



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

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, Spring has finally sprung! It's been lovely for the children to be out playing under blue skies (and a few rain clouds) and there are beautiful signs for spring popping up around the school grounds.

### **Barnaby Bear**

The year one children have worked so hard over the past 6 weeks, learning a selection of songs about Barnaby Bear and his travels around the world. This all culminated in a performance at Congleton Town Hall alongside other schools. Their behaviour and performance skills were outstanding. Miss Taylor and the other accompanying staff were incredibly proud. Well done year 1!

### **School Uniform**

We have had a number of children coming into school without unsuitable footwear for the school day. Whilst we understand that there are sometimes extenuating circumstances that mean they need different footwear for a short period, this cannot be a permanent arrangement.

### **Haematology Session**

As part of Science Week, Year 6 were visited by two scientists who are trained in haematology. Following the study of biomedical science at university, they then went to work at Royal Stoke Hospital and the linked university. During the session, the children learnt about the key components of the blood (platelets, plasma, white blood cells and red blood cells) and how there are eight different blood types.

### **Year 2 Multi-Skills Session**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, a group of Year 2 children attended a multi-skills session at Alsager School. During the event, they took part in a variety of sporting activities, including agility courses, team games and co-ordination activities. The session was led by the sports ambassadors from the Alsager primary schools, including Joel, Ella and Emma from Excalibur. Well done to everyone who took part.

### **Alsager Schools – Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala**

This was held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Alsager Leisure Centre. Organised jointly by Alsager School and Alsager Swimming Club. Excalibur Primary School sent a team of 17 pupil (8 from Year 6 and 9 from Year 5) to the event.

The gala consisted of 8 individual races, along with 4 competitive relays and a fun canon relay to finish. Excalibur had a strong showing in the individual races, with 3 first place finishes for Emma (Yr 6) in the Girls 25m Front Crawl, Harriet (Yr 5) in the Girls 25m Backstroke and Ella (Yr 6) in the Girls 25m Breaststroke. Some fantastic team performances in the relays enabled Excalibur to win 2 out of the 4 relays, including an impressive swim from the Girls Medley Team who won their race by nearly a full length!

The final standings saw Excalibur taking a very respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 42 points overall, which was just 5 points away for St Gabriels in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 47 points! Some were a little disappointed and frustrated at just how close the team had come to winning the trophy, they should however all be exceptionally proud of their achievements and the commitment, enthusiasm, and support that they showed for one another on the day. Well done guys, you did Excalibur proud.

**Laura's Garden Redesign** –closing date Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Friends of Excalibur are planning a redesign of the sensory garden and want your ideas! See flyer attached

### **Own Clothes Day** – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Children may come to school in non-uniform and bring a bottle or sweets donation in return.

### **Springo Bingo** - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Come and enjoy some Easter Bingo fun in the school hall from 5:30 – 6:45

Refreshments available.

Book on Parentmail to avoid disappointment!

### **Science Challenge**

As part of science week, Miss Taylor set a challenge for all children to have a go at a science experiment at home over the next few weeks. We will check who has taken part on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April (first day back after Easter holidays). Please, upload any photos of the science fun you have on this thread and housepoints will be on offer to everyone who takes part.

Some inspiration can be found on:

The Dad Lab on YouTube

Fun science on YouTube

Weareteachers.com

Littlebinsforlittlehands.com

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<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

## 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)

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 Head Teacher

## 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

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
29.03.24-15.04.24	Easter Break
16.04.24	Year 5 Bikeability
19.04.24	Closing date for Sensory Garden Designs
23.04.24	Academy Photography – Class
25.04.24	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9:15am
25.04.24	Guitar Workshop
26.04.24	Own Clothes Day – Bring a Bottle/Sweets
01.05.24	FOE Springo Bingo 5:30-6:45
02.05.24	Polling Day – school is closed
06.05.24	May Bank Holiday – school is closed
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
06.06.24	Reception Runway Trip
08.06.24	Alsager Carnival
13.06.24	Reception Class Assembly
17.06.24 – 21.06.24	Arts Week
25.06.24	Bikeability
05.07.24	FOE Summer Fair
09.07.24	Year 6 Performance 2pm
10.07.24	Reception Pirate Day
10.07.24	Year 2 Trip
16.07.24	Year 6 Garden Party
19.07.24	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
19.07.24	End of Term