



January 16th 2015

Newsletter 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

If I haven't already seen you, may I wish you a Happy New Year! You should have already received a letter from your class teacher/s about the spring term. There is also information about the learning ahead on our website if you have somehow missed the letter. Clubs are starting and we are well into the swing of the new term.

Attendance

100% attendance certificates for the Autumn term 2014 have been given out this week - well done to everyone who has received one. Attendance and punctuality is absolutely crucial to pupil progress as I am sure you all know. Last term, whole school attendance was 96.8% which is good. Class figures are below - a huge congratulations to Year 1 who have the highest score of 98.17%!

Reception - 96%
Y1 - 98.17%
Y2 - 97.5%
Y3 - 97.06%
Y4 - 96.27%
Y5 - 96.77%
Y6 - 95.85%



World War 1 Centenary Project

2014 marked 100 years since the start of World War 1. In commemoration of this significant milestone in world history, we have woven a series of age appropriate and relevant events into school life this year, for example the Christmas truce as part of the juniors' carol service and rationing in the Harvest celebration. Our next piece of work is via an art project. Local artist Sue Smart will be spending time with every class over this term to produce some

pieces of art which will be displayed in school as part of our commemoration. Thanks to Friends of Excalibur who have part funded this project.



Reception went on a bear hunt!

Reception went to The Lowry last Friday (subsidised by F.O.E) to watch a production of 'We're going on a bear hunt!' Mrs Rogers reported that it was "absolutely fantastic" ...the children were "transfixed! They loved it. The look of awe and wonder on their faces when snow came down from the ceiling was priceless!" Mrs Hill added that it was one of the best productions she had ever taken Reception class to over the years. Clearly, the inspiration for learning that an experience like this provides is fantastic.



Sports Hall Athletics

Year 5/6 attended this event at Alsager High School afterschool last night. We were so proud of all the children who took part; the way they supported one another was brilliant. Six schools took part and I am pleased to tell you that we were the overall winners of the event!

A New Face

Some of you, especially in Year3/4 may have heard the name Miss Birchenough mentioned in the last two weeks. Miss Emily Birchenough is a teaching assistant who joined Excalibur in January. I am sure that you will all make her very welcome; although she knows the school very well already and is actually an ex-pupil herself!

Cheshire East Youth Theatre

The new term is beginning at Cheshire East Youth Theatre and we have spaces for new members in the following groups:

- Lyceum Youth Theatre 5-7s
Mondays
- Lyceum Youth Theatre 14-16s
Wednesdays
- Alsager Youth Theatre 7-11s
Wednesdays

- Sandbach Youth Theatre 7-11s
Thursdays
Develop skills in teamwork, negotiation and communication through theatre techniques. Create and devise performances and make new friends. No experience necessary and no auditions to join, please contact Youth Theatre coordinator on 07709180296 OR ceyt@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Term fees are £45 (£22.50 concessions). First session is a taster and you will not be obligated to pay fees in the first week.



Casual Midday Assistants needed
We have an experienced, hard working set of midday assistants, but we need to build a bank of middays that we could call on to cover absence or training. If you are interested in doing this, then please pop in and speak to Mrs Hilditch in the school office who will be happy to explain more about the requirements of the role.
Thanks.

Dates Ahead

Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.

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
28/1/15 FOE meeting 7.30pm The Manor - all welcome
29/1/15 Y5 class assembly
2/2/15 Y3 OUT - Toby Carvery
4/2/15 Governors Community meeting 5.30pm
12/2/15 Y2 class assembly
13/2/15 SCHOOL CLOSES

23/2/15 SCHOOL OPENS
3/3/15 Reception OUT - Tatton Hall - details to follow
4/3/15 Governors meeting - Learning & teaching 5.30pm
5/3/15 Book Fair arrives
11/3/15 FOE Curry Night
19/3/15 Parents Evening 4-7pm
20/3/15 Y1 class assembly
24/3/15 Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
25/3/15 Y3 Singing Together concert - Victoria Hall - details to follow
25/3/15 Governors meeting - strategic leadership 5.30pm
1/4/15 Governors Meeting - Full 5pm
2/4/15 Easter Celebration Assembly 9.15am
2/4/15 SCHOOL CLOSES

Yours Faithfully,
Mrs Lise Houldsworth
Head Teacher