

# Fortnightly Friday Flyer

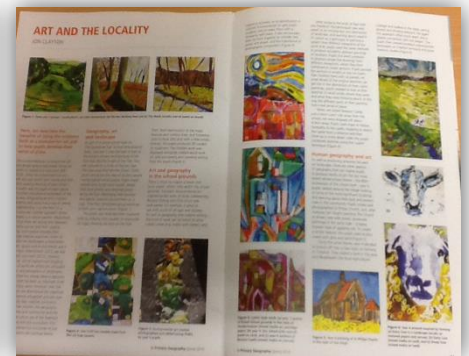
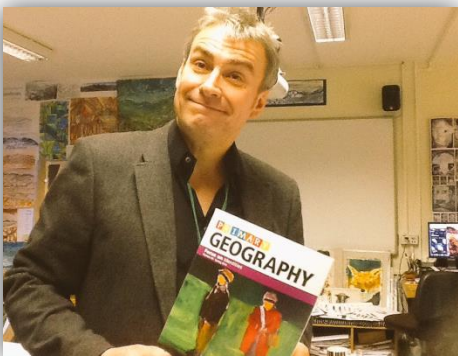
11<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## Dear Parent,

We are now 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 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. One of the successes of the term has to be the whole school approach to the book **FARTHER** which I mentioned in my last flyer. This has inspired some amazing writing, artwork and creative responses. All classes continue to use the book **Maps** as a stimulus for their learning, alongside quality texts, resources and artefacts.

## Primary Geographer

Last year Mr Clayton was asked to write a column for the Primary Geography Magazine. The publication is well known in Primary Schools and used to support teaching and learning in this area. Mr Clayton's column showcases how the arts can be used as a vehicle to explore local geographical features. There are copies in the entrance area; please ask if you would like to have a read.



## Curious Minds

For many years Kelsall has been an Artsmark Gold school and has been identified as a Good Practice Centre. We are now working with [www.curiousminds.org.uk](http://www.curiousminds.org.uk) to establish Kelsall as a cultural hub for the arts in all its forms. This will involve working with other schools, teachers and pupils to champion the arts and develop a dynamic network in this area working towards this goal;

*'Cultural education gives children and young people the opportunity to develop their creativity, both individually and collectively, and that's why our goal is for every child and young person to have the opportunity to experience the richness of the arts'*

Darren Henley, Chief Executive, Arts Council England

## Tarporley's Got Talent!

Well done to Isaac Grover (Y5) and Joe Hunt (Y6) who will represent school in the Tarporley High Talent show to take place after the half term (Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (7:00pm onwards). Tickets are on sale at the High school or can be bought on the night.

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## Parent Survey

As a whole school TEAM we are constantly looking at ways in which we can improve and enhance the experiences for children both in and out of school and the ways in which we engage with you all as parents. We welcome feedback in its various forms; from individuals, parent council, PTA, pupil survey and school council to name a few. I have put together a short survey on the school website. Please take the time to log in using your username and passwords. Click on Surveys & Forms to answer the questions. Make sure you click on the orange 'send your form back to the teacher' button once completed. I will then analyse the results towards the end of next term and inform you all of the outcomes and any changes we implement as a result.

The screenshot shows the 'Parental Questionnaire 2016' form on the school website. The page has a green header with the school logo and navigation links (HOME, CLASSES, PUPIL ZONE, ABOUT US, PARENTS). The survey title is 'Parental Questionnaire 2016' created by Mr Wearing. It features a question: 'My child is happy at school' with four radio button options: 'Strongly Agree', 'Agree', 'Disagree', and 'Strongly disagree'. To the right, there are two yellow text input boxes for 'What does Kelsall School do well?' and 'What could we do even better?'. A red button at the bottom right says 'Send your form back to the teacher'.

## Manchester Airport

Oak Class (Reception) and Beech Class (Y1) enjoyed a fabulous visit to Manchester Airport this term. Thanks to Mr Paul who came to talk to the group about his role as a pilot before the visit and to all the members of staff, parents and volunteers who supported the visit.



## CAT News

It has been a year since Cheshire Academies Trust (CAT) formed; joining together three Outstanding schools – Kelsall Primary School, Mill View Primary School and Boughton Heath Academy. There have been many benefits to this partnership that have developed through staff meeting together to discuss and share best practice. This has a direct impact upon the outcomes for learners at Kelsall. There is a good level of support and challenge that enables all the schools in the trust to make positive and lasting changes for the benefit for all.

