



9th December 2015

Newsletter 8

Dear Parents/Carers,



Christmas Fair

Firstly, thank you for supporting the Christmas Fair last week. Friends of Excalibur have raised £1098.63. This money will be spent directly on enhancing the children's experiences at Excalibur and we will keep you informed how the school spends any monies raised by FOE.

A huge thank you to the Friends of Excalibur – we know a lot of organising and time goes in beforehand and on the night to make these events such a success. I am sure that you will agree that we all really appreciate these efforts. Thank you also to the staff who stayed to help man stalls.

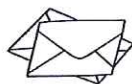
School Council visit to Excalibur

As part of the development of 'British Values', last week members of the school council from St.Nathaniel's Academy in Burslem visited us. They had lunch with us and observed a school council meeting before having a tour of the school. St Nathaniel's enjoyed their visit and have put a plan of action into place to develop their school council further. We really enjoyed making new friends with the pupils and hope to work together again.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you everyone who supported the poppy appeal again this year. Excalibur have raised £142.07.



Envelopes please..

A plea from the office, please could you send any monies into school in a named envelope. As I am sure you can imagine; it can be

difficult keeping track of payments when it comes in as unlabelled loose change. We do sell packs of small envelopes perfect for this at only £1 a pack. Also, remember payments for most things can be made using parentmail. Thank you.



Christmas Performances

At both the infant carol service and junior production, you are welcome to photograph your child in their costume at the end of the performance. For safeguarding reasons, we ask you to refrain from taking images during the performance. We also find that this helps the children to concentrate and doesn't detract from the performance for the audience.

We will be attempting to film the junior production in the hall and if you would like a copy of the DVD please let the office know in January. There will be a small charge to cover costs.

Thank you for your help with learning songs and lines and providing costumes; both the staff and the children are working very hard to put on a magical show. We do not charge for tickets but we will be taking donations which will be split between covering production costs and a charity to be decided by the pupils via school council. We look forward to seeing you there.



Alsager Leisure Centre Panto

Alsager Leisure Centre are pleased to host "Jack and the Bean Stalk" as this year's Christmas Pantomime!

When: Saturday 19th December

Time: 7pm

Cost: £10 adults £5 children

For tickets please call the Leisure Centre on 01270 685601 or pop in to the leisure centre reception.

<http://www.everybody.org.uk/alsager-pantomime/>



Christmas Carol concert

Year 6 were invited to be part of the audience at Alsager high school for their Christmas Carol service. The performance by the high

school was superb and it was lovely to see so many ex-Excalibur pupils shining during the concert.

And finally..

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Mrs Lise Houldsworth
Head Teacher

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.

9-12-15 Christmas Dinner
9-12-15 Governors meeting – Teaching & Learning 5.30pm
11-12-15 Infants Christmas celebration
15-12-15 Juniors Christmas performance – details to follow
16-12-15 Juniors visit to South Cheshire College Centre Stage Theatre – Alice in Wonderland
16-12-15 Full governors meeting 5.30pm
18-12-15 Y5/6 Christmas party
21-12-15 Infants Christmas party Y3/4 Christmas party
22-12-15 School closes for Christmas

06-01-16 School opens
06-01-16 Reception class – Love Music Trust IN – details to follow
11-01-16 F.O.E meeting 7.30pm @ The Manor
15-01-16 Y2/3 History workshops IN – details to follow
22-01-16 Artist in residence – 50 th anniversary
22-01-16 F.O.E movie night
29-01-16 Artist in residence – 50 th anniversary
05-02-16 Artist in residence – 50 th anniversary
05-02-16 Y5 vocal performance @ St Mary's – details to follow
09-02-16 Safer Internet Day
09-02-16 Jon Mayhew author visit to Y5
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

22-02-16 School opens

02-03-16 Governors meeting – strategic leadership 5.30pm
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14-03-16 Science week

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 Reception Barney Bear Festival @ Victoria Hall – details to follow

23-03-16 Full governors meeting 5pm

24-03-16 School closes for Easter
