



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

20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is now upon us. Our Key Stage performances are complete and the children have been enjoying Christmas parties this week.



### Infants Performance

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December, our infant children delivered a magnificent production "Penguin Pete" which told the story of a penguin who was fed up with getting fish for Christmas. On his way travelling north to tell Father Christmas, Pete met kangaroos, monkeys and Jack Frost and even got to ride in Santa's new sleigh. The singing and dancing was amazing. Well done to all performers, directors and co-ordinators.



### KS2 Carol Service

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, our KS2 children performed their carol service at St Mary's church. Through a variety of singing and acting, our children regaled the story of the nativity. Their voices echoed beautifully through the church. It was a pleasure to listen to them sing. Well done to all our juniors. Thanks to all staff involved with bringing this together. Thanks also to Mrs Bain and Mr White.



### Christmas Dinner

It was lovely to see all the children in their Christmas jumpers last week. They certainly created a colourful scene, sitting in the hall, pulling their crackers and enjoying their Christmas dinner! Thank you to Mrs Preen and her staff for all their hard work.

### Singing at Lavender House

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, our choir visited Lavender House to sing for the residents. The group were complimented on both their singing and their impeccable manners. Well done to the choir and thank you to Mrs Bain for giving up her time to go with the children.



### Fire Engine Visit to Reception

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, our Reception class were visited by Red Watch from Crewe Fire Station who came to talk to the children about how they help people. They showed the children their special fire-fighting equipment and gave the children the opportunity to look inside the engine. The children were able to try on the uniform and squirt the hose.

*"The hose was really good because it can squirt everywhere"*

*"It was really good to try on the clothes."*



### Sports Update

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Miss Robinson and Mr Hancock led the school in a celebration of sport from the autumn term. Starting with a look back on the term, children stood up if they had participated in any of the school events. It was wonderful to see how many children from across the school had taken part. Then, class and school records were announced in both field run and broad jump. Both events are now going into their fourth year, with several all-time class records achieved this term. Many thanks to everyone who has made Excalibur Sport so brilliant so far this year - here's looking forward to 2020.



### Tag Rugby

A huge well done to our Y5/Y6 tag rugby team who, through amazing teamwork and outstanding skills, secured Excalibur's place as Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby champions for the very first time!



### FOE Christmas Fair

Thank you to every-one who supported our Christmas fair. Friends of Excalibur did a terrific job in ensuring a range of games, stalls and food were available. Thanks also to everyone who donated raffle prizes this year. The event raised an impressive £972.60

### **Goodbye from us**

As you will all be aware, Mrs Houldsworth will be leaving us on Friday, heading for pastures new. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication and commitment in leading the school so effectively and efficiently for the past 17 years. We wish her every success in her future.

### **Reception Places**

A reminder that the closing date for applying for a place in Reception through the local authority admissions for September 2020 is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Treetops Update**

Christmas crafts and activities have been a focus in Treetops. The children have been making Christmas decorations and cards. They have even been making reindeer food. There has also been plenty of Christmas singing and dancing!

### **A few reminders...**

Following the big day, if anyone has any children's games that they are getting rid of, we would welcome them in school in the New Year.

Attendance certificates for the autumn term will be awarded to the children in January.

Many thanks for all the Christmas gifts that have been sent in to school. They have been very much appreciated by the staff!

5 more sleeps until Christmas!

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



**Mrs Jones**  
**Deputy Head Teacher**

## **Diary Dates**

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

06-01-20 School opens
<b>09-01-20 Fluenz catch-up</b>
<b>09-01-20 Non-uniform for house point winners</b>
22-01-20 Y3 Class assembly 9.15am
29-01-20 Y5 Class assembly 9.15am
29-01-20 Smokebusters Y5 1.30pm
12-02-20 Y2 Class assembly 9.15am
13-02-20 Y6 Annie rehearsal @ AHS (letter to follow)
14-02-20 School closes
24-02-20 School opens
26-02-20 Y6 Annie matinee 1pm
26-02-20 Y6 Annie evening performance 6pm
04-03-20 Year 1 Class assembly 9.15am
5-6-3-20 Standon Bowers
12-03-20 KS2 trip to The Big Bang (letter to follow)
18-03-20 Year 4 Class assembly 9.15am
<b>19-03-20 Dance workshop @ AHS 12.30 – 3pm</b>
<b>19-03-20 Parent Consultation Evening 4-7pm</b>
<b>24-03-20 Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-5.30pm</b>
25-03-20 Reception Class assembly 9.15am
03-04-20 School closes
20-04-20 School opens
<b>21-04-20 Yellow Brick Road workshop</b>
<b>11-05-20 Y6 SATS week</b>
22-05-20 School closes