



21st October 2015

Newsletter 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended parent/teacher consultations recently. We hope that you found that they gave you a clear picture of how your child has started their learning this academic year.

You should have received your latest copy of 'Digital Parenting' magazine. We think that this magazine is really useful in terms of safeguarding our children in the digital world we live in. It is well worth a good browse.



First Aid

This week, every class has taken part in First Aid training with St John's ambulance. Year six said:

"I learnt how to put someone in the recovery position and how to stop people from choking. I enjoyed the test that we did in the morning."
Lucy

"It was fun and effective for our everyday life because you can help someone."
Tom

"Sensational, I learnt a lot. I feel like a first aider! Thank you!"
Joe Sh



Football league

In our second game of the season in the Alsager Primary School league, we played St Gabriel's. It was a great match and we managed to win 6-3. Well done to the team!



Book Fair

The recent book fair was traditionally busy and we took £600.87. We receive 50% commission on this amount, so a huge thanks for your support. We will use the commission to order more books for the classrooms in due course.



School Disco

Thank you for supporting the F.O.E children's discos. We raised £432.80 in total. The children had a great time; they really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to parents/carers and the staff who helped to supervise on the night – the discos couldn't take place without this support. As one enthusiastic pupil put it, *"That was the best ever!"*



Staffing

You may have already spotted that Mrs Rogers is expecting a baby. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing her well. Mrs Rogers will be taking maternity leave from mid-February. We are starting the recruitment process for her maternity cover over the next few weeks. We will, of course, keep you informed.



Learning about our local area

Both Y2 and Reception classes have been out and about walking around Alsager as part of their learning. Year 2 visited and learnt all about how Excalibur Primary School is named after the naval training base HMS Excalibur, which in turn was named after a submarine. Year 2 are our resident experts of Excalibur's history!



Staff Development

We hosted a visit from a local school that came to look at our nurture provision and to speak to Mrs Bundy and Mrs Woodcock about what we do here, as they are hoping to set up a similar piece of work in their own school.

I attended the Autumn Cheshire East Headteacher conference.

Staff and governors completed the college of policing online safeguarding training on the Channel Awareness module which supports the national Prevent agenda.

Mrs Hilditch, Mrs Bundy and Mrs Newbould renewed their full first aid training.



Planting Daffodils

With the help of Mr Burgess, every child (213) planted a daffodil bulb under our apple trees this week. This is to mark our 50th anniversary and we are looking forward to the display that should follow in the spring with our host of golden 50th daffodils!

House Points

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On Friday, we will announce the house winner for this half term. Will it be Arthur, Camelot or Merlin? It is very exciting as the winning house will earn the privilege of coming to school in non-uniform on Wednesday 4th November. I'm sure the children will tell you if they win! We will remind them again on the first day back and put a reminder on our website.

And Finally..

Have a super half term! I hope that you manage to get out and about and that we get some lovely autumnal weather to enjoy.

We will see you back here on **TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER.**



Best Wishes,
Lise Houldsworth
Headteacher

Diary Dates

This is a list of dates currently in the school diary. You can also use the school calendar on our website which is updated as dates are set.

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| 3-11-15 School opens |
| 4-11-15 Winning house non uniform day |
| 5-11-15 FOE bonfire cake sale |
| 9-11-15 Y1 visit to Reaseheath |
| 16-11-15 Anti-Bullying Week |
| 16-11-15 FOE meeting @ The Manor 7.30pm |
| 17-11-15 Y3 visit to Chester |
| 18-11-15 Excalibur's 50 th school dinner and open evening reunion (details to follow) DATE CHANGED |
| 19-11-15 Individual photographs |
| 25-11-15 Governors meeting – Strategic Leadership 5.30pm |
| 4-12-15 FOE Christmas Fair 5.30-7.30pm |
| 9-12-15 Governors meeting – Teaching & Learning 5.30pm |
| 11-12-15 Infants Christmas celebration – details to follow |
| 15-12-15 Juniors Christmas performance – details to follow |
| 16-12-15 Full governors meeting 5.30pm |
| 22-12-15 School closes for Christmas |

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| 06-01-16 School opens |
| 06-01-16 Reception class – Love Music Trust IN – details to follow |
| 15-01-16 Y2/3 History workshops IN – details to follow |
| 22-01-16 F.O.E movie night |
| 05-02-16 Y5 vocal performance @ St Mary's – details to follow |
| 10-02-16 Y4,5,6 Be cyberwise workshops – details to follow |
| 10-02-16 Governors meeting – community 5.30pm |
| 12-02-16 School closes for half term |

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| 22-02-16 School opens |
| 02-03-16 Governors meeting – strategic leadership 5.30pm |
| 16-03-16 Governors meeting – teaching and learning 5.30pm |
| 22-03-16 Y3 perform @ Victoria Hall – details to follow |
| 23-03-16 Easter service @ St.Mary's – details to follow |
| 23-03-16 Full governors meeting 5pm |
| 24-03-16 School closes for Easter |