



July 3rd 2015

## Newsletter 16

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our special SPORTS WEEK edition of our Newsletter. The first thing I would like to do is to thank all of the parents for their support during sports week, ensuring that the children have lots of water, sun cream and sun hats. I also need to thank all of the staff and volunteers that have given their time to the school to make sports week so special. I am sure that you can imagine the effort and time that goes into making this week as memorable as possible for all of the children. We have organised over 20 different sporting activities for 215 children over a period of 4 days, culminating in a brilliant day today where both KS1 and KS2 celebrated the end of sports week with their sports day.

### Town Sports

On Monday, we kicked off sports week by competing in the annual Town Sports. We competed against 5 other local schools and the children had a fantastic time. Many of the races were very close and the competition was fierce! We competed hard and tried our best but unfortunately it was not our day and we came 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

### X Games champion!

It was a pleasure to introduce Rich Parker to the school on

Thursday. For

those of you not in the know, Rich is a professional inline vert skater, (no, I didn't know what that meant either). Rich held an assembly with the whole school, talking about



his early years in sport and how it has taken lots of dedication and practice to get to where he is now. Rich has travelled all over the world to compete and has won many National, European and World titles. It was inspiring to hear his story and the children were captivated. You could hear a pin drop when he spoke. The atmosphere changed slightly when he showed the children some of his skills. There was a huge cheer when he had 3 members of staff lying on the floor as he jumped over them. A very talented young man and a great role model for our children.



### Sports Day

Today has been a wonderful day at school. From the minute we all arrived in the morning until the end of the day, it was a lovely warm day with plenty of sunshine. Lots of sun cream and sun hats were needed and gallons of water was consumed to keep us all hydrated. All of the children had a great day taking part in games and then competition in races to earn points for their house. Even parents and staff got into the spirit and had a go although we aren't as young and fit as we used to be! Thank you for supporting us today and also thank you to Friends of Excalibur for providing refreshments and supporting the event all day.

### School Website

As always, we try to keep our parents as up to date as we can with school activities. Please take a look at the pictures from our Sports week on the school website. This will give you a flavour of the variety of fun activities that the children have taken part in. When you enter the home page, if you scroll down to the area that is titled - Class work - and you will find lots of photographs.

### Finally,

A huge thank you to all of the children, parents and staff who have helped the school to compete in so many events over the past year. We feel strongly that there is a place in our school for competition in the sporting arena, alongside inclusion for all children. Sports week, along with many other organised events aimed at all children, is evidence of our dedication in teaching the benefits of sport to all. Thank you for your support.

I have included a list of sporting events that the children will have taken part in over the last week.

- Fencing
- Cricket
- Multi-sports
- Games
- Hockey
- Wheelchair basketball
- Climbing wall
- Tri-golf
- Relay sports
- Team-building
- Parachute games
- Zumba
- Football tournament
- Circuit games
- Football skills
- PE
- Dodgeball
- Tennis
- Rounders
- Yoga
- Athletics
- Karate

I am sure that you will agree, the children at Excalibur Primary School have many opportunities to find a sport that they love.

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.*

8/7/15 Full Governors meeting 5pm
8/7/15 Meet your new teacher morning
9/7/15 Non uniform day - bring a bottle
10/7/15 End of term reports
10/7/15 FOE Summer Fair
13/7/15 Year afternoon performance
14/7/15 Guitar concert
15/7/15 Year 6 evening performance
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