



June 19<sup>th</sup> 2015

## Newsletter 15

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe that we are nearly at the end of June! Where has the year gone? Still the weather is mixed. The odd day promises us a summer and then it is gone again. Fingers crossed things will improve as we move into July.

### Safeguarding

Firstly, may I thank all parents and staff in helping to make our school a safe and nurturing environment for our children to thrive in. If I could just revisit a few routines and systems to help us all in supporting the school.

Can all parents please enter the school building by the main entrance at all times as we need to be aware of what adults are in school at any one time?

When parents come into the school reception, can you please wait to be spoken to by a member of staff before proceeding into the school? Again, we need to be clear who is in our school at all times.

Safeguarding is always a school's priority and rightly so and I am sure that you will support us in this matter.

### Y3 class assembly

It was a real treat for Year 3 to share with the rest of the school and their parents all of the wonderful learning that they have taken part in over the year. I find it quite inspiring that our children are so confident when talking about their learning in front of an audience.

### Sporting Success

We have been busy challenging for sporting honours in many summer sports. As always, we ensure that all children have the opportunity to take part in many new and exciting sports. We

also ensure that our sporting teams are well prepared for any competitions that they enter. Over the past few weeks: year 5/6 and Year 3/4 have given a strong showing in a Kwik Cricket competition. The Year 5/6 rounder's team has retained their title within the Alsager Community Trust. Our Year 2 Swimming team has won the ACT Swimming gala. Finally, we entered 3 teams into a Year 3/4 football festival and every single team was competitive throughout. Congratulations to all of the children who took part and thank you to parents for supporting the events.

### KS1 SATS-

Well done to all of the children in Year 2 who have been celebrating all that they have learnt in Key Stage 1 in recent weeks. As with the year 6 children earlier in the term, the children were a real credit to the school. We take pride at Excalibur that we develop the whole child and the maturity and pride that the children showed in their learning was fantastic. A huge thank you to all of the children, parents and staff for developing such inspirational learners.

### Y1 Trip to Beeston Castle

As part of their castles topic, the year 1 children had a great adventure at a real life castle! It is one of the many pleasures of our profession, that we get to see the children's faces when they go out into the 'real world!' and put their learning into action. On their return to school the children were smiling from ear to ear and could not wait to share the experiences that they had had.

### Pupil Voice

Thank you to Emily Gladwyn who is the high School Pupil voice coordinator. Emily took time out to visit our school again for an entire day. She spent time with Year 2 to create bunting that will be displayed around Alsager as part of the town's summer events and celebrations. Also with the support of our own school council she delivered an assembly to the children about respect. Thank you Emily.



### End of Year Reports

Our end of year reports will be given out on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. These will be given to the children to take home. We received much positive feedback about our reports last year so our reporting procedure and format has remained the same.

### Alsager Carnival

We went back in time to celebrate the Alsager Carnival and our year 6 children did the school proud. We chose to go back to the 1960's as our school was 'born' in 1965. Our float was beautifully decorated with the children, (and some staff!) turning out in various costumes portraying famous moments from the decade. A big thank you must go to all of the support that Year 6 received from parents, Friends of Excalibur and our wider school community with creating the float and also for providing the tractor and trailer.

### And Finally...

Unfortunately, today we have said goodbye to a much loved member of staff. Mrs Burt who has been with the school since Sept 2008, is moving on to pastures new. She has been such a fantastic member of staff during those years, supporting many children to achieve and exceed their goals. On many occasions going above and beyond to ensure that the children get the best possible start. On behalf of all of the children, parents, staff and governors, I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and we wish her all the best in the future. Mrs Burt will be popping back into school over the next few weeks so you will have chance to speak to her before the summer.

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.*

29/6/15 SPORTS WEEK
29/6/15 Interschool athletics @ Highfields 5.30pm
3/7/15 Sports day KS2 am/KS1 pm
1/7/15 Governors meeting - Strategic leadership 5.30pm
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
23/10/15 SCHOOL CLOSES for half term
30/10/15 SCHOOL OPENS
22/12/15 SCHOOL CLOSES for Christmas