



11th March 2016

Newsletter 14

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will see from the highlights below that the last few weeks have been as busy as ever at Excalibur. Everyone is working hard with lots of learning and fun activities taking place. Phew!

Hairspray musical at Alsager High

Our Year 6 children recently performed alongside Alsager High school pupils in their annual production of 'Hairspray'. Mr Galley (from Alsager High) has been working with Year 6 over a number of weeks in preparation for the performance. Our Y6 were fabulous and lucky Year 5 also got the chance to be part of the audience and thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Mr Middlebrook, Head teacher at Alsager High, commented: *"I must congratulate all students and staff involved in last week's production of 'Hairspray.' It really was a tremendous production involving over 150 young people from 4 schools, and from the ages of 10 to 18. Another remarkable achievement! The quality of the performances on stage was exceptional. They performed to over 1000 people in total last week and I know everyone loved it."*



Assessment Information Meeting

Thank you to parents/carers who attended this meeting on Monday March 7th. If you missed the event you can find all the

information on a presentation on our website. Click on curriculum and then assessment.



Year 2 visit to Alsager Fire Station

As part of their topic, Y2 took a walk to Alsager Fire Station on Monday. They learnt all about the service and even set fire to their tudor replica model houses (in a carefully controlled environment of course!). They had a super time and lots of learning took place. A big thank you to the fire service for supporting us.



Friends of Excalibur

Thank you to Friends of Excalibur who came in to run the Mother's Day gift wrap for three lunchtimes last week. They raised a total of £177.28.

World Book Day

The children (and staff) looked fabulous last Thursday on World Book Day and we had a lot of fun promoting the joy of reading and books. Thank you for your kind donations and for visiting the book fair. We took £660.50 and we receive 50% commission on this which enables us to buy more books for the classrooms.



Staff Development

Mrs Tomkinson and I attended a day with James Clements, Primary English Advisor, last week which centered on, 'Building an outstanding reading school'. We left armed with lots of ideas and training to continue to develop practice here at Excalibur.

Mrs Tomkinson and Mr Cotterill also attended training with 'First for Maths' which looked at ways in which to challenge and develop 'mastery' in the subject. All teachers have now completed training in the new maths curriculum specific to their year group.



More netball success

As winners of the Alsager netball league, Excalibur qualified for the Sandbach area partnership finals. Last Thursday, after school, the team travelled to Sandbach. They played really well and managed to finish in third place against some very strong opposition. Well done to everyone involved – a great achievement!

Reception class visit Ford Green Hall

Our Reception class had a fairytale day at Ford Green Hall yesterday. The children were wonderful and Mrs Ling reported that a magical time was had by all.



European referendum

We have now been informed by the local authority that the school will be used on Thursday June 23rd 2016 for the referendum. We have no choice about this and as we cannot practically isolate an area of the school, for safeguarding reasons **school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 23rd June.**



Sports Relief

The pupil school council have asked whether we can support Sports Relief 2016. Therefore, on Friday 18th March, pupils may come to school wearing sports kits (please ensure that sensible footwear and a coat are sent in for playtimes). We suggest a donation of £1 be made for this privilege. Perhaps your child wants to have some fun by mixing up different sporting clothing or even seeing how many different types of sport clothing they can wear?

48 hours policy

Please can we remind you of the following:
If your child is ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea they will remain off school for 48 hours after the last bout. If your child has a temperature, isn't eating or drinking properly and is generally not

themselves, then your child should remain off school until they are fit and well enough to return.

And finally..

I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming parent/teacher meetings.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

14-03-16 Science week
16-03-16 Non uniform FOE fine – Easter egg
16-03-16 Governors meeting – teaching and learning 5.30pm
17-03-16 Parent/Teacher meetings
17-03-16 Y2 to Staircase House
18-03-16 Sports Relief
18-03-16 Y1 to Spaceport – details to follow
21-03-16 Parent/teacher meetings
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
11-04-16 School opens
12-04-16 Y4 Standon Bowers – details to follow
14-04-16 Class photographs
05-05-16 School closed for polling
02-05-16 May Bank Holiday
09-05-16 Year 6 SATS week
23-05-16 Sports Week
25-05-16 Governors community meeting 5.30pm
27-05-16 School closes
07-06-16 School opens
23-06-16 School closed for EU referendum
24-06-16 Road Safety Y6 with the fire service
28-06-16 Alsager town sports
05/07-07-16 Y6 production
08-07-16 End of Year Reports
12-07-16 Y6 family garden party
19-07-16 Y6 leavers assembly
19-07-16 School closes for Summer