



26th November 2014

Newsletter 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we race towards Christmas, I thought it opportune to write a newsletter.



In case of snow...

I haven't seen any snow forecast as yet, but just to confirm that should the school be unable to open due to bad weather (or any other reason), we would send a message via text, post news on our website and contact the local radio stations to give announcements.

F.O.E fundraising events

Thank you for supporting our recent events. Your generosity is much appreciated. The F.O.E bonfire cake sale raised £170.10 and the children's disco £389.30. You should have received a letter from F.O.E regarding the forthcoming Christmas Fair - we hope you are able to support us once more. If you can help on the night, even for a short time, please do let the committee know. We are always short of helpers at the end of the event to tidy up and get school ready for Monday morning. Thanks in anticipation.



Children in Need

Well done to everyone for joining in by wearing their nightwear - we raised a super £207.68 for this worthy cause.

Star Badges Amnesty

We are asking for your help please. Could you have a hunt about at home to see if you have any of our very important star badges and then

return them to school - we are running very low and have only just purchased new ones. We won't be cross if they have been misplaced for a while or if they are late back, but we really need them returning. Thanks.



After school clubs

When a pupil has opted to join a school club, there is an expectation that they give a commitment for the term, particularly as several clubs are oversubscribed. However, if for a genuine reason your child cannot attend on a particular day, please ensure that the **school office** is informed. Recently, many man (or we should say women) hours have been spent making phone calls and chasing up pupils who haven't shown up for clubs. This is quite disruptive to the running of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation. Remember, the autumn club timetable finishes at the end of this term and after Christmas, a new letter will be sent out in January for spring term club choices.



Play & Learn Pre-school

Some of you will already be aware that Play & Learn, run by Sue Heeley and her team, are due to close their doors in December. This is not a decision which Sue has taken lightly, but health issues have meant that she needs to step down from running her business. We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with Play & Learn for many years and have seen children flourish under the care of Play & Learn before coming into our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue and all her staff for their dedication and hard work over the years - I know they will be missed.



Football Success

Well done to Excalibur football team who remain unbeaten and have won the Alsager Primary School League 2014-15. We have another lovely trophy on which to engrave our name.



Everybody Sports Awards

Excalibur was nominated for Cheshire East Primary School of the Year for Sport in these prestigious annual awards. We were shortlisted with two other schools from 17 nominations. Representatives from the school attended an awards evening at Cranage Hall last week where we unfortunately didn't win, but came runners up. However, to be nominated is great and to reach the shortlist is a super achievement. I would like to thank everyone involved in all the partnership working, which helps to ensure that we offer the best possible provision for our pupils.

Diary Dates

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

3/12/14 Governors meeting (Strategic Leadership) 5.30pm
4/12/14 NON UNIFORM DAY - bring chocolate or a bottle
4/12/14 Y6 to AHS Christmas Carol Service
5/12/14 FOE Christmas Fair
9/12/14 Juniors Carol Service @ St Mary's (details to follow)
10/12/14 Christmas Dinner
10/12/14 Full Governors Meeting 5pm
15/12/14 Infants Christmas Story dress rehearsal for Juniors & grandparents ONLY 2pm
16/12/14 Infants Christmas Story performance for parents/carers 2pm
17/12/14 Infants Christmas Party PM
18/12/14 Y3/4 Christmas Party PM
19/12/14 Y5/6 Christmas Party PM
19/12/14 SCHOOL CLOSES

5/1/15 SCHOOL OPENS
9/1/15 Reception theatre visit - pm
22/1/15 Y4,5,6 theatre visit - pm
27/1/15 Y1,2,3 theatre visit -pm
27/1/15 Y3 Singing Together am @ AHS - details to follow
4/2/15 Governors Community meeting 5.30pm
13/2/15 SCHOOL CLOSES

As always, any queries or concerns please see your child's class teacher or another member of staff should they be unavailable.

Yours Faithfully,
Mrs Lise Houldsworth
Head Teacher