

Fortnightly Friday Flyer

14th September 2018

Dear Parent,

A warm welcome back to you all! I hope that you all enjoyed the summer break. The children have started the term brilliantly with enthusiasm and a great attitude towards learning.

Mrs Sarah White joins our team as teacher in Y4 and Miss Kelly Kirwin is also a new face supporting learning in Y2 as a Teaching Assistant as well as Mrs Kelly White who joins as a TA in Y2. Mrs Julie Dutton is taking a term sabbatical and will return after Christmas as will Mrs Robinson.

In addition we welcome Grace, Sophie, Zoe and Ollie to Y3, Karina to Y4 and Louie to Y6 as well as all of our Reception families (they've all settled brilliantly!).

The Paul family have moved to Spain for a year and we wish them all well; we hope to see Grace and Doug soon and we are keeping in touch with them.

Routines

The doors open at **8:40am**. Please ensure that you are all on time. The first 15/20 minutes in the morning is spent practicing/refining handwriting, learning spellings and times tables. If your child is arriving at 9:00am everyday they have missed out 1hr 40minutes a week of learning which over a term really mounts up.

Diary Dates	
Individual school photos	17th September
PTA AGM at school 7.00pm	27th September
New Starters 2019 parent tour of school	11th October 2.00pm Appointments can be made with the school office
Parents evening	16th & 18th October
END OF AUTUMN TERM 1	26th October
Teacher INSET	5th November
START OF AUTUMN TERM 2	6th November
New Starters 2019 parent tour of school	8th November 10.00am Appointments can be made with the school office
Kelsall community S.T.E.A.M fair event - Parents and families invited	23rd November from 1pm
PTA Christmas Fair	30th November from 3.15pm
New Starters 2019 parent tour of school	4th December 1.00pm Appointments can be made with the school office
Christmas Performances	18th December KS1 – 1.45pm KS2 - 5.30pm 19th December KS1 – 1.45pm KS2 - 5.30pm
END OF AUTUMN TERM 2	21st December
Teacher INSET	7th January
START OF SPRING TERM 1 2019	8th January
END OF SPRING TERM 1	15th February
START OF SPRING TERM 2	25th February
Parents evening	12th & 14th March
Conway Art Weekend	22nd March
END OF SPRING TERM 2	29th March
START OF SUMMER TERM 1	15th April
Good Friday	19th April
Easter Monday	22nd April
Children back in school	23rd April
END OF SUMMER TERM 1	24th May
START OF SUMMER TERM 2	3rd June
Sports Day	21st June
END OF SUMMER TERM 2	19th July

'A Love for Learning'

S.T.E.A.M

This year our curriculum will focus around the acronym S.T.E.A.M – this stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. Teachers have planned exciting learning journeys that will develop children’s knowledge, skills and understanding linked to the STEAM areas. This term the overarching theme is ‘Reach for the Stars’. We will also be linking to the Global Competencies for Deep Learning – 6C’s. We are planning a Community STEAM Day on 23rd November from 1pm to share all of our work from the term. If you have any links, connections or ideas that would support our S.T.E.A.M year please let me know.

Global Competencies for Deep Learning – 6 C’s

CREATIVITY
Having an ‘entrepreneurial eye’ for economic and social opportunities, asking the right inquiry questions to generate novel ideas, and leadership to pursue those ideas and turn them into action.



CRITICAL THINKING
Critically evaluating information and arguments, seeing patterns and connections, constructing meaningful knowledge, and applying it in the real world.

COMMUNICATION
Communicating effectively with a variety of styles, modes, and tools (including digital tools), tailored for a range of audiences.



CHARACTER
Learning to deep learn, armed with the essential character traits of grit, tenacity, perseverance, and resilience; and the ability to make learning an integral part of living.

CITIZENSHIP
Thinking like global citizens, considering global issues based on a deep understanding of diverse values and worldviews, and with a genuine interest and ability to solve ambiguous and complex real-world problems that impact human and environmental sustainability.



COLLABORATION
Work interdependently and synergistically in teams with strong interpersonal and team-related skills including effective management of team dynamics and challenges, making substantive decisions together, and learning from and contributing to the learning of others.



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Outdoor Areas

Many of you will have noticed some changes on the playground. Our EYFS/Y1 area is being completely re-imagined with a grant from MBNA. Work has started this week and we look forward to using the finished area by the end of this months. Our reading rocks area will be developed too with the artist Fabric Lenny on a week artist in residency coming next week to design and paint the new mural boards.



Finally.....Please only use the pedestrian gates to enter school. **DO NOT** under any circumstances use the car park entrances – cars are moving around and reversing. Thanks to everyone who uses the correct entrance – please do help by sticking to this simple request. I appreciate that it can be a little quicker using the car park entrances but an accident could easily occur.

Thank you too for your patience whilst we adjust to new phone lines, emails and IT systems. We are slowly getting back to normal service!

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Have a great weekend

Mr Wearing & the Kelsall TEAM.