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18th October 2019

Newsletter 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

The term is racing by and there are so many exciting things happening in school.



Y2 Trip to Bet 365 Stadium

On Monday 7th October, Year 2 visited Stoke City's Bet 365 stadium to support their learning about Sir Stanley Matthews. During the morning, the children undertook a tour of the stadium including behind the scenes areas such as the away and home changing rooms. They even got to walk out into the stadium through the doors the players use on match day. In the Sir Stanley Matthews suite, they learned more about the man himself 'The Wizard of Dribble'. After lunch, the children worked with Stoke City's community coaches to practise their football skills. Throughout the day the children were praised by Stoke City staff for their positive attitude and sensible behaviour. Well done, Year 2!

"It was good. We learnt about Sir Stanley Matthews." Sam



Y5 Trip to Woodcocks Well

On 10th October, Year 5 visited Woodcocks' Well where they were transported back in time to 1939 as WW2 evacuees. They learnt about the process of evacuation, rationing, air-raids and blackouts as well as going into a real Anderson Shelter. Afterwards, they visited Congleton Museum where they learnt about how the war affected Alsager and other local towns. They all had a really great time and the museum staff commented on how excellent our children's knowledge and understanding of the war was.



Reception Welly Walk

On Thursday of this week, our Reception children took a 'welly walk' around our locality, observing seasonal changes in their local environment. Thank you to all parents who gave up their time to walk with the children.



Y4 Viking Day

Our Year 4 children had a brilliant day on Thursday. Arriving at school in their Viking costumes, they certainly looked a fearsome hoard! For the whole of the day they participated in a fun and engaging workshop and experienced life as true Vikings.



Rugby Sessions

For three weeks during October, over twenty members of Year 5 and 6 attended a series of contact rugby sessions organised by coaches from Congleton RUFC at Alsager School. After two training sessions, the opportunity culminated in a World Cup tournament. Well done to everybody who took part and to the coaches for arranging such high-quality, professional coaching sessions.



Year 5/6 Football

On Thursday 10th October, our football squad attended the final week of the Alsager Community Trust football league. Despite a huge amount of effort being displayed by all players, we lost our final game 2-1, bringing this year's first football league to a close. Well done to everyone who played.



Drumming Workshop

As part of transition opportunities, children from Year 5 and 6 visited Alsager School on Thursday 3rd October to take part in a drumming workshop led by Mr. Galley. During the session, the children worked together to create a piece of music using the percussion instruments. Many thanks to Mr. Galley for the engaging and instructive session.

One World

On Saturday 5th October, our fantastic choir performed at the annual One World Festival held at Alsager Civic Centre. The children performed wonderfully throughout, treating the audience to four songs around the theme of climate change. Many thanks to our children who gave up their time on a Saturday to represent Excalibur - you did

us proud. Also, a special thank you to Mrs. Bain, who came into school on a number of occasions to prepare our choir.



Harvest Service

Many thanks for all your support with our Harvest celebrations. Our key stage 1 children certainly gave us a colourful assembly. It was lovely to see so many of you. All donations of food were gratefully received and have been taken to the Alsager food bank to help families in need.

School Council 2019-20

Following the presentation of manifestos and a democratic vote, our school council have been duly elected. Congratulations to you all!

Our new pupil school council are:

Year 1- Daniel and Teal

Year 2- Harry and Evie

Year 3- Joshua and Imogen

Year 4- Maisie and Stanley

Year 5- Annie and Ben

Year 6- Joe and Lilla

Friends of Excalibur

The bake sale generated £216.60 for school funds. Thank you to all volunteers and staff for your support.



Book Fair

Our recent book fair was a great success once more and we took a total of £483.90. As always, we receive a good percentage of commission on this amount which we then spend on updating our reading stock in school – the pupils often choose the books from the catalogue themselves. Many thanks for your support.

Staffing

Mrs Berrisford has made the decision to move on in her career and will be leaving us on Friday 25th October. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and for being such a friendly face at our reception desk. We wish her every success in the future.

We are looking to recruit a midday assistant to work Monday to Wednesday lunchtime. If you are interested in this position, please arrange to discuss the opportunity further with Mrs Hilditch, our School Business Manager.

And finally

And finally, as the cold weather bites, please ensure that your child has a coat in school and hat and gloves as appropriate – we will always go out to play unless the weather is torrential!

Also, with the weather being unpredictable at the moment, the children will need their outdoor shoes on to play on our field at break times. We would ask you to check that your child has their outdoor shoes in school and that the shoes still fit. These should be different to their PE footwear.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to arrange to speak to a member of the team.

Mrs Houldsworth
Head Teacher

Mrs Jones
Deputy Head Teacher

Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary. New dates are in **bold**.

21-10-19 Governor's meeting 5.30pm
22-10-19 Y1 Trip to Reaseheath
22-10-19 Parent's evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
23-10-19 PDSA visit to Y1
25-10-19 School closes

05-11-19 School opens
05-11-19 Infant Bonfire (details to follow)
06-11-19 FOE Disco
08-11-19 Academy photos
13-11-19 Hatworks visit to Reception
14-11-19 Y3 Liverpool World Museum trip (letter to follow)
20-11-19 FLUENZ
25-11-19 Governors meeting 5.30pm
05-12-19 Non Uniform Day – Xmas Fair (letter To follow)
06-12-19 FOE Xmas fair
09-12-19 KS1 Xmas Performance at 2pm
10-12-19 KS1 Xmas Performance at 2pm
13-12-19 KS2 Xmas Concert at 2pm
20-12-19 School closes
06-01-19 School opens
14-02-19 School closes