to Ella, Emma and Joel who displayed superb leadership throughout.

### **Engine Idling**

Please can we ask that engines be switched off when waiting outside school at the end of the day. It is important for the environment to reduce engine emissions. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Welly Store Further Reminder**

We are pleased to see more children having suitable outdoor footwear in school. Please remember that, with the weather getting colder and rainier, it is essential that all children have outdoor shoes in school on a daily basis. This enables them to make the most of our field and other muddier areas. Therefore, if you have not already done so, please ensure that your child has a pair of outdoor shoes in school. These need to be stored in the welly stores on the playground. The children will be able to change into these at lunchtimes or at other times during the school day.

### **Gillespie Youth Theatre Group Workshops**

Year 2 and Year 6 were treated to a free workshop courtesy of James Gillespie, founder of the Gillespie Youth Theatre Group. During the workshops, James taught the children about melodrama, they acted in small groups and even did some work on reading scripts. Many thanks to James for his enthusiasm during both sessions. The children certainly had a good time. The Gillespie Youth Theatre Group meet weekly at Pikemere Primary School. For more information, please contact them directly on 07739998497.

### **Rhythm Time**

On Monday, pre-school were excited to have their first Rhythm Time session with Gemma. It was great fun! They learnt some new songs, swam their fish around in response to the music and played a selection of instruments. Pre-school can't wait until next week when Gemma visits again! Remember, if you have a toddler or a baby, Rhythm Time sessions are now available, every Monday, at Excalibur Primary School. Please ask if you require more information about these classes.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

On Monday, it was great to see so many children wearing their odd socks to help launch 'Anti-Bullying Week' at Excalibur. During the week, each year group took part in age-appropriate lessons to have discussions about what bullying meant to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. We all learnt that together we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

### **World Nursery Rhyme Week**

This week, EYFS took part in World Nursery Rhyme Week. The initiative, launched in 2013, promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education with a particular focus on how nursery rhymes boost early language and literacy skills.

Each day they had a new nursery rhyme focus and took part in a variety of activities.

On Thursday, pre-school came to school dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme character. They all looked amazing and enjoyed a nursery rhyme tea party to add to the occasion. A good time was had by all!

### **One World Festival**

It was great to see so many members of the choir come to perform at Alsager's One World Festival. They opened the festival brilliantly. Well done to everyone who came along!

### **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**

For the past couple of years, we have been increasingly keen to develop our outdoor provision as part of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). We are now requesting an assortment of items to increase the amount of "loose parts" we have on our school site. These include any of the below items. Please also see attached for a PDF with photographs of the sort of items we are looking for. If you do have anything you can donate, please get in touch by phone or email (contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk).

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### 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>

### Safeguarding Policy

Our safeguarding policy has been reviewed and updated. Please click on the following link for access [http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/20291680](http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/20291680)

### Online Safety Links

There are a variety of links on our school website to support parents/carers with information on different websites, such as Fortnite and Instagram. Click on the following link:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/parents-online-safety-area/6071>.

### Our Safeguarding Ambassadors

Mrs Jones - Designated Safeguarding Lead  
 Mrs Rogers – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
 Miss McArdle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
 Mrs Hilditch – Safeguarding Ambassador  
 Tilly – Safeguarding Ambassador  
 Evie – Safeguarding Ambassador  
 Emma - Safeguarding Ambassador  
 Harry – Safeguarding Ambassador  
 Joey - Safeguarding Ambassador  
 Oscar - Safeguarding Ambassador

As always, should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Yours sincerely,

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

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

### Diary Dates

Date	Event
W/c 27.11.23	DT Week
07.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day
08.12.23	Christmas Fair
11.12.23	KS2 Christmas Rehearsal at St. Mary's Church in the morning
12.12.23	KS1 Christmas Performance at 2:00pm
13.12.23	Christmas Dinner
14.12.23	EYFS & Nursery Christmas Performance at 10:00am
14.12.23	KS2 Christmas Performance at St. Mary's Church at 2:00pm
15.12.23	Fluenz Nasal Spray
18.12.23	St. Luke's Hospice Elf Run
18.12.23	Pre-school & EYFS Christmas Party
19.12.23	Year 1 Lowry Theatre Trip
19.12.23	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
19.12.23	Rock Steady Concert at 9.30am
20.12.23	Choir Singing at Twyford House
21.12.23	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
22.12.23	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party