



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

6th September 2019

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a fabulous summer break. What a great start to the school year this week has been! The children have come in with positive attitudes, big smiles, bags of confidence and have been eager to get on with their learning. Our classrooms have been buzzing with exciting activities.



Before and After School Club

As always, during the summer break, lots of work has been completed at school. Our site manager, Mr Pickin, has been very busy refurbishing our before and after school mobile, including a new kitchen, new doors, outdoor tap, sandpit and mud kitchen and full redecoration. Mrs and Miss Hilditch have been working equally hard in ensuring that it looks stunning and is well resourced with new, engaging toys and resources. They have really worked above and beyond for the benefit of our children. Places are booking up very quickly, so we advise you to get in touch as soon as possible if you would like to use this provision – office@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk



FOE Meeting

There will be a FOE committee meeting on Monday 9th September at 5pm at Excalibur, during which the allocation of roles for members will be discussed. If you would like to play an active role in school life and feel

that you have the time to attend meetings and support events, and the skills to help coordinate the organisation of events, please come along.



Harvest Service – KS1

Our Harvest Assembly will be on Friday 4th October, 9.15am for KS1. Please note that tickets will be limited to one per family. A letter will be sent next week with further details.

A few reminders...

Can we remind you of some of the things which help our school run smoothly:

- Pupils should not play on any equipment before or after school;
- Any late/leaving early pupils should be signed in/out using the touchscreen in the office area;
- School cannot authorise pupil absence in term time except in exceptional circumstances;
- Please drive and park with care and consideration to keep our children safe and to respect our neighbours;
- Excalibur is a healthy school; please try to send only healthy snacks into school – no sweets/chocolate bars;
- Our website has lots of useful information, school news and updates;
- School office hours are 8.30am – 4pm each day;
- Pupil absence should be reported using the main reception number and leaving a voicemail message.
- Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day and that they also have a waterproof coat every day as we will go out to play in the drizzle!
- If you haven't already done so, labelled outdoor shoes/wellies can be brought in and placed in the welly stores so that your child can access our field at lunchtimes;
- We encourage water bottles to be brought in daily (water only please).



Free School Meals

Since September 2014, all pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have been eligible for a free school meal, but some children may be eligible for extra funding through the pupil premium. It is worth registering for free school meals as, if you register:

- School receives a 'pupil premium' – an extra payment which can be spent on useful services;
- Registering your child may also get you financial help for extra things.

Whether a child is entitled to pupil premium is confidential between your family, the class teacher and the senior leadership team. The rest of the school community (including governors) can only see anonymous data.

Please see Mrs King in the office or visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm or call 0300 123 5012 to see if your child is entitled or to make an application.

And finally

Excalibur operates an 'open door' policy which means that we endeavour to speak with you and support families in any way that we can. Please arrange to speak to a member of the team should you have any questions or concerns. If you are a working parent, we can be contacted via notes, by telephone or email and we will reply to messages as soon as possible.

Please remember that teachers are with their classes from 8.50am to 3.15pm and should you need to speak with a class teacher, a time after school is preferable and provides a better quality opportunity to support.

If you need to speak with Mrs Jones, please contact the main office and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Houldsworth
Head Teacher

Mrs Jones
Deputy Head Teacher

Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary.

04-09-19 School opens
09-09-19 FOE Committee meeting @ 5pm
10-09-19 House winners non-uniform day
18/19/20-09-19 Y6 Laches Wood
19-09-19 Reception family lunch
23-09-19 Alsager Golf Day (letter to follow)
25-09-19 Safeguarding Workshop Pikemere (letter to follow)
03-10-19 Book Fair delivered
03-10-19 Y6 Drumming workshop (letter to follow)
04-10-19 Harvest assembly (letter to follow)
04-10-19 Amaven day (letter to follow)
05-10-19 One World Festival
10-10-19 Y5 Woodcock's Well trip (letter to follow)
17-10-19 Parent's evening 4 – 7pm
17-10-19 Y4 Viking workshop (letter to follow)
17-10-19 Recn Welly walk (letter to follow)
21-10-19 Governor's meeting 5.30pm
22-10-19 Parent's evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
25-10-19 School closes

05-11-19 School opens
08-11-19 Academy photos
14-11-19 Y3 Liverpool World Museum trip (letter to follow)
20-11-19 FLUENZ
25-11-19 Governors meeting 5.30pm
20-12-19 School closes