



29th September 2014

Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy and productive start to the term and the children are settled into their new classes and routines; all the way from Reception class who keep informing me with great glee "we are reading Mrs Houldsworth" through to Year 6 who are tackling some very tricky Maths problems and reasoning activities. The new curriculum has also started well, with lots of sparkling starts to topics and it is wonderful to see the innate ability and enthusiasm of our children when problem solving and coding in the new computing curriculum.

Mrs Bain

Mrs Bain returns to work this week following her long term absence due to ill-health. Mrs Bain had suffered a series of epileptic seizures which are now controlled through medication. However, at times, her condition can affect her balance and therefore, as a precaution, when she is walking any distance you may see her with a walking aid. Of course, we have explained this to the children. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her back to school.



Y2 go to the seaside

As part of their topic 'Adventures at Sea' Year 2 took a trip to New Brighton. They had a super time exploring, making sand sculptures and beachcombing. I am also

reliably informed that everyone enjoyed a very nice ice cream!



Singing Together in Y3

Y3 walked to Alsager High School to take part in a Singing Together project with other Alsager Primary schools. This is a vocal project which will continue in school and culminate in a joint concert at the Victoria Hall in March. I have had reports that our children were impeccably behaved and well-mannered during the session.



Kingswood Residential

Last week, Year 6 took part in the residential visit to Colomendy, North Wales. During the 3 days they took part in many activities to promote team building, problem solving and resilience, such as: abseiling, zip-wire, fencing, laser quest, night line and many more. May I take the opportunity to thank the children for their positive attitudes; there were many examples of individuals challenging themselves and overcoming anxieties. Well done everyone. We must also thank the staff who accompanied the children, for giving up their free time away from their families so that we can offer our children these experiences. Believe me - accompanying pupils on a residential is both a rewarding, but exhausting experience, so a huge thanks to Mrs T, Mrs Burt, Mrs Bundy, Mrs Ling and Mr Hancock.



Excalibur gets gold!

We are thrilled to have been awarded the school games gold mark for our achievement in sport 2013-2014. Thanks to

everyone for their commitment and hard work.

Parents Evening

You will receive a parents evening letter this week. Please complete and send back to school. Teachers will co-ordinate appointments and then you will receive a slip with your appointment time. Thank you.

Grounds Competition



At the end of last term, we were visited by the judges of Alsager Community Trust Outdoor Grounds competition. Some of the children showed them around and explained the development of our outdoor space and grounds. I am thrilled to tell you that for the 3rd year running, we have won Best Overall Outdoor Environment. We also won Best Flowerbeds and Potted Display.



Parking

Please can I remind everyone that at **no time** should the zigzag lines outside the school gate be parked on, even if your engine is running - even for a minute - it puts our children at risk if you do so.

Alsager One World Week Festival

Saturday 11th October at Alsager High School. This annual community event is an opportunity to learn more about the world through food, crafts, dance and music. This year, our Year 4 children will be working with Mika from Art Brasil and performing a dance in the main hall as part of the activities. We hope that many of you can support this community event.

Diary Dates

This is a list of dates currently in the school diary. You can also use our school calendar on our website which is updated as dates are added.

1/10/14 Y5 to Alsager High School - African drumming & samba workshop
2/10/14 Harvest Service
3/10/14 Y3 visit to Chester
7/10/14 Y4 visit to Blist Hill
11/10/14 Alsager One World Week festival
14/10/14 Y5 visit to Congleton museum and Woodcock's Well
15/10/14 Governors Meeting (Community) 5.30pm
16/10/14 PHOTOGRAPHS
17/10/14 FOE children's disco
21/10/14 & 23/10/14 Parents Evenings
24/10/14 SCHOOL CLOSES

4/11/14 School Opens
5/11/14 FOE bonfire cake sale
6/11/14 Y5 visit to Alsager Library (details to follow)
12/11/14 Governors Meeting (Teaching and Learning) 5.30pm
W/B 17/11/14 ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
3/12/14 Governors meeting (Strategic Leadership) 5.30pm
5/12/14 FOE Christmas Fair
9/12/14 Juniors Carol Service @ St Mary's (details to follow)
10/12/14 Full Governors Meeting 5pm
19/12/14 SCHOOL CLOSES

Finally, as always, any concerns or worries please do come and see us.

Yours Faithfully,
Mrs Lise Houldsworth
Head Teacher