



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

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, the 1<sup>st</sup> December has arrived, advent has begun and the festive season is upon us. Children across the school have been busy practising for their Christmas productions. We hope your children enjoy the rest of this term as they continue their learning at Excalibur.

### Year 2 Wesley Place Visit

Year 2 had a great afternoon at Wesley Place Methodist Church where they learnt about the Christmas story through the eyes of the main characters. The story was told through drama and the children were thoroughly engaged throughout.

### Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Competition

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, a squad of Year 3 & 4 children competed in the annual tag rugby competition held at Alsager School. The children represented Excalibur brilliantly, showing grit and resilience to try their best in every game.

### The Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England (Dame Rachel De Souza) has launched a survey called the Big Ambition. Dame Rachel is keen to ensure that the voices of children in Cheshire East are fairly represented in the findings. The purpose of the Big Ambition is to provide a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Responses will be shared with the Government. Children or parents can complete the survey on the following link:

[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/).

### Cold Weather

With the weather increasingly cold, please ensure that your children have sufficiently warm clothing in school, including coats and warm hats/gloves when needed. We continue to make full use of the field at lunchtimes, so outdoor shoes need to be in school; these should be stored in the blue welly stores outside.

### OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

You may have seen on the most recent newsletter that we are keen to increase the number of "loose parts" equipment that we have out for the children to use at lunchtimes. Please see attached for the PDF document as a reminder of what we are looking for. If you, or anyone you know, is able to donate items, please get in touch with us by emailing [contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk).

### 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
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W/c 27.11.23	DT Week
04.12.23	Year 5 Geography Field Trip
07.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day
08.12.23	Christmas Fair (5:00pm to 7:00pm)
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
19.12.23	Year 1 Lowry Theatre Trip
19.12.23	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
20.12.23	Choir Singing at Twyford House
21.12.23	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
22.12.23	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party