

Fortnightly Friday Flyer

9th February 2017



Dear Parent,

The first term of 2017 seems to have flown by really quickly. It has been lovely to see the children engaging with their curriculum themes in class. Reception, Y1 and Y2 have been reading and responding to a lovely book called 'Leon and the Place Between' by Graham Baker Smith (<https://tinyurl.com/gvkjo9w>). Year 4 have been following the adventures of Philippe Petit in 'The Man who walked between the Towers' (<https://tinyurl.com/zmtwm3p>); Y5 & Y6 are exploring the fabulous book 'River Boy' by Tom Bowler (<https://tinyurl.com/hdf74vx>) and finally Year 3 are looking through the 'Window' (<https://tinyurl.com/zuy09u7>). All of these rich texts are supporting a broad and balanced curriculum that intertwines all of the subject areas in a meaningful and creative way.

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our '**Share the Learning**' afternoon last week to see your child's classwork. We will hold another one just before Easter holidays **Thursday 30th March.**

Internet Safety

We have had sessions within school to support children with making sure that they are safe online, including talks by PCSO Ryan and visits by Y6 to Crucial Crew training. I am currently organising an E-Safety night for parents to attend – specifically around social media and how to support your child's online use at home. I will send details once dates are finalised with the external trainer. In the meantime these sites are very useful.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> - Think you Know – for children and parents

<https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> - CEOP – Resources and advice for parents

I have also added a quick link to these sites on the front page of the school website

www.kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk

Storyhouse Family Workshop

Wednesday 1st March, 3.30pm-5pm taking place in the School Hall.

Due to our close links to Storyhouse we are delighted to be hosting a family friendly creative session to find out what sorts of stories and themes **you** want to see represented on the Storyhouse stage next Summer and Christmas.

Storyhouse has been making theatre, music, festivals and other things to see and do in Chester, for a while now - like Grosvenor Park Open Air Theatre, Moonlight Flicks, Chester Music Festival, Chester Literature Festival and WayWord.

In May, they will open a major new theatre, cinema and library with their partners at Cheshire West and Chester Council, which promises to be one of the most inspiring new arts buildings in the country. Come and join in the fun and games and find out more about what is currently the largest capital cultural project outside of London - This session promises to be anything but a boring public consultation!

Limited to 60 places – please sign up at the office – first come, first served.

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WayWord Festival

Don't forget the brilliant WayWord festival running this half-term in Chester – 20-24 February 2017. A leaflet should have arrived home in book bags. You can check the Storyhouse website for information and booking details. (<https://www.storyhouse.com/>)

To keep up to date with all the events Storyhouse are planning follow on twitter @StoryhouseLive and Facebook.

'A Love for Learning'



Praise Postcards

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended our Praise Postcard assembly. This weeks' recipients have shown appreciation and understanding of others;

Oak (Reception) – **Betty & Elle**

Beech (Year 1) – **Benjamin & Jessica**

Ash (Year 2) – **Sam & George**

Maple (Year 3) – **Alice & Archie**

Elm (Year 4) – **Evie & Joshua**

Willow (Year 5) – **Maddie & Freddie**

Cedar (Year 6) – **Rosie & Cory**

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

Mental Health Week - 13th – 17th March

We will be running our Children's Mental Health Week after the half-term break. We would like you to join in on that week by looking at some of the ideas here;

https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/31/page/157984_page_file.pdf



Parking & Pedestrians

It is imperative that **everyone** uses the one pedestrian entrance that we have to come into school. I appreciate that it is sometimes tempting to 'nip' through the car parks but we have had a few near misses lately. In addition, the car parks are for staff and visitor use **only**. These should only be used if you have prior permission from school for a specific reason. Please do not use the car park if you know you shouldn't. Thank you for your continued support on this matter.

Conscious Discipline

All staff have now completed Conscious Discipline training and the behaviour management strategies from the training are being used across school successfully. There will be parent workshops very soon to let you know some of the small changes that we have made that are having a good impact on behaviour in general.

Tee-Pees

Our tee-pees will be installed this weekend – we are looking forward to using them as the weather gets a bit brighter and warmer!! Thanks to our PTA for funding this exciting project.



Boots for Ghana

One of my friends is collecting old (but still useable) football boots, atro-turf trainers and normal trainers to send to children's football teams and schools in Ghana. If you have any of the above that you no longer use or need, **please bring into school next week**. I will be seeing my friend over half term to deliver.

Follow us on Twitter.

@KelsallSchool

Girl's U9 Football Champions!

Well done to our U9 Girl's football team who lifted the Rod Whitlow Cup having