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Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has flown by. Whilst the weather has been mixed, it has not stopped us from enjoying being outside, both within school and on some of our exciting trips.

Let's get our Wellies on!

Well, Reception definitely needed their wellies for their class trip! As part of the summer topic, they spent the day at Stockley Farm. Even though the weather was cold and wet, they all had an amazing time. The children enjoyed: riding on a tractor and trailer; feeding animals; meeting birds of prey and learning about life on a farm for both animals and farm workers. They rounded off the day with a lovely hot chocolate or some ice cream, YUM YUM! As always, this trip was used to support the children with their learning and to help bring the learning to life! If you get chance, have a look on the Reception blog on the school website.

Y3 - Viking Invasion

Sometimes an event can be organised in school that gives the children a unique experience. On Friday 8th May, this was one of those days! The children of Year 3 arrived in school dressed in their Viking outfits to find that a real life Viking had arrived on school and set up a camp on the playing field. The children were shown how different weapons were used and learnt all about different Viking Gods and funerals. They also played a Viking game that is similar to draughts called hnefatafl.

Reception class assembly

The Reception class assembly was a real treat for all with lots of singing, counting and dancing, interspersed with children sharing their favourite parts of their Reception year. It never ceases to amaze me how much progress the children make each year in school and it is no different in Reception! All of the children spoke clearly and confidently with beaming smiles.

KS2 SATS

It is a pleasure to report that the KS2 SATS exams have been and gone. All of the children in school were faultless in their support of our Year 6 children. It should be celebrated how resilient and responsible the children at Excalibur Primary School are. From the beginning of the week until the end, they were: responsible, focused, supportive of each other and determined to do their best. I would like to thank the children, parents and teachers for all of their hard work in developing such tremendous learners. I must also thank the School Governors. A member of the governing body attended every day to support the children and staff. It was much appreciated by all.

KS1 SATS

Over the next few weeks, Year 2 children will be 'celebrating' all that they have learnt during Year 1 and Year 2. This will be happening all over the country. We will ensure that all children are comfortable and confident that they can achieve their best.

Y4 - Standon Bowers Residential

At the beginning of May, Year 4 experienced an overnight stay at Standon Bowers, in Staffordshire. All of the children had a fantastic time, learning how to build shelters; work as a team; light fires, (safely!) and lots more. For many of the children, it will have been their first experience of a night away from home and they were a real credit to themselves and the school.

School Website - Class Blog

I can confirm that all class blogs are up and running. The class teacher has started the blog with an open question or statement to make the children think and hopefully write a response. We have also written some blog entries when we have been on trips, which both children and adults are welcome to comment on. I would remind children to only use their first name. All entries are also vetted before they make it onto our website.



School Website - Coding Club

It is a pleasure to inform you that coding club was a huge success last term. The children managed to use their new found knowledge and skills to produce some high class projects. Some children produced quizzes and some produced games. We have added a section to the school website called 'Coding Club' which can be accessed through 'Curriculum'. We will be putting a selection of the children's projects on our website to share with the school community. We hope you will enjoy playing them.

And Finally...

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all of the staff to wish you a pleasant half term break and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Cotterill, Acting Head Teacher

Diary Dates Ahead

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

1/6/15 SCHOOL OPENS
3/6/15 Governors meeting - Teaching and learning 5.30pm
8/6/15 FOE meeting @ The Manor 7.30pm
12/6/15 Y3 class assembly
13/6/15 Alsager carnival
15/6/15 Y1 Phonics screening week
19/6/15 FOE Disco
29/6/15 SPORTS WEEK
29/6/15 Interschool athletics @ Highfields 5.30pm
1/7/15 Governors meeting - Strategic leadership 5.30pm
3/7/15 Sports day KS2 am/KS1 pm
8/7/15 Full Governors meeting 5pm
10/7/15 End of term reports
10/7/15 FOE Summer Fair
15 & 16/7/15 Y5 Bikeability
17/7/15 SCHOOL CLOSES

02/9/15 SCHOOL OPENS
30/10/15 SCHOOL CLOSES for half term
2/11/15 SCHOOL OPENS
18/12/15 SCHOOL CLOSES for Christmas