



Delivering an outstanding learning experience for all children so they flourish and thrive; enabling them to achieve their own individual excellence.



11th September 2020

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a fabulous summer break. What a great start to the school year this week has been! The children have come in with positive attitudes, big smiles, bags of confidence and have been eager to get on with their learning. Our classrooms have been buzzing with exciting activities.



Upcoming workshops

We have three exciting workshops on the horizon. These are super opportunities to bring learning alive for our children. On 18th September, we will be receiving a real-life Viking into our school. He will transport our Year 4 children back in time and give them a taste of what life was like in Viking times.

On 5th October, our Year 2 will be spending a morning learning about Captain Edward Smith and Rode Hall Military Hospital.

Also on 5th October, our Year 6 will be participating in a session which will explore the colonisation of Africa.



Harvest Service

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we will be unable to mark Harvest in our usual way. However, we will be working with Wesley Place to deliver a virtual Harvest assembly in each classroom. We will also be collecting tins

of food which will be donated to local charities. Further details on this will follow.



Morning Drop off

In order for the start of the day to run as smoothly and safely as possible, please ensure that you stick to your allocated drop off time. This will ensure that there is no congestion around the school and will maintain a steady flow of traffic. Drop off times are as follows:

8.50am Year 2

9.00 am Year 1 and Year 6

9.10 am Year 3 and Year 4

9.20 am Year 5 and Reception

Siblings should be dropped off at the earliest time and collected at the latest time.

We would also ask that only one adult comes on to the school grounds to drop off children. In adopting these timings and structures we will minimise risks and keep all members of our school community as safe as possible.

Online Learning

Letters have gone out with login details for Seesaw and Teams. We would be grateful if you could test that these work and contact the school if any issues arise. These platforms will be used should a period of isolation be necessary.



Treetops –

Before and After School Club

Our Treetops staff have been working hard to prepare an exciting range of activities for our children to enjoy. For more information about how to book places, please look on our website.

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/before-and-after-school-provision/31833>



Free School Meals

Since September 2014, all pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have been eligible for a free school meal, but some children may be eligible for extra funding through the pupil premium. It is worth registering for free school meals as, if you register:

- School receives a 'pupil premium' – an extra payment which can be spent on useful services;
- Registering your child may also get you financial help for extra things.

Whether a child is entitled to pupil premium is confidential between your family, the class teacher and the senior leadership team. The rest of the school community (including governors) can only see anonymous data.

Please visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm or call 0300 123 5012 to see if your child is entitled or to make an application.

And finally

At Excalibur, we operate an 'open door' policy. Although at the moment, coming into school is not possible, we are available to contact throughout the school day and are here to support families in any way that we can. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school through email or telephone.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher