

Friday Flyer – Friday 12th January 2023

Dear Parent,

It is lovely to walk down the corridors and into classrooms every morning and see calm, hardworking teachers and pupils engaging in a range of subjects with keen enthusiasm.

A reminder of the **Connected Curriculum** books that each class is studying this term. There is even a Dragon loose in Y2!!

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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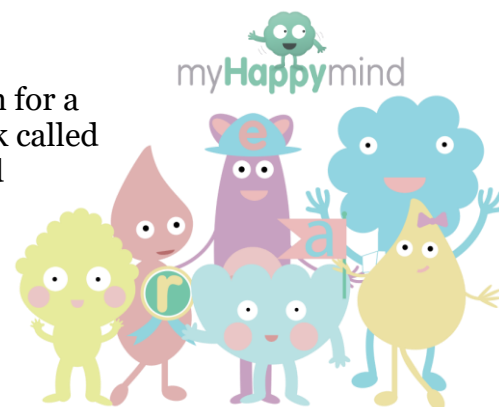
Outdoor Resources

Thanks to our brilliant PTA and for your support of our events so far this year, we are able to purchase some additional outdoor resources for the clam area and Camp Curiosity. We are buying 3 Forest Fern hideouts for quiet reading and to bird spot. In addition, we will be getting a large bell tent for our Camp Curiosity area. This will double up as a great outdoor classroom and space for all classes to use.

myHappyMind

I have managed to secure us a **free** subscription for a brilliant new online website and scheme of work called **myHappyMind**. This is to further nurture and

create a culture of positive wellbeing. The science-backed programme for schools is grounded in the latest science and research about what it takes to create *positive wellbeing*. It's taught to every single child and there's a curriculum for every year group from Early Years to Year 6. There is a staff wellbeing program and a Parent App too! More details to follow once we have some staff training. More information here; [School Programme - myHappyMind](#)



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.

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 & Storyhouse

Y5 & Y6 enjoyed their first Camp Curiosity session of the term and learnt all about the ancient tradition of Wassailing; thanking the apple trees in the school grounds for their harvest and warding off evil spirits so that the harvest can be as equally good this year. Gemma organised lots of fun activities linked to Wassailing and the class connected curriculum book.



A reminder of dates for the rest of this term.

Old clothes and old shoes recommended as the Camp Curiosity area is a little muddy under foot at present.

| | Lottie - STORYHOUSE | | | | Gemma – CAMP CURIOSITY | |
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| | 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 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

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| Office team – Mrs Goodlad, Mrs Christian | admin@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk |
| Nursery – Miss Nixon | hayley.nixon@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk – EYFS Lead |
| Reception – Miss Cadwallader | lois.cadwallader@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk – EYFS & Phonics, Geography & History |
| Year 1 – Miss Pope | laura.pope@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk – Phonics & PE |
| Year 2 – Mrs White/Mrs Hook | chloe.hook@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk - English sarah.white@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk – English, SENDCO, Vice-Principal |
| Year 3 – Mr Sharp | duncan.sharp@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk - Maths |
| Year 4 – Mr Duncanson | macauley.duncanson@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk – No Outsiders |
| Year 5 – Mr Ward | chris.ward@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk – Creativity Champion, Science, Technology |
| Year 6 – Mr Pickup | glenn.pickup@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk - PE |
| Mrs White – Vice Principal/SENDCO | sarah.white@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk - English, SENDCO, Vice-Principal |
| Mr Wearing - Principal | principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk Outdoor learning, Curriculum |
| Mrs Whiteside – Learning Mentor | sally.whiteside@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk - RSE |

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](#)

KELSALL 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. **We now offer a snack at break; toast, crumpet, bagel etc each day – get in touch with the office if you would like your child to have a snack.**



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.

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. We have a wide range of clubs this term; Basketball, Girl's football, Coding, Digital Wizards, SATs, Phonics, French, Number, Salsa, Amasing and Joel's football. We will run these clubs until Easter and then change them up for the summer term.

Residential Visits

We have a range of residential visits coming up this year. Due to lots of price rises across the board; travel, accommodation etc, the costs to you as parents has risen as a result. The residential visits give pupils a chance to experience time away from home with their peers and teachers, creating memories whilst experiencing activities that we would not be ordinarily be able to replicate in school. ***We want to ensure that all pupils benefit so please let us know if you need support with paying over a longer period.***

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. The clam area is taking shape and an area the pupils really enjoy using.

| Day | Daily offer | Always on offer |
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| 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 |

Diary Dates

Please note the addition of the **KING's Coronation Day** – School Closed **Monday 8th May 23**

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| 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 – please come in PE Kit. |
| 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 – separate info to follow |
| 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 |
| Monday 8 th May 23 | KING's Coronation Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May | Y6 SATS Tests |
| Tuesday 2 nd May 23 | School opens for pupils |
| Thursday 25 th – Friday 26 th May | Y3 Residential - Delamere |
| 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

