

Friday Flyer – Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parent,

Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break. Happy New Year – I am looking forward to a great 2023 and getting you all into school more over the coming months. Please do take the time to read the flyer and take note of the diary dates at the end.

It has been lovely to see everyone return and settle back into routines, reconnecting with friends and embarking on exploring their new **Connected Curriculum** book. Each book makes links and **connects** to other curriculum areas – you can see our **Connected Curriculum** documents on the website here; Kelsall Primary School: Connected Curriculum – if you have any resources or books that might be useful please let class teachers know.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
							

Parenting in the Digital World

As peoples digital lives continue to grow, we know that for young people, spending an increasing amount of time online, holds lots of potential risks and concerns.

To allow you to help your young people navigate themselves through their ever rapidly growing digital lives, whilst at the same time allowing them to be independent digital users, we are running a special live, **virtual online safety presentation on 07.03.23 at 7pm (On Zoom).**

During this **90min** session, Richard from The Stay Safe Initiative CIC will be helping you to understand your young peoples digital lives a bit more. Exploring what they are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straight forward help and advice to keep everyone at home safe.

We know that many feel overwhelmed trying to keep up with the constant evolution of games, apps and social media platforms and are quite often understandably worried about cyber-bullying, online grooming and what they are sharing online. This session will allow you all to be informed and NOT scared!

During the informal Q&A session at the end of the presentation, Richard will be happy to stay online for as much time as needed to help address any of your individual questions and comment.

A link to the Zoom will be sent out nearer the time.



CAMP CURIOSITY



Our Outdoor Learning area to explore; create; think; connect.

We are pleased to continue our Camp Curiosity and Storyhouse sessions this term. Lottie and Gemma work alongside our class teachers so that they can ensure that their lessons align with the class **Connected Curriculum** book. The children really enjoy their time outdoors and in the hall, increasing their confidence and improving their well-being. Please see the timetable below up to half term.

For Camp Curiosity please wear old clothes that you don't mind getting muddy and messy!

	Lottie - STORYHOUSE				Gemma – CAMP CURIOSITY	
	9:15 – 10:30	10:45-11:45	1:15 – 2:00	2:00 – 3:00	Morning	Afternoon
3 rd January 2023	INSET DAY					
10 th January 2023	1	2	3	4	6	5
17 th January 2023	1	2	5	6	4	3
24 th January 2023	Nursery	Reception	3	4	2	1
31 st January 2023	3	4	5	6	Nursery	Reception
7 th February 2023	1	2	3	4	6	5
14 th February 2023	1	2	5	6	4	3

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 you 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

Office team – Mrs Goodlad, Mrs Christian	admin@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Nursery – Miss Nixon	hayley.nixon@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Reception – Miss Cadwallader	lois.cadwallader@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 1 – Miss Pope	laura.pope@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 2 – Mrs White/Mrs Hook	chloe.hook@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk sarah.white@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 3 – Mr Sharp	duncan.sharp@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 4 – Mr Duncanson	macauley.duncanson@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 5 – Mr Ward	chris.ward@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 6 – Mr Pickup	glenn.pickup@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs White – Vice Principal/SENDCO	sarah.white@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mr Wearing - Principal	principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs Whiteside – Learning Mentor	sally.whiteside@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk

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.

Happier January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Before and After School Club

For working parents/carers, or those just needing some extra time in the day, Kelsall Club can help to ease the challenges. Fully qualified and trained staff care for the children in a safe and stimulating environment where children can socialise with their peers, engage in activities and have fun. Whether they wish to play games with their friends or just 'chill out' quietly after the school day, their needs will be catered for at the Club. Kelsall Club is open to all children from 3 – 11 years old.

Breakfast Club

- Operates Monday to Friday during term time
- Open from 7.30am – 8.40am
- Located in the school hall
- Children are offered a selection of healthy breakfast items
- **Cost £5.00 per session**

After School Club

- Operates Monday to Friday during term time
- Two sessions to provide flexibility to working families
- Children attending the early session are offered a selection of healthy snacks.
- Children attending the full session are offered a further healthy snack at 4.45pm.

Early Session – from 3.15pm – 4.45pm • **Cost £6.00 per session**

Full Session – from 3.15pm – 6pm • **Cost £12.00 per session**

Payments are made in advance via ParentPay as per our terms & conditions.

To book onto club please contact;

Club Manager: Donna Dunn on 07572264215 (Please leave a voice message if there is no reply.)

More information here: [Kelsall Primary School: Before and After School Club](#)



The Chill-Out Zone

Breaktime snacks

Please ensure that snacks for break are healthy – no crisps, sweets or chocolate please. We are a **NUT FREE** school as many of our pupils are severe allergies – please **do not** send in snacks that contain nuts or nuts as snacks. Fruit is always offered free of charge firstly to Nursery & Reception and then to the rest of the school.



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.* As always, you can contact Mrs Whiteside; sally.whiteside@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk, please do get in touch.

Uniform

Please can you ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled so that we can quickly return any lost property to pupils. In addition, jewellery such as necklaces and bracelets **should not be worn** to school.

