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## **Newsletter 8**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks are racing by. It seems like such a long time since Christmas!

We have all been extremely busy at school and there have been many exciting learning opportunities that the children have been involved in.



### **Parliament**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Rachel Dodgson, a representative from the Parliament Education Engagement Service, visited school to lead an assembly with KS2 during which the children learnt about democracy in the United Kingdom. During the assembly, the children were each given a voting "pod" which was used for anonymous voting during the session - the percentage results were then displayed on the screen. Rachel explained the process of selecting MPs and the way in which bills are passed between the House of Commons and House of Lords before being given Royal assent by HM the Queen. After the assembly, Year 6 were treated to a workshop where the children had to work in groups to create their own parliamentary party. They were given a selection of manifesto pledges which they then whittled down to just four key election promises. They were tasked with presenting their reasoning to the whole class. The children then voted for the party they felt most represented them; The Star Party being the democratically elected successful party.

### **Enterprise**

Before Christmas, Year 6 took part in an Enterprise project, culminating in the selling of products at the Christmas Fair. Following this, two teams were selected to represent Excalibur at an external

competition. On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, the two teams, Retro Rudolfs and Cheeky Little Elves, participated in the Alsager Community Trust Enterprise Competition at Alsager School. As part of the event, the teams had to share their Enterprise journey, including how they came up with their product ideas, how much profit they earned and what they would change in future. Both of our teams did fantastically, showcasing how superb our Year 6 children have been at the project, with Retro Rudolfs being crowned the overall Enterprise champions! Well done Year 6!



### **Smokebusters**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Year 5 had a visit from Cheshire Fire Service to learn about staying safe. In the smoke tent simulation activity, the children experienced the way in which smoke behaves in a fire. Thank you to Cheshire Fire Service for providing this important opportunity for our pupils.



### **Netball**

Last Thursday, Miss Robinson and Miss Bass went with a squad of Year 6 children to play the first two games of our netball league, playing against Pikemere and St Gabriels. Throughout the games, our team grew in confidence, displaying fantastic teamwork skills. Despite a valiant effort, they were narrowly defeated. Well done to all involved.



### **What an Achievement!**

We would like to say a huge well done to Steve Rimmer (Year 2 Dad) and the rest of the mountaineering crew for their successful climb to the top of Kilimanjaro. The huge 21000ft mountain was no match for the brave mountaineers who have already raised over £7,000 for local charities: Dougie Mac, Wingate Centre and GLOW.

### **Staffing**

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Cliff and Mr Reid, who have joined our team this week. Miss Cliff will be working alongside our Y3 class and Mr Reid will be with Y5.

### **Congratulations**

We are extremely pleased to announce that Mrs Bailey has had a beautiful and healthy baby boy.

Both Mrs Bailey and her son, Harry, are well and I am sure that they will both be in to see us very soon! I am sure that you will join us in extending our best wishes and congratulations.

### Governors Update

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, we had our third Governors meeting of this year. Over the past term, they have visited the school on a number of occasions, meeting with staff, children and school leaders. Our Governors are all volunteers who give up their time to support us in making our school the best that it can be.



### Photos

To improve the content of our website further, we are making the change to include pictures of children. As we will use permissions granted on the data collection sheet, there is no need for you to complete further documentation.

### Treetops Update

Treetops have been doing some exciting activities over the last couple of weeks. They have been using the Playdoh to make creations. The children took part in an indoor winter treasure hunt and have been putting their baking skills to the test. Next week they will be making friendship bracelets.

Many thanks for your continued support. As always, if you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

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

## Diary Dates

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

06-02-20 Y2 Trip to Ford Green Hall
11/12-02-20 Kids that Rock
12-02-20 Y2 Class assembly 9.15am
<b>12-02-20 FOE Disco 5.15pm – 7.30pm</b>
13-02-20 Y6 Annie rehearsal @ AHS
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
<b>02-03-20 FOE meeting 5pm @ Excalibur</b>
04-03-20 Year 1 Class assembly 9.15am
<b>05-03-20 World Book Day</b>
5-6-3-20 Y4 trip to Standon Bowers
12-03-20 KS2 trip to The Big Bang
<b>13-03-20 Mid-term report cards out</b>
16/17/18-03-20 Life Education Van in school
18-03-20 Year 4 Class assembly 9.15am
19-03-20 Dance workshop Y5/Y6 @ AHS 12.30 – 3pm (details to follow)
19-03-20 Parent's evening 4pm – 7pm
<b>20-03-20 World Downs Syndrome Day (details to follow)</b>
<b>23-03-20 Y6 National Media Museum trip (letter to follow)</b>
24-03-20 Parent's evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
25-03-20 Reception Class assembly 9.15am
26-03-20 Y5 Class assembly 9.15am
<b>02-04-20 Easter Assembly (Details to follow)</b>
03-04-20 School closes
20-04-20 School opens
21-04-20 Y2 Yellow Brick Road workshop
11-05-20 Y6 SATS week
22-05-20 School closes