



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

10th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter October, autumn is well and truly upon us. We do hope your children have had an enjoyable and productive start to their new year group and are looking forward to all of the exciting things to come.

Safeguarding Ambassadors

We are pleased to announce our Safeguarding Team, including our head girl, head boy, deputy head girl and deputy head boy. Imogen, Ava, Noah and Ewan have been busy over the past two weeks, putting together an action plan for the rest of the year. They have so many fabulous ideas and plans for the rest of the year, so keep an eye out on our website and newsletter for more of what's to come.

Reading Challenge – Alsager Library

Congratulations to all the children across school who completed the Alsager Library reading challenge – each child bringing in a certificate has received 10 house points. Well done to you all.

One World Week 2022

On Saturday 1st October, Alsager Civic hosted the annual One World Festival. Excalibur was in full force, with our school choir, led by Mrs. Griffin, making their performance debut. The children performed wonderfully, with some of them even stepping forward to sing in a quartet.

In addition to the choir, Ava and Isaac in Year 6 were announced as winners of the "Peace" poetry competition. Their cinquain poems were then read out during the festival. Well done to both of them.

Football League

On Thursday 29th September, our Year 6 football team competed in the final two matches of the Alsager Community Trust football league, which was held at Alsager School. They played with resilience and determination, ending the evening with two draws. The whole team played superbly throughout. Well done to Noah, Grace, Isla, Finley, Harry, Angel and Lewis.

Assembly with Pete Howard from Alsager Community Church

On Wednesday 5th October, we were visited by Pete Howard from Alsager Community Church for an assembly. As a long-time friend of the school, it was a pleasure to welcome Pete back to Excalibur. During the assembly, he shared information about three key terms: food, kindness and sharing – this was all connected with KS1's upcoming Harvest Assembly.

OPAL

The children have been continuing to enjoy the variety of equipment and activities on our school site and we are keen to build up the items we have. We are looking for small world toys on any theme, as well as dressing up clothes for the children to use. If you would like to donate any items, please send a photo to contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk and we will be in touch.

Many thanks to those people who have already donated items.

Outdoor Shoes

As the weather is becoming more inclement, to ensure we can make full use of the field all year round, please ensure your child brings a pair of outdoor shoes into school.

Reception children keep their outdoor shoes in their classroom; Years 1 to 6 have designated welly stores where this footwear can be kept safely. Outdoor shoes can be wellies or an old pair of shoes or trainers.

Considerate Parking Reminder

When dropping off and collecting children from school, please be considerate when parking. Please do not park on pavements or on double yellow lines as this may cause obstruction to other pedestrians or road users. In particular, please park carefully around the green and surrounding areas.

Alsager Library Notice

The children's area at our local library is being refurbished which is causing much excitement with the staff!

Please be advised that the children's area will be closed from 5pm on Monday 10th October and will re-open 9am on Saturday 15th October. The library will temporarily be moving some of the children's fiction so that some books are available to browse and borrow. If you do visit the library this week, please ask a member of staff where to find things.

Please note that, although there may be some disruption during this time, all other areas of the library will be open whilst the work goes on.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Team

Mrs Jones - Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Rogers – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Miss McArdle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Hilditch – Safeguarding Ambassador
Noah – Safeguarding Ambassador
Imogen – Safeguarding Ambassador
Ewan – Safeguarding Ambassador
Ava – Safeguarding Ambassador

If you have any safeguarding concerns or need safeguarding advice, please contact the school or, alternatively, our website has links to useful phone numbers:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/supportservices/6049>

Online Safety

If you have any concerns about a child's online safety, or require any information, in addition to contacting the school, you may find these links useful:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

Mr Hancock
Assistant Headteacher