

Fortnightly Friday Flyer

20th December 2017



**Dear Parent,
School Performances**

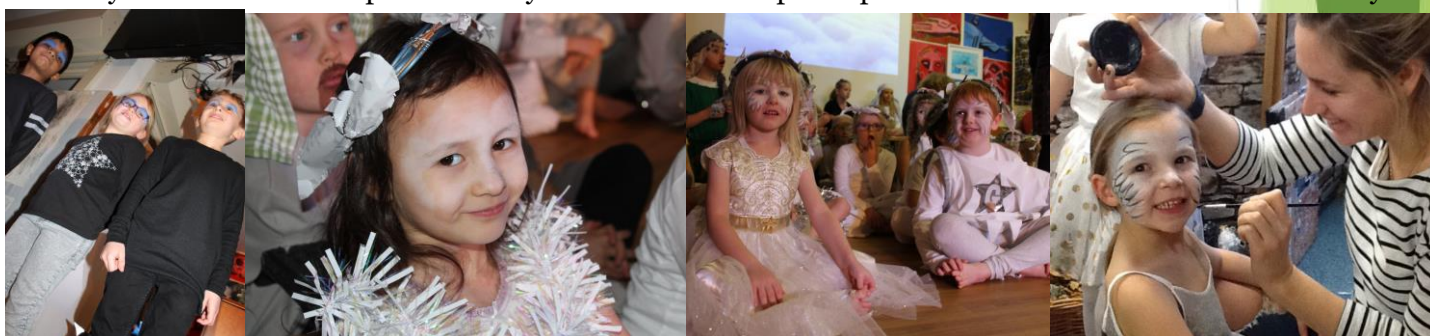
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

WOW! What a stunning production. The confidence of all the cast was amazing and the story of Peter, Lucy, Edmund and Susan discovering the land of Narnia and defeating the White Witch with their friend Aslan was expertly told to three packed audiences. Each character brought enthusiasm and emotion to the performance. One of the 'magic moments' of the year that I am sure will stay in the hearts and minds of the children, staff, parents and grandparents for many years to come. Thanks for all of your donations towards new lighting - £474 in total!



Angel gets her Wings

KS1 treated us all to three wonderful nativity performances. As with KS2, each and every child spoke so clearly and told the story of the Little Angel who got her wings so perfectly. Oak class were the star, stars of the show and Beech class were brilliant as the band of heavenly dancing angels. Y2 took on the various roles and were all SUPERSTARS! It was lovely to welcome Grandparents this year for their own special performance. We will do the same next year!



Phones & Tablets

I imagine that some children will be receiving smartphones and tablets for Christmas this year. This site has lots of information on helping to keep your child safe online.

<https://www.tigermobiles.com/2015/05/how-to-protect-your-children-on-their-smartphone/>

Midday Assistant Post

We are looking to recruit a midday assistant to the team in the New Year.

Please contact admin2@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk if you are interested in the position.

Mrs Morris

I would like to take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to Mrs Morris. Mrs Morris has been an important, much respected and liked member of the Kelsall team for over 10 years. During this time she has worked with many pupils and staff, helping to make Kelsall the special place it is. I know that she will be very much missed but we will all keep in touch to see how she is doing as a new chapter opens in her life. Thank you Mrs Morris for all that you have done for Kelsall and the community over many memorable years. We wish you well for the future.

Routines

We start back to school on **Monday 8th January**. The doors will open at **8:40 prompt and gates will close at 8:50** giving everyone plenty of time to get into class to start the learning day. Please support by being on time ready to start the new term.

'A Love for Learning'

School Performance Data

Last week school performance data was published by the DFE (Department for Education). The data is only one measure of a school and is based on one cohort of children. The way the data is presented does not give a full enough picture of the achievements of those children. Below is a table giving more context to the data and information that was not included. In the previous four years to this data we have been one of the highest performing schools for all measures and I urge you to treat any published ranking or league tables with caution. We have a fantastic inclusive school with a broad and balanced rich curriculum, high standards of teaching and we take pride in knowing each individual and supporting them with their needs.

Many Head teachers agree that producing league tables using one measure is unsophisticated and unhelpful.

	2016			2017		
	Kelsall	Cheshire West & Chester	National	Kelsall	Cheshire West & Chester	National
Reading – scaled score	105.9	103.3	102.6	106.5	104.8	104.1
Reading – % ARE	92.6%	68.2%	65.7%	83.3%	73.5%	71.5%
Writing – %ARE	85.2%	69.3%	74%	76.7%	73.7%	76.3%
Maths – Scaled score	102.8	103	103	102.7	104.1	104.2
Maths – %ARE	74.1%	69.2%	69.7%	73.3%	73.5%	74.9%
RWM % Combined	70.4%	52.7%	53.3%	60%	59.1%	61.1%

As YOU will see from our data for 2016 and 2017 children are above or in line with National and CWAC. The 'league tables' only present a small amount of data and do not celebrate the fact that our Reading data is significantly above CWAC and National and how well our children perform in Writing and Maths. As a school we continually improve our teaching methodology and our development plan shows that we will be focusing on Maths mastery in the New Year.

Please see the term dates below for 2018-19. Make a note of them. There are also on the school website calendar

CAT Academy Holiday Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September 2018 – Staff INSET day (children don't attend today)

Tuesday 4 September 2018 – Staff INSET day (children don't attend today)

Wednesday 5 September – Friday 26th October 2018 – Autumn Term 1

Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November 2018 – October Half Term

Monday 5 November 2018 – Staff INSET day (children don't attend today)

Tuesday 6 November – Friday 21 December 2018 – Autumn Term 2

Monday 24 December – Friday 4 January 2019 – Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January 2019 – Staff INSET day (children don't attend today)

Tuesday 8 January – Friday 15 February 2019 – Spring Term 1

Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February 2019 – February Half Term

Monday 25 February – Friday 29 March 2019 – Spring Term 2

Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April 2019 – Spring Break

Summer Term 2019

Monday 15 April – Thursday 18 April 2019 – Summer Term 1

Friday 19 April – Monday 22 April 2019 – Easter Bank Holiday Weekend

Tuesday 23 April – Friday 3 May 2019 – Summer Term 1

Monday 6 May 2019 – Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 7 May – Friday 24 May 2019 - Summer Term 1

Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2019 - May Half Term (includes Bank Holiday Monday)

Monday 3 June – Friday 19 July 2019 – Summer Term 2

It is expected that children will return to school on Wednesday 4 September 2019. This remains subject to change until final 2019-2020 holiday and INSET dates are published.

Have a wonderful Christmas! Looking forward to an amazing 2018!

Mr Wearing & the Kelsall TEAM.

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