



Our vision is to nurture and develop resilient, life-long learners who are caring and responsible, enabling them to achieve their own individual excellence.

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Newsletter 14

“Every day is a new beginning, take a deep breath and start again.”



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the start of another week. Unfortunately, the sun appears to have forsaken us. Hopefully, it will make a reappearance before too long. We are especially lucky this week to have an additional newsletter created by Ava and Isla – see attached.

Home Learning

It was great to see some of you this week as you came into school to collect the learning packs for your children. I would just reiterate that there is no requirement that you complete both printed resources and online lessons. Work at your own pace and within the parameters of what works for you as a family. The packs collected last week are intended to cover a two week period. Additional packs will be available thereafter.



News from Home

Many thanks for continuing to send us in your photos and videos of home learning. It was great to see Henry enjoying the outdoors on a bug hunt; Erin being extremely resourceful in making a successful compass using a bowl of water, a needle and a magnet; Charlie making delicious donuts, creative tie dye butterflies and planting sweet peas and runner beans; Issy taking lovely woodland walks and creating acrostic poems and finally, Martha, who has carried out a lovely act of

kindness in making cakes to give to her elderly neighbours.

News from School

During the Easter holidays, a small team of Excalibur staff answered a call from the NHS to make scrub bags. You may have seen the bags on 'The One Show'. The idea is that, when a front line worker arrives home, they place all of their clothes into the bag and then the clothes and bag go straight into the washing machine. This, hopefully prevents the spread of Covid19 to family members. The team included: Mrs Bundy, Miss Cliff, Mrs Reid and Ella one of our ex- Year 6 pupils, Miss Bass, Mrs Weatherby and her sister Mrs Bloor. Altogether, they made 243 bags which have been sent to Macclesfield Hospital, The Royal Stoke, Leighton Hospital, community nurses in Alsager and the David Lewis Centre. Well done to all involved.

This week, we are supporting Alsager Round Table in their upcoming collection for Alsager Food Bank. They are asking local residents to donate only what they can, including tinned meats and vegetables, leaving any donations at the end of driveways or on doorsteps. Collection will be taking place from 10am. Further details can be found on the Alsager Round Table Facebook page or on the attached leaflet.

Government Information

Please be aware of increased levels of fraudulent activity during the current Coronavirus pandemic.

We have been informed that some parents have received a letter claiming to be from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) asking for personal bank details in relation to older pupils accessing the 16 to 19 Bursary fund. The ESFA have stated that they never ask for bank details and have urged people not to respond.

Support and Useful Numbers

Guidance for parents during school closures can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#resources-and-support>

In addition to this, there is a range of resources to support home learning:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

Look after yourself and be kind to yourself. Please remember that you can contact us at any time on contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk. We really do love to hear from you.

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