



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

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure we are all glad to see that the days are getting longer and we are heading towards Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be! We will look forwards to watching the blossoms appearing across school and remind ourselves how lucky we are to have such a wonderful outdoor environment.

### **Year 6 SSP Basketball Finals**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February, our Year 6 netball team competed in the final two matches of the netball league against the other Alsager primary schools. Held at Alsager School, our team played against Alsager Highfields and Cranberry Academy. The team played brilliantly throughout, improving their skills in marking and movement. Unfortunately, they couldn't quite gain victory in either game and came joint 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done to everyone for showing perseverance and resilience throughout the games!

### **Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. Safer Internet Day 2024's theme is to join "Together for a better internet". As part of this annual celebration, we will be working with the children on Tuesday, 6 February to help them to stay safe online.

### **Online Safety Parent Workshop**

At Excalibur we know how, with these rapidly changing times, it is particularly difficult for older children and parents to keep up to date with changes online. With this in mind, we are organising Safer Internet workshops for children and adults next half term. More details will be available soon. Please look out for this, as we would really like to get as many families as possible involved.

### **FOE Valentines' Disco**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Friends of Excalibur have a disco. Tickets are available through Parentmail as usual. Thanks to those involved in the organisation.

### **Star of the Week Reminder**

Please can all families have a look at home for Star of the Week badges. We are still running very low on stock.

### **Request**

Does anyone have any Playmobil characters at home that are no longer played with? If so Mrs Rogers would give them a happy home in Reception class.

### **Passport to the World**

12-16<sup>th</sup> February is Passport to the World week at Excalibur. Children are off timetable in the afternoons, travelling to different cultures to learn about their location, language, foods, arts and music.

### **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 Griffin - 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

**Mrs Griffin**  
Deputy Headteach

**Diary Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
05.02.24 – 09.02.24	Children's Mental Health Week
09.02.24	FOE Valentine Disco Reception and KS1 – 5.00-5.45 Key Stage 2 - 6.00-7.00
14.02.24	Year 5 Class Assembly
19.02.24 - 23.02.24	Spring Half Term
07.03.24	World Book Day
11.03.24 – 15.03.24	British Science Week
13.03.24	Parents Evening
14.03.24 – 15.03.24	Year 4 Residential – Standon Bowers
15.03.24	Comic Relief Day
18.03.24	Year 1 Barnaby Bear Concert Congleton Town Hall - more details to follow
19.03.24	Parents Evening
21.03.24	Odd Socks Day – to raise awareness of Down Syndrome
26.03.24 – 27.03.24	Year 2 Residential - Delamere
27.03.24	Key Stage 2 Easter Assembly at 9.00am  Reception Ball in the School Hall
29.03.24 – 14.04.24	Easter Break
23.04.24	Academy Photography – Class
25.04.24	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9:00am
02.05.24	Polling Day
13.05.24 – 16.05.24	KS2 SATs Week
20.05.24 – 23.05.24	Sports Week
24.05.24	Sports Day (Timings TBC)
25.05.24 – 03.06.24	May half term break