



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

16th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

How time flies! This short half term is over and has certainly been action packed. The nights are drawing out just in time for you to enjoy some lovely Spring weather next week – fingers crossed!

Online Safety Parent Workshop

At Excalibur we are passionate about children being safe online. With this in mind, we have organised Safer Internet workshops for children and adults.

PC Andy Cornall, a Youth Engagement Officer with Cheshire Police will be coming into school to talk to the children on **Monday 4th March**.

He will also be holding a Parent Workshop in the school hall at 3.30pm.

Please try to attend if you can. Even if your children are younger it pays to be up to date with how children are using the internet and to understand your important role in keeping them safe.

Young Voices – Manchester Arena

On Tuesday 6th February, after months and months of practise, 33 KS2 children headed to Manchester Arena to perform as part of the Young Voices Choir. Over 9500 children joined together to sing their hearts out and dance the night away! Many proud parents in the audience joined in the singing and dancing too. We were very proud of the way the children conducted themselves and can't wait to go again next year.

Netball Tournament

On Thursday 8th February, a squad of eight Year 5 and 6 children participated in a netball tournament held at Alsager School. During the event, the children competed against four other schools, rotating positions around the court. The team played brilliantly, moving the ball effectively around the court and working hard to mark the opposition players. The matches were very closely fought but, in the end, we didn't win any matches. Despite that, the team showed perseverance and improved considerably throughout. Well done to everyone who took part.

FOE Easter Celebrations

FOE are organising a number of activities for the children to take part in as we lead up to Easter.

Monday 25th March - Easter Hat Competition

All children are invited to make a decorated Easter hat. They will get chance to take part in an Easter Parade around the playground. Prizes are available for the lucky winners.

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Cake Competition and Bake Sale

All keen bakers out there are invited to bring their Easter cake creations into school on Wednesday 27th March*. These will be judged in the morning and then sold to raise funds in a bake sale after school.

*As Year 2 are away on a residential trip on that day, Year 2 parents are welcome to bring their cakes into school on Tuesday or Wednesday in an airtight container.

FOE Valentines' Disco

Thank you to all those families that supported the Valentine's Disco, helping to raise funds for school.

PE Kit Reminder

All classes usually have two PE sessions per week. Although these are normally on scheduled days, sometimes things change. Therefore, please ensure that your children have their kits in school all week so they can fully take part in this vital part of the school curriculum.

Please support us by making sure your child has the correct uniform listed below.

White t-shirt, royal blue shorts, royal blue sweatshirt/fleece and blue or black joggers.

Trainers are recommended for outdoor work as they provide more grip and protection.

Please note that shoes used for PE cannot be the same as the outdoor shoes that children wear to go on the field at lunchtime.

Parents Evenings

These will be held on Wednesday 13th March and Tuesday 19th March.

A letter will be sent out on Monday 26th March with the booking system going live on Wednesday 28th March

Passport to the World

This was postponed and will now take place w/c 26th February. Children are off timetable in the afternoons, travelling to different countries to learn about their cultures, locations, languages, 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

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 Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
19.02.24 - 23.02.24	Spring Half Term
04.03.24	Internet Safety Workshop for parents and carers School Hall 3:30 pm
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 - 15.04.24	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