



Fortnightly Friday Flyer 9th March 2018

Dear Parent,

We are now almost halfway through the academic school year and if the first half is anything to go by, then I am thoroughly looking forward to the second half! I spend a good deal of my time in school visiting classes, talking to the children and teachers about their learning as well as constantly looking for ways in which we can improve our provision. I am never disappointed in what I both hear, see and feel. There is a palpable enthusiasm for learning and whatever the subject, activity or lesson planned all of the children and adults are fully engaged, learning together and achieving to a high standard.

Parent Survey

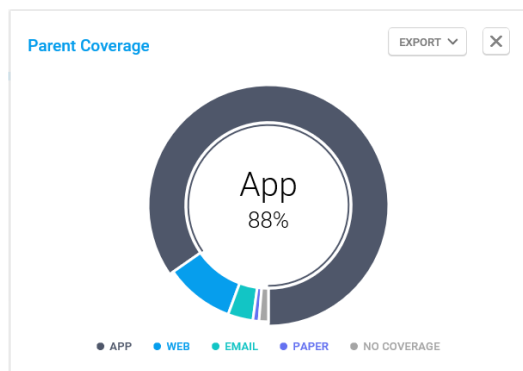
Thanks you to everyone who completed the Parent Survey through the School Ping app. Almost 100 (91) parents responded which is a much higher response than usual. I will repeat the survey at the end of the academic year. Here are the results of the survey;

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school	63%	34%	0%	1%	1%
My child feels safe at this school	67%	30%	0%	2%	1%
My child makes good progress at this school	44%	49%	5%	1%	1%
My child is well looked after at this school	57%	40%	3%	0%	0%
My child is taught well at this school	48%	49%	2%	0%	1%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	25%	64%	11%	0%	0%
This school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved	46%	47%	3%	0%	3%
This school deals effectively with bullying	20%	28%	7%	2%	43%
This school is well led and managed	43%	44%	6%	0%	7%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	40%	47%	6%	2%	5%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	30%	58%	12%	0%	0%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	63%	25%	3%	0%	8%

Whilst the survey is very positive, some of the responses such as information about your child's progress and our approach to dealing with bullying will be looked into (along with some others areas) in more depth. Information about any changes as a result of the survey will be shared in the near future.

Finally, there are a few responses that strongly disagree or disagree with the statements. I would ask that if you have any concerns or worries that you do contact me via email – principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk so that we can work together to try and resolve them. Again, many thanks for taking the time to complete the survey.

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School Ping

Thanks for downloading the School Ping app onto your phones and tablets. All communication will be sent via this app which you can also access on a home computer. It will cut down on paper slips being sent out doing our bit for our eco credentials. If you do experience problems with app please let the office know. Parents Evenings will be bookable through the app too making it easier for you to select a time without searching for passwords.

U11's Football Tournament

It has been a busy few weeks for sporting activity despite the bad weather. Most recently we travelled to Goals in Chester for an U11s Tournament. With two team representing Kelsall – a boy's and girls' team we ran out of socks so I dashed to Sports Direct on the way!! The tournament quickly got underway with around 20 teams playing total. The boy's team battled hard to come top of their table in the group stages with excellent teamwork and determination from the whole team. Joe in goals made some spectacular saves and was easily golden gloves of the tournament. Milo slotted home so well taken goals and Scott in defence was strong and solid – keeping the opposing team's forwards at bay. In the next round (quarter finals) we came up against a strong Christleton team who edged to a 3-0 win and we were knocked out. The team played brilliantly and should be so proud of their efforts.

What was really special is that the boys were keen to find out how the girls were getting on. As we arrived they were finishing their semi-final game against Belgrave. 1-0 down until Emma scored a belter to bring it even. The whistle blew and it was three penalties each!! Miss Creek could barely watch. A goal apiece to start, then a great save from Emily. Belgrave's keeper just nudged out Taya's fine effort. A superb save again from our superstar keeper Emily meant the final spot kick went to Sophie. One step, a powerful right boot and it was cheers all round as they progressed to the final!

The girls started on top form and made excellent tackles, passed and moved well. St Werbergh's were a very good team but they couldn't match the sheer determination of the Kelsall team who decisively edged out 3-0 winners!! They go onto the regional finals. Thanks to all the parents and Miss Creek for supporting and organising.