## School Lunches

Many of you may have heard that Edsential who provide our lunches will be changing the way they source fresh meat. At the moment, our meat is supplied by the local butchers Duttons. I am keen for this continue and Edsential are offering schools an option to do this. As and when I know more, I will let you all know. In the meantime, our fresh meat is still supplied by Duttons.

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### **Clatterbridge May Queen, Rose Bud and Attendants**

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 2016 go to;

May Queen - **Georgia Rowland**

Attendants – **Jasmine Bailey, Lucy Badger, Ruby Wisbey, William Hide, Emily Badger & Charlie Johnston**

Rose Bud – **Phoebe Grindrod**

Attendants – **Jack Elson, Eve Bailey & Sophie Hide**

Mrs Harrop will be phoning those selected with more details very soon.



### **Facebook/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. 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>

### **i-pad apps**

As you will know we use i-pads in school to support teaching and learning and I know that many of you have tablets at home. There are so many apps that it is often difficult to know which ones to choose. I have found some useful ones and will post these on twitter and start to create a page on the school website. In the meantime this website gives a good indication of some apps that support various subjects. [http://www.ipadineducation.ianwilson.biz/iPad\\_in\\_Education/Welcome.html](http://www.ipadineducation.ianwilson.biz/iPad_in_Education/Welcome.html)

### **Y6 Conway Visit (message from Tarporley High)**

The annual residential visit to Conway for pupils transferring to secondary education in September 2016 will take place from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at the Conway Centre, Anglesey. All children who are intending to transfer to Tarporley High School are invited to attend. Staff accompanying this visit will be drawn from Tarporley High School and its partner primary schools.

As a group of schools, we believe that this visit is of considerable educational value to students. The aim of the Conway experience is to promote successful transition from primary school to the high school by:

- Providing an opportunity to face new experiences collectively, spending quality time together as the prospective Year 7.
- Providing a valuable, enjoyable and safe learning experience, which is inclusive for all.
- Providing an opportunity for children to build relationships and develop friendships beyond their current boundaries, in a safe and structured setting.
- Encouraging children to embrace new experiences with their new high school teachers, whilst still being cared for and supported by their primary headteacher and/or their year 6 teacher.
- Challenging all children to 'do their best' and supporting their learning journey.

This summer, the cost of the visit will remain at **£140.00**, which covers all expenses. A letter with further information will be coming out to you from the High School shortly. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable event! (*Miss Webb and Mr Wearing will be accompanying the class*)

### **Sporting Roundup**

Well done to our Table Tennis Team who played fantastically and lifted the trophy at the end of some well fought matches. Our football team has managed a few games in between the wet weather and came away 8-1 winners at Acresfield. Last night was a thoroughly competitive match against St Werberghs who won 1-0. Have a look at our Sports at Kelsall blog here;

<http://www.kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk/class/sport-at-kelsall>

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## Diary Dates

Here are key dates for the rest of the academic school year. There will be additional dates added and these will be added to future flyers.

<b>Diary Dates 2016</b>	
START OF SPRING TERM 2	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Tarporley High School Talent Show	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February (7:00pm onwards)
Y2 SATs Information Session	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> February (3:15 – 3:45pm)
Year 4 Residential Meeting	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March (3:15 – 3:45pm)
School Direct Open Evening	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March (4:00 – 5:00pm)
<b>Year 3 to Tattenhall Residential</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Bags 2 School Collection Day	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Fair Trade Big Breakfast	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March (8:00 – 9:15)
Clubs End	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Y6 SATs Information Session	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Good Friday – Children NOT in school	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Monday – Children NOT in school	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Oak Class Castle Banquet	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
END OF HALF TERM 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
START OF SUMMER TERM 1	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Year 5 to Conway Residential</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 4 & Mr Wearing/Mrs Doyle/Mrs Smith to St George's Day Parade (more info to follow)	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
<b>Year 4 to Petty Pool Residential</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
School led clubs start	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Class Photographs	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Parent Evening	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Parent Evening	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Clatterbridge Gala	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
SATs Week (Year 6)	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Youth Federation Workshops (all classes)	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
END OF SUMMER HALF TERM 1	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
START OF SUMMER TERM 2	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 4 Campout	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Year 6 Conway Residential</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day KS1 (am) KS2 (pm)	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Reserve Sports Day KS1 (am) KS2 (pm)	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
End of Year Reports issued	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers Evening	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
SUMMER TERM 2 ENDS	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET DAY (for staff only)	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

Have a great half –term!

Mr Wearing

Principal

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