

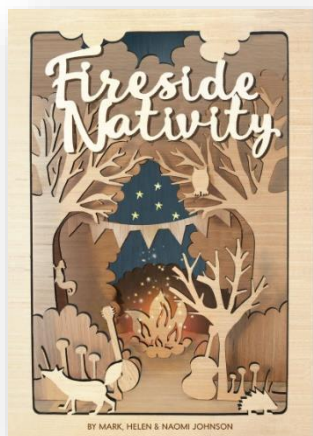


## Friday Flyer – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent,

Only one week left of a marvellous first term to this academic year. We are all looking forward to the final week of term with lots of Christmas Activity. Please do take note of the diary dates later on the flyer. We will have **Christmas Jumper Days** to coincide with Christmas Lunch on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** and **Silent Discos** on Thursday & Friday – so two days of Christmas Jumpers!!

### Fireside Nativity



Preparations are well under way for our **'Fireside Nativity'**. All pupils from Reception to Y6 will be involved and we will welcome you to **'Kelsall Primary & Nursery School's Annual Christmas Camp 2022'** on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 5:00pm** (pupils to arrive for **4:30pm** – parents can get settled and enjoy a pre performance drink and snack; hot dogs, mince pies, hot chocolate with marshmallows and AF mulled wine will be served.) We invite you to join our Christmas Camp with your own chairs and blankets! **Year 2** will be taking on the lead parts with support from all other year groups as Kings, Angels, Sheep, Shepherds and more! Class teachers will have loaded their See-Saw pages with the songs and words to learn at home. You can find all the songs and words here too...

[Fireside Nativity \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com)

### Costumes

All pupils will have been given their all important parts for the **Fireside Nativity**. We will be making key elements of costumes in school. Please see below for details of what each child will need to wear and have ready for our dress rehearsal on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Please put clothes in a carrier bag and label with your child's name and class. Bear in mind that the performance is outdoors so layers would be advised.

- Reception** – Stable Animals (donkey, horse, sheep, cow – school will be provide headsets and face paints)
- Year 1** – Sheep; black and white tops/trousers.
- Year 2** – All Campers – woolly hats, scarves, coats
- Wise Men** – Dark top and trousers, decorative robe (school will provide crowns)
- Wise Men attendants** - Dark top and trousers, coloured sash around waist
- Angels** – White/silver top & dark trousers (school will provide halos! and wings)
- Stars** - White/silver tops and dark trousers (school will provide star for face) →
- Innkeepers/Travellers**- dark top and trousers, apron, headdress
- Shepherds** – dark top and trousers, robe or cloak, headdress (cloth or tea towel)
- Mary** – white dress/top and skirt, blue robe/cloak, headdress
- Joseph** - dark top and trousers, robe or cloak, headdress (cloth or tea towel)
- Campers** - woolly hats, scarves, coats, gloves.



## Christmas Cards

Our Christmas post box is now out and ready to receive cards for those that wish to send them. Please ensure that the recipient's **name and year group** is clearly marked on the front. Y6 Elves will sort and distribute the cards.

## Mr Bear's Christmas - Animation – Toots Design

This is a lovely Christmas film made by local artist Lorna Gibson. We shared it with you all a few years ago and it has had the added sparkle of a new voice over from Stephen Fry.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001g4v8>



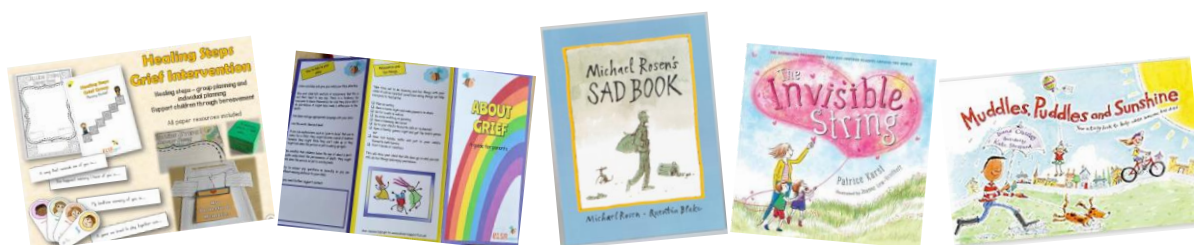
## The NEST

Our Nest is a superb sanctuary where pupils across school can be supported by our **ELSA** (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) trained **Learning Mentor – Mrs Whiteside**. Our **Nest Padlet** shares a range of online resources - [The Nest \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com) supporting pupils mental health and well-being – *if you have any good sites that you think would be worth adding – please let us know.*