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Twisted Tales

Over the past two weeks, all classes have been exploring traditional fairy tales that have a twist. This is for our Cheshire Academies Trust Writing Project. Children are writing in different ways as they respond to the texts; it may be a Giant that is not all that bad in 'Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk' or a Bear that has lost his way in 'Goldilocks and Just the One Bear' or exploring gender stereotypes in fairy tales and rewriting with an alternative ending. The work from across the trust will be displayed at the Storyhouse in Chester over Easter for everyone to explore – more details to follow.



Praise Postcards

Well done to the following children who will receive their postcards for

Oak (Reception) – **Ronnie & Tommy**

Beech (Year 1) – **Betty & Emily**

Ash (Year 2) – **Benjamin**

Maple (Year 3) – **Sophie L & Sophie H**

Elm (Year 4) – **Jack & Sophie S**

Willow (Year 5) – **Hannah D & Daniel S**

Cedar (Year 6) – **Maddie, Seren & Kai**

Tweeter of the Week – **Miss Walsh!** – an amazing video production linked to #twistedtales

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

RHS Tatton Flower Show 2018

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-flower-show-tatton-park>

Thanks to everyone who has donated materials and helped out with our RHS Garden. We are one of only 15 schools to have a plot at the show and we are working with Mill View and Boughton Heath CAT schools to work on the garden design which is linked to the artist Anya Gallacio. Lilian and Helen in Y6 will represent Kelsall at the main show and there is a prize for the best school garden!



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May Queen, Rose Bud and Escorts

Thanks to everyone who put names forward for these roles. Mrs Harrop came into school to draw from the boxes and the Clatterbridge Gala roles for 2018 go to;

May Queen – **Lilian (Y6)** Attendant – **Kai (Y6)**

Y5 = **Sasha & Evie**

Y4 = **Nia & Louisa**

Y3 = **Tula & Sophie L**

Rose Bud – **Faye (Y2)** Escort – **Amelia J (Y2)**

Y1 = **Eleri & Heather**

Rec = **Jaydn & Elodie**

Mrs Harrop will be contacting those selected with more details very soon. This is the 40th year of the Gala and an amazing period of time where the committee led by the fabulous Angela Harrop have raised a great deal of funds for Cancer Research. I am sure that you will all support the Gala this year.



Facebook/Twitter

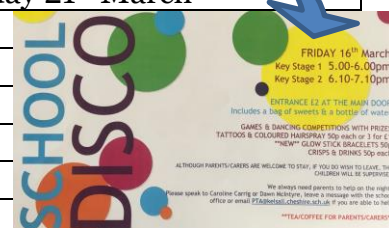
Please do follow us on twitter @KelsallSchool – we are getting towards the **10,000** tweets mark and many of you are sending us tweets! It's lovely to see 'a love for learning' being shared through this social media. We also have a Facebook page that is linked to our twitter account. Please Like and share with your family and friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/KelsallPrimarySchool/?ref=bookmarks>

Dates for the Diary

Please refer to the website calendar for all diary dates. Key dates for the rest of the term are;

Last week of clubs	w/b 12 th March
Year 1 to Chester Zoo	Wednesday 14 th March
Boughton Heath Reception Class visiting	Thursday 15 th March
CAT Gardening Day	Friday 16 th March
PTA Disco	Friday 16 th March
Y3 To Tattenhall	Monday 19 th – Wednesday 21 st March
Y5 Residential Information Meeting	Monday 26 th March
Oak Class Teddy Bears Picnic	Tuesday 27 th March
Last Day of term	Thursday 29 th March
Good Friday (children NOT in school)	Friday 30 th March
INSET DAY (children NOT in school)	Monday 16 th April
School restarts	Tuesday 17 th April



PTA News

Thanks to the brilliant PTA who have continued to support a range of activities in school. A big WELL DONE to **Louisa P** who designed a fabulous logo for the PTA – hope you enjoy spending your Smiggle voucher! There were lots of great designs with runners up being **Archie, Evie, Amelia, Ruby and Sophie**. Funding from PTA is being utilised to upgrade and modernise some of our classrooms – providing collaborative learning spaces and resources for all pupils.

Mr Wearing and the Kelsall Team

Has someone done something online that has made you or a child or young person you know, feel worried or unsafe? Click on the link below;



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