



*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 17

*A difficult time can be more readily endured if we retain the conviction that our existence holds purpose – a cause to pursue, a person to love, a goal to achieve.*



Dear Parents/Carers,

Good morning to everyone!

We hope you are well. It is hard to believe that the half term holiday is just around the corner. Where are the weeks going?

In conjunction with our own school newsletter, please find attached our wonderful weekly newsletter created by Ava and Isla.

### Home Learning

Home learning packs are still available from school. Should you require one, they will be outside the main reception area in year group boxes.



### News from Home

Please keep sending in your photos or videos. We really do love to see what the children are getting up to. Charlie and Matthew have shared their learning about lifecycles which looks extremely interesting. Lauren has created a super picture on wordart, which was inspired by Mrs Weatherby's own creation. There has been some creative artwork sent in by Parry giving his interpretation of a train and finally, Emily has sent in pictures showcasing her creative skills in baking, art and craftwork. Well done to you all. It was also lovely to hear about the VE day celebrations that had taken

place on Linley Road and see the community spirit shine through. Well done Imogen and Max.

### News from School

Were we in school, this week would have been Sports Week. In order to capture some of the sporting spirit of the end of the first half of the summer term, Mr. Hancock has uploaded a *Sports Showcase* section to the website. Each day of this week, there will be a selection of sports-themed resources and activities, many with an Olympic and Paralympic theme, which all year groups are welcome to take a look at.

There are five sections in each showcase: *Iconic Moments* focuses on great sporting moments of the past; *Quick Guide* includes YouTube clips explaining the rules of less well-known Olympic and Paralympic sports; *Olympic and Paralympic History* provides links to several websites so children can learn more about the world's greatest sporting events; *Local Club Links* showcases clubs in Alsager and the surrounding area; and *Sports-Themed Activity* includes activities you can try at home, each of them with connections to Olympic and Paralympic sports. The *Sports Showcase* can be accessed by clicking on each day's date under the Year 6 tab under home learning. We hope you enjoy exploring the wonder of sport. If you do have anything you would like to contribute to this section of the website, such as information about other local clubs, please get in touch.

The link for today's showcase is below:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/sports-showcase---chapter-one/72247>

### Returning to School

You will be very aware of the Government's intention to open school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 classes no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> June. We are working closely with our local authority, Governing body and our partner schools to ensure that the recovery plan we have in place is robust and is right for the children in our school. As soon as plans are finalised, I will be writing to parents with details. In the meantime, thank you for your patience, support and cooperation.

Additionally, school is continuing to be open for those children of key workers and vulnerable children.

### **Support and Useful Resources**

During the lockdown families are spending much more time together and in these uncertain times emotions can run high and arguments happen more often. Tips for Coping with Family Conflict:

**<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/coping-family-conflict-during-lockdown>**

The Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust has collated a valuable online library full of resources which can support professionals, parents, carers and children during the Covid-19 outbreak. Highlights include a family focused COVID-19 Self Care Kit.

**<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/patients-and-parents/coronavirus-resources-for-children-and-families/>**

NSPCC Learning also has an extensive library of resources which can help parents, carers and professionals to support children's mental health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 outbreak.

**<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/april/supporting-children-young-people-mental-health>**

As always, please look after yourselves and be kind to yourselves and remember that you can contact us at any time on

[contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk).

We really do love to hear from you!

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