



# Fortnightly Friday Flyer

16<sup>th</sup> December 2016



Dear Parent,

We're almost there! Only 9 days to the big day and school has been busy with the Christmas spirit evident in many of our learning activities and events. Many of these activities are based around our Christmas Performances which will be next Monday & Tuesday (see below).

## Dates

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our KS1 and KS2 Performances. Start times are shown below – please arrive five/ten minutes before to take your seats. If grandparents, parents and other guests are coming could we ask that you come on separate days where possible to avoid overcrowding. Photo's taken at the KS1 dress rehearsal will be on sale at £1 each.

Monday 19th Dec: **KS1 performance 1.45pm start, KS2 performance 5:30pm start**

Tuesday 20th Dec: **KS1 performance 1.45pm start, KS2 performance 5:30pm start**

Wednesday 21st Dec: **Last day of term**

Thursday 22nd Dec & Friday 23rd Dec: **INSET Days – Children not in school**

## Wellbeing Website

<http://www.mywell-being.org.uk/parents-carers/>

This new website has been designed to provide you with lots of information about your health and well-being and guide you to where you can get extra help and support if you need it.



## Christmas Jumper & Bobble Hat Day

Thanks to everyone who came to school last Friday dressed in some fantastic Jumpers and Bobble Hats. In total we raised £333 to be equally split between the NSPCC and Save the Children Charities.

## Sports Round Up

### U9 Girl's Football Tournament

Well done to our Y3/4 Girl's Football Team who lifted the winner's trophy at a tournament held at Christleton High School last Thursday. The TEAM played brilliantly together with some superb goalkeeping and goal scoring skills.

### KS1 Athletics Team

Last Friday our KS1 athletics team jumped, ran and javelined their way to second place in the Tarporley High School organised tournament. Well done to all involved!

### Running the Village mile

Well done to members of the running club and staff who all ran a mile last Thursday morning around the village!



Super Strikers Emma & Emily.



We are the Champions!  
U9 Girls Football



2<sup>nd</sup> for the Key Stage One  
Athletics Team!



Keep on running!  
The village mile.

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## Praise Postcards

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended our Praise Postcard assembly. This weeks' recipients are those who have sparkled during singing and performing as we practice for our Christmas productions.

Oak (Reception) – **Milla, Maisy & Evie**

Maple (Year 3) – **Ellie & Nia**

Elm (Year 4) – **Isabel & Sasha**

Willow (Year 5) – **Bella, Jessica & Ross**

Cedar (Year 6) – **Lauren, Kelsey, Callum & Jack**

**Well done to you all! Keep up your fantastic attitudes towards school and learning.**

## Facebook & Twitter

As many of you will know, as a school, we have a great social media presence; sharing our achievements and successes. I know that many of you enjoy doing the same. Could I ask that if posting photos of school events you ensure that you only post images of your child. **Similarly, it is essential that parents approach the school with any problems and refrain from airing concerns about the school, pupils and its staff on social media sites. If school staff are unaware of any issues then they cannot be investigated and resolved, and the reputation of our school may be damaged and the integrity of its staff unnecessarily called into question. Thank you for your support in this matter.**

## Parking

At drop of and pick up times can you please ensure that you park responsibly and respect our close neighbours; particularly in the Pasture Close and around the Wynnd areas where some drives are being blocked. If at all possible, consider walking to school or using the car park at the Lord Binning and then walking down to school. Thank you for your support in the matter.

## Lost Property

We have a number of items of lost property from the past few years that have not been claimed. Mr Elliot will be putting items out in the hall on the last Wednesday of this term. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

## Christmas Photo roundup!

A few photos to share some of the activities that have been going on in the past few weeks.



Follow us on Twitter.  
[@KelsallSchool](https://twitter.com/KelsallSchool)



Emily & Jess delivering Emily's Church Christmas Card to our neighbours.



Year 5 have been working to produce these exceptional Nativity figures with Mr Clayton for St Philips Church



Tasha concentrating during our decoration afternoon



Getting our costumes made for the KS1 Nativity

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## Governor News

At the Autumn Term full governing body meeting our fabulous Chair, Dr Harry Ziman decided not to stand for re-election. His dedication to this role over the past 13 years is reflected in where the school is today. Harry's vision and support has helped us to establish as an outstanding school, taking us through Academy consultation and conversion, leading on the development of the teaching school (CLTA) and Cheshire Academies Trust (CAT). Harry has been instrumental in the many positive and wide ranging changes that have happened during his tenure as chair. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Harry on behalf of the many members of staff, pupils and parents over the years who he has served so well. Thank you Harry. I am delighted to report that Harry will remain as a governor and that Nick Ankers has been appointed as Chair, with Terry Harrop taking the Vice-Chair role.

## School Developments

It's been a busy and productive first term here at Kelsall. Staff have attended a number of twilight professional development sessions linked to our behaviour strategy; Conscious Discipline. There will be parent workshops in the New Year. Year 2 will have access to a new outdoor area in the spring term - we are working with the PTA to develop outdoor areas to include a stage and some a wigwam village. Our new staff members have settled in brilliantly and it is lovely to see the range of learning opportunities that are being developed for the children; linked to our Ten Texts Project which will continue into 2017. Thanks to the entire TEAM who make Kelsall such a vibrant place to learn and work in.



## Reception 2017

The closing date to apply for a place in our Reception 2017 is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. If you have not already applied please follow this link to apply; <https://schooladmissions.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/enrol/website/> and let friends and family in the community know too. If you have not already done so and would like a tour of school please do contact us. We currently have one space in Year 1 for in year admission.

## Tree Decorating

This year we have been busy bees decorating lots of trees both in and out of school. We had a fabulous KS1 decorating afternoon which provided lots of hand-made decorations to put on our own tree in school as well as one in the following places; **Chester Cathedral, Kelsall Methodist Church & Applewood Green Taylor Wimpy Reception.**



Have a great Christmas break everyone. We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017!** Mr Wearing - Principal



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