Basketball

Well done to our Y6 Basketball team who came **2nd** at the Tarporley High School Tournament last night. We won 3 of our four games and narrowly missed out on 1st place in the last game. The team were the highest scoring squad with special mention to **Harvey** who scored over 20 points. A great team performance with lots of great passing and dribbling.



Digital Wizards

Our Digital Wizards club started this week with a packed room full of eager coders and virtual reality specialists exploring some brand new technology from Paul. This is our fifth year of running this very popular and creative club.

School Led Clubs

School led clubs will start on the week beginning **16th January** and will run for six weeks until the Easter break. Thanks in advance to all staff who are always generous with their time and energy to organise and deliver a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities for our pupils. *Details on how to book next week.*

School Vacancies

We are looking for a Midday Assistant to join our team. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be then please share with them. More information here; [Kelsall Primary School: Vacancies](#)

Internet Safety

Please visit our E-safety padlet for hints and helpful tips for navigating the vast array of apps that our children are using. Click here - -> [E-Safety \(padlet.com\)](#)

I have also attached the latest edition of Digital Parenting that you can read online here; [Digital Parenting | Vodafone](#)

CEOPS is the Child Exploitation and Online Protection command agency. If you are worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online, you can make a report at the CEOP website.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

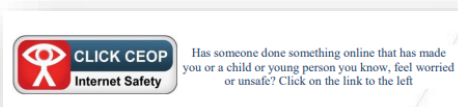
There is also a wealth of information about keeping your child safe online. Our RSE curriculum ensures that children learn about e-safety at school and we ask that you follow this up by chatting to your child at home. Internet Matters has a huge range of advice from social media settings to home filtering. I would start with this website: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Think you Know (Think U Know) is dedicated to educating young people and parents on the dangers of the internet:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

The Safer Internet Centre is also a good place for information:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>



Break & Lunchtimes

We continue to develop activities to engage and keep the children active at breaks and lunchtimes. This term we have added a range of board games (Chess, Connect 4, Jenga,) yoga activities, bird watching binoculars as well as chalkboards. These activities have been influenced by asking the pupils what they'd like to do in their break times.

Day	Daily offer	Always on offer
Monday	Board Games	Bring reading book out
Tuesday	Zen Sand Trays	Paper/Pencils
Wednesday	Gardening	Lego
Thursday	Yoga	Chalk Boards
Friday	Bird Watching	MUGA
		Daily Mile
		Hula Hoops

Parent Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed the Parent Survey last term. Please see the results below.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<i>My child is happy at this school.</i>	60%	39% (99%)	1%	0%	0%
<i>My child feels safe at this school.</i>	62%	37% (99%)	1%	0%	1%
<i>The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.</i>	40%	50% (90%)	2%	1%	8%
<i>My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.</i>	4%	2%	6%	0%	88% N/A
<i>The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.</i>	42%	36% (78%)	8%	0%	14%

We take all feedback as a way to grow and develop as a school, collectively and individually. We all strive to be the best that we can be but acknowledge that we can all do things differently or more effectively. As always we will work on the areas from the survey that we feel need looking into. I am keen to ensure that our curriculum offer is open and easy to find so that you, as parents, are more aware of what and how we teach different subjects. There will be a **Connected Curriculum** evening coming soon where you can find out more. In the meantime, you can see all of our plans on the school website; [Kelsall Primary School: Curriculum](#)

Diary Dates

W/B 16 th January 23	School Led Clubs start (for 9 weeks)
Monday 16 th January 23	NSPCC Workshops – Y5 & 6
Friday 20 th January 23	Mini Rugby Sessions – Reception, Y1 & Y2 – <i>please come in PE Kit.</i>
Friday 27 th January 23	Y3 to Burwardsley – Day Visit
Monday 30 th January 23 – 3.30pm	Y2 Meet the Teacher – Mrs White/Mrs Hook – <i>separate info to follow</i>
Friday 17 th February 23	School Closes for SPRING HALF TERM
Monday 27 th February 23	School opens for pupils
Wed 8 th March to Friday 10 th March	Y4 Residential - Tattenhall
W/B 20 th March 23	Last week for School Led Clubs
Tuesday 28 th March	Parent's Evenings
Wednesday 29 th March	3.30 – 7.00
Friday 31 st March 23	School Closes for EASTER BREAK
Monday 17 th April 23	School opens for pupils
Mon 17 th April to Fri 21 st April 23	Y5 to Isle of Man
Friday 21 st April 23	Class/Group Photographs (Y5 will be rearranged)
Monday 1 st May 23	MAY DAY – School closed
Tuesday 2 nd May 23	School opens for pupils
Friday 26 th May 23	School Closes for HALF TERM
Monday 5 th June 23	INSET Day – Staff ONLY
Tuesday 6 th June 23	School opens for pupils
Friday 21 st July 23	School Closes for SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Be Curious, Creative & Kind

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Wearing, Mrs White and the Kelsall TEAM



Sign of the Week
2nd - 8th January 2023

This week's sign is: **Clothes!**
Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #WeTalkMakaton.

