

Fortnightly Friday Flyer

15th January 2016

Dear Parent,

Happy New Year!! I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas break with children, family and friends. On behalf of myself and the staff I would like to thank you all for the kind cards and gifts at the end of the term.

We welcome two new families and three new children to school this term. I know that the school community will all make them feel very welcome.

New Routines

Thank you all for supporting the new morning routines which have vastly improved our safeguarding procedures. All children are now coming in independently and settling to learning by 9:00am. There has also been less lateness and this obviously has an impact on the time spent learning in class.

If you are late, please use the main entrance so the office staff can update the registers accordingly. The office staff will take your child down to class.

As always, the needs of your children are at the forefront of our minds. If you do need a message passing on you can speak to myself, Mrs Doyle or the member of staff on the door. If you need a longer discussion please ask at the office or e-mail the office to arrange a mutually convenient time with your child's class teacher.

My Maths

This term we are starting to use the **My Maths** website to support Maths learning at home. You should all have received your usernames and passwords for My Maths (Oak class will start using the site in the Summer term and details will be supplied then). You will need these to log in to the site <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>. Homework will then be available for your child to complete. The site is flash based but will work on i-pads if you download a free app called Puffin Academy – details of how to install can be found here or you can search in the app store ; http://www.stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk/mymaths_iPad_iPhone.pdf



MyMaths.co.uk

Residentials

We have a number of exciting residential visits this year. Here are those important dates for your diaries.

Y3 Tattenhall – Monday 14th March – Wednesday 16th March (2 nights)

Y4 PettyPool – Monday 25th April – Tuesday 26th April (1 night)

Y5 Conway – Monday 18th April to Wednesday 20th April (2 nights)

Y6 Conway Transition – Monday 27th June – Wednesday 29th June (2 nights)
(only for those who will transfer to Tarporley High School in September 2016)

Details of all visits along with costs are being finalised over the next few weeks and more details will follow for individual classes along with dates for information sessions.

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.

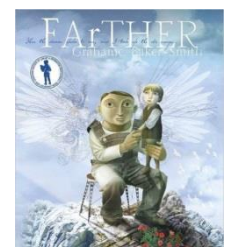


Changing for PE

A number of parents have highlighted to me that the new windows at the front are a lot lower than the old ones. You can now see straight into the classes and often children may be getting changed for PE. We have now blocked the lower half of the windows with blackout card for privacy when children are getting changed for PE.

Our Curriculum

This term we continue to use the book Maps <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Maps-Aleksandra-Mizielinska/dp/1848773013> to inspire our Curriculum as well as the



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book FArTHER <http://www.amazon.co.uk/FArTHER-Grahame-Baker-Smith/dp/1848771339>

To find out more about our approach to the curriculum you can read about it here

http://www.kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/32898 which encompasses our vision, mission and values;

Our Vision – ‘A Love for Learning’

Our Mission – ‘To inspire the highest quality learning in a creative, collaborative environment’

Our Core Values – Creativity, Excellence, Curiosity, Aspiration & Respect

As children move to secondary education, we want them to leave with ‘A Love for Learning’ and a

motivating desire to develop as a learner, finding out more about the World they live in and the boundless opportunities that are all around them.

Sports

We have already taken part in a Handball tournament and look forward to netball, basketball, table tennis and indoor athletic competitions this half-term. This is through our strong partnership with local primary schools coordinated by Tarporley High School. Some classes have also benefited from Cricket and Football coaching over the past two weeks. Rob Oakley from the FA has provided expert football coaching and Owen Williamson, a Development & Coaching Officer from Cheshire Cricket has supported improving cricket skills.

Clubs

We have another superb range of Clubs this term. Thank you to all the members of staff who freely give of their time to support this provision. I appreciate that there have been some difficulties with booking slots for clubs but hopefully this will improve for next term. Thank you for your patience and support with this.

We have 9 clubs running during the week as well as many sporting fixtures and competitions.

Praise Postcards

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended our Praise Postcard assembly. The following fabulous learners have all been amazing problem solvers;

Oak (Reception)- **Sophy Bell, Mollie Forster & Harry Green**

Beech (Year1)- **Sam Evans & Sophie Leftwick**

Ash (Year 2) – **Thomas Farrington & Fraser Sherman**

Maple (Year 3) – **Christopher Coolican & Henry Higgins-Vallis**

Elm (Year 4) – **Kai Booth, Lilian Francis & William Hide**

Willow (Year 5) – **Ruby Wisbey**

Cedar (Year 6) – **Peter Day & Erin Hughes**

Tweeters of the Week – **Mrs Doyle & Mrs Little**

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

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Diary Dates

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

Monday 18 th January	All Clubs Start
Tuesday 19 th January (8:30 start at school)	Y5 & Y6 to CATs Performance at Tarporley High
Monday 1 st February	Rec & Y1 visit to Manchester Airport
Friday 12 th February	Take Away Homework due in
Monday 15 th February	Half-Term Starts
Monday 22 nd February	Children start back at school

Have a great weekend – Mr Wearing, Principal

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