

Fortnightly Friday Flyer

Dear Parent,

As we come towards the end of a busy and exciting first term at Kelsall, it is always good to look back and reflect before looking forward to 2016 and all the opportunities that it has in store for us all. It has been such a busy and vibrant term that there will be another flyer next week!

Performance League Tables

Earlier this week the School and College Performance Tables (2015) were published. I am delighted to report that Kelsall Primary School is one of the **top 10 Primary schools** in the Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority (there are 155 Primary Schools in CWAC). As always we strive for academic excellence for your children which is reflected in these fabulous results. However, it is worth noting that this is not the only measure of a successful school and primary education. The hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of the whole school T.E.A.M ensure that we value and promote creativity in many forms as well as nurturing and supporting each individual to be the best that they can be.

Community Carols

There was a fabulous turnout at the inaugural Community Christmas Carols gathering around the KADRAS tree at St Phillips Church this Thursday evening. The event was a joint venture involving Rev. Peter, Rev. Sue and school. It was a little chilly but our hearts were soon warmed listening to the school choir sing some festive carols. There are plans to repeat next year. Let me know if you have any ideas to make the event even better or want to get involved in organising and planning. Thanks also to Mr Clayton, Mrs Morris, the school choir and band members for supporting and making the night one to remember (hand-warmers needed for all next year!)



Christmas Fair

Thank you to our hard working PTA who again organised a fantastic family event with a range of stalls and activities. There will be a separate PTA flyer soon to let you all know how much has been raised and how school intend to spend the money.

Cheshire Reindeer Lodge

I had the pleasure of accompanying Oak and Beech class to the Cheshire Reindeer Lodge a week or so ago. Their behaviour was fantastic and they all enjoyed a morning feeding and learning about Reindeer before being treated to a mini-panto put on by some talented elves. This was then followed by meeting Santa! It was a fabulous day even though we returned a bit soggy due to the non-stop rain. Thank you to all who helped with this visit and to the staff at the Reindeer Lodge for making it a special day for the children.



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Clubs

A huge thank you to all the staff who have supported a wide range of clubs this term. Over 200 children attended one or more of our after school activities each week. We will be using our website system to make it easier to allocate places for Spring term clubs which will start on 18th January.

Safeguarding

Following a recent Safeguarding audit at school using the Cheshire West LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children Board) online tool a few areas of development were highlighted to us which require improvement. You may have noticed some new doors in the main office entrance area. These will be operational in the New Year and new protocols for entering the school will be established too. I will outline these in a separate letter before the end of the year.



My Maths

You should all have had your MyMaths login details. We will be using the site in the New Year to support Mathematics learning at home. More details in the New Year!

Praise Postcards

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended our Praise Postcard assembly. The following fabulous learners have all been giving the presentation of their work that extra focus.

Ash (Year 2) – **William Albiston-Bennett & Ruby Barton**

Maple (Year 3) – **Charlie Johnston & Thomas Brodie**

Elm (Year 4) – **Emma Jones, Charlie Taylor & Alex Manley**

Willow (Year 5) – **Lucy Badger, Bethany Coney & Jack Laidlaw**

Cedar (Year 6) – **Patrick Tenner & Emma Reader**

Tweeter of the Week – **Miss Walsh** (I owe you a Twirl!)

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

Twitter

Please do follow us on twitter @KelsallSchool – we are getting towards the 5000 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.

KS1 and KS2 Performances

For KS1 please arrive for 1:50pm. KS2 children need to be at the church for 5:50pm for a 6:00pm start. If children could come to both nights at the church please and parents can pick up at around 7:00pm if they are not staying to watch on that night. We are again selling individual nativity photos for KS1 to raise funds for face paints and props. A suggested donation of £1 per photo please.

Diary Dates

Please refer to the website calendar for all diary dates. Key dates for the rest of the term and into 2016 are;

Tuesday 15 th December 2:00pm	KS1 Performance (at school)
Tuesday 15 th December 6:00pm	KS2 Performance (St Philips Church)
Wednesday 16 th December 2:00pm	KS1 Performance (at school)
Wednesday 16 th December 6:00pm	KS2 Performance (St Philips Church)
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Sweater Day! (suggested donation £1)
Friday 18 th December	School Term ends
Monday 4 th January 2016	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
Tuesday 5 th January 2016	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
Wednesday 6 th January 2016	School Term starts

Have a great weekend – Mr Wearing, Principal



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