This week is **National Grief Awareness Week**.

Grief and loss can be a tricky subject to talk about, but it is something we will all experience at some point. In school, we have various resources that enable us to support children and their families.



Mrs Whiteside has recently updated her training with Child Bereavement UK, completing their 'Supporting Bereaved Pupils and Managing Grief in Schools' course.

They have a really useful website <https://www.childbereavementuk.org/> or can be contacted on 0800 02 888 40.

As always, you can contact Mrs Whiteside; [sally.whiteside@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:sally.whiteside@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk), please do get in touch.

## Contacting School

As a school we value the importance of having open communication with you via phone, e-mail and School Spider. The following protocols are in place to support you get to the right member of staff to answer your enquiry.

If you are contacting the school regarding absence, illness or any other **urgent matter** then please call the school office on; **01829 752811** – the office staff will relay any messages to your child's class teacher or appropriate member of staff. **Please do not e-mail staff directly about absences as these need to be carefully recorded by the school office.**

All teachers can be contacted via e-mail. Our e-mail policy is that staff will respond as quickly as possible but would not be expected to respond **out of school hours or at weekends**. If you have an urgent message over the weekend or in holiday periods then you can e-mail me; [principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk)

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## Diary Dates

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 22	Nursery Craft Afternoon
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 22	Whole School Christmas Performance – 5:00 onwards
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class Silent Christmas Discos
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 22	Christmas Lunch – <b>Christmas Jumper Day!</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	School Closes for <b>CHRISTMAS</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 23	<b>INSET Day – Staff ONLY</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 23</b>	School opens for pupils

## Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. Whilst we understand that pupils will be absent from time to time due to illness; absence from school for other reasons should only be for exceptional circumstances. As a school we look at each request for leave from school on a case by case basis.

**Holidays taken in term time will be subject to a fine.** Where **attendance** falls below **90%** for any pupil, we will contact you to discuss this and put in any additional support needed. Persistent absence can also result in a fixed fine.

## Reindeer Dash

Thanks to everyone for collecting sponsor money last week for our chilly Reindeer Dash. You all raised a whopping **£2096!** Special thanks to Emma, Lorna and their sons Benjamin and Harley for helping out on the day.

## Pentagon Play

The team from Pentagon Play have been busy this week constructing and outdoor area for our Y2 pupils. In addition, they have enclosed an area of the Reception canopy to create an additional teaching space. Huge thanks to the team who have carried on working in the frosty conditions.



## Christmas Disco

It was so lovely to see the hall full of smiling, dancing children last night for our first disco in over two years! Thanks again to Caroline and her PTA team for superb organisation. I think the DJ went down OK so we have secured his services for the next event! The children were superbly behaved throughout and all looked like they had a great time.

## No Outsiders Champions



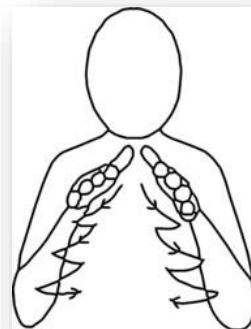
We have two terrific new 'No Outsiders' Champions to join our growing school team.

Oliver and Thea in Y2 wrote superb letters explaining why they would make a good champion. I am so proud that they want to help support everyone at school to be themselves; **All Different, All Welcome....**

Have a great weekend...

## Be Curious, Creative & Kind

Mr Wearing, Mrs White and the Kelsall TEAM



**Makaton  
Corner**

Christmas Tree.

