



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

22nd December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just like that, the autumn term has come to an end and Christmas is just around the corner. As usual, the festive period at Excalibur has been full of celebration and performance and we do hope you have all enjoyed sharing in the joy of Christmas with us. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Christmas Performances

We had a fantastic week of performances, with our Nursery and Reception children performing their own standalone nativity for the first time. KS1 took to the stage in the *Higgledy Piggledy Nativity* and KS2 visited St. Mary's Church for a musical extravaganza which included some fantastic instrumental performances as well. Many thanks to all parents, family members and friends who supported any of our Christmas celebrations.

Choir Visit to Cedars Medical Centre

The school choir have been busy this week. On Monday, they entertained the patients at Cedars Medical Centre. On Wednesday, they went along to Twyford House Care Home, delivering a sprinkle of Christmas cheer to the residents there.

Thank you to the volunteers and parents that came along and made this possible. It is such a pleasure to get out and about in our community. If you are aware of any similar venues that would enjoy a visit, please let Mrs Griffin know via admin@excalibur.Cheshire.sch.uk.



Elf Run for St. Luke's

On Monday 18th December, children across the school participated in a sponsored Elf Run in aid of St. Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice. This year, the children donned elf hats and ran, walked, skipped and ambled around the field. There were even a few Santas in the mix!

Many thanks to everyone who donated money to this worthwhile cause. We will update everyone on the amount raised in January.

FOE - Christmas Fair

On Friday 8th December, Friends of Excalibur organised our Christmas Fair. During the evening, there were a variety of games and activities all in aid of raising funds to provide the children at Excalibur with additional opportunities beyond our curriculum. Year 6 also did a superb job at organising and leading their own stalls at the fair, raising over £100. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this year's fair. The total of proceeds raised will be announced in January.

FOE – School Disco

We are extremely pleased to announce that our recent school disco raised a total of £500. Huge thanks to all involved.

Rock Steady Concert

It's been a wonderfully musical week at Excalibur. On Tuesday, we were treated to performances by our school bands: Elves on the Shelves, Rocking Santa, The Randomizers and Wolf Pack. These consisted of children from Year 2 to Year 6, who attend weekly band rehearsals with Mark from Rock Steady. They performed with confidence and enthusiasm at their end of term concert, which is becoming a firm favourite on the Excalibur calendar.

If your child is interested in singing or playing the guitar, keyboard or drums, please contact Rock Steady direct on 03301130330 or info@rocksteadymusicschool.com.



Considerate Parking

Could we please ask parents and carers to be mindful of our local residents when parking on Ivy Lane? We would kindly ask that you refrain from parking across driveways or in any way that may restrict access to properties.

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

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
23.01.23	National Handwriting Day
05.02.23 – 09.02.23	Children’s Mental Health Week
19.02.23 - 23.02.23	Spring Half Term
07.03.23	World Book Day
11.03.23 – 15.03.23	British Science Week
26.03.23 – 27.03.23	Year 2 Residential to Delamere
28.03.23	Reception Ball in the School Hall
23.04.23	Academy Photography – Class
25.04.23	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9:00am
02.05.23	Polling Day
13.05.23 – 16.05.23	KS2 SATs Week
20.05.23 – 23.05.23	Sports Week
24.05.23	Sports Day (Timings TBC)