



7<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## Newsletter 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

### Welcome back..

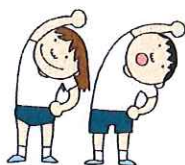
It was great to see all the children back yesterday – we had a lovely time sharing tales of Christmas festivities and New Year resolutions. This term promises to be as busy as ever and there are some super events planned.

### Class Information

You will receive a letter from your class teachers this week outlining the term ahead and ways in which you can support your child's learning. Class pages on the website have been updated with this terms' information and there are useful links to educational websites which may be of interest.

### Clubs

The letter for this terms' clubs has been sent out and we ask for replies to be in by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January to allow us to plan resources. Thank you.



### PE kit

There are a number of children who are regularly without PE kit, particularly in the juniors. Whilst we will provide emergency spare kit (as PE is a statutory requirement); it is disruptive to the lessons, the children and the staff when we have to organise spare kit. Please ensure that your child has a full labelled PE kit in school (including appropriate footwear). Thank you in anticipation.



### Water bottles

A reminder that all pupils should have a clean, labelled water bottle in school every day. The sports top bottles are best, rather than screw lids. Pupils have access to fill their bottles during specific points in the day from our water coolers. For health reasons, we cannot allow children to 'borrow' plastic cups from the school to have a drink – they really need their own bottles.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a parent governor vacancy and the relevant information for nominations will be sent out to you shortly. Being a governor is a serious commitment and requires the ability to give time to meetings, support the school and undertake some training. It is, however, incredibly rewarding; current governors report that is a chance to give back something to the school, an opportunity to develop a variety of skills and influence the strategic direction of the school. I am more than happy to give more details of what is involved and welcome any further questions you may have if you are considering nominating yourself for this role – do feel free to pop in for a chat. You can also access the governor section of our website to gain a better understanding of the requirements of the role.

### Autumn Term Attendance

Well done to those children who have attained 100% attendance last term – your certificates are on their way to you. Class attendance figures for the Autumn term were:

Reception – 97.82%  
Year 1 – 97.45%  
Year 2 – 97.95%  
Year 3 – 97.34%  
Year 4 – 96.21%  
Year 5 – 95.99%  
Year 6 – 98.42%

Congratulations to Year 6 who have the highest attendance figure last term!

***At Excalibur school...every day counts,  
every minute matters.***

### Applications for Reception class 2016

A quick reminder that the online deadline for applying for a primary school place for reception class September 2016 is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Please remind anyone you know with a child expecting to start school in September. Any applications made to the local authority after this date will be treated as late applications.

### And finally..

We look forward to working with you in 2016 to build on your child's journey through school in 2016.

Yours Faithfully,

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.

11-01-16 F.O.E meeting 7.30pm @ The Manor
15-01-16 Y2/3 History workshops IN
22-01-16 Artist in residence – 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
22-01-16 F.O.E movie night
25-01-15 Y4 Manchester Museum visit – details to follow
29-01-16 Artist in residence – 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
05-02-16 Artist in residence – 50 <sup>th</sup> 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
24-02-16 AHS Hairspray performance – Y6 – details to follow
02-03-16 Governors meeting – strategic leadership 5.30pm
14-03-16 Science week
16-03-16 Governors meeting – teaching and learning 5.30pm
17-03-16 Parent/Teacher meetings – details to follow 4-7pm
21-03-16 Parent/teacher meetings – details to follow 3.30-5.30pm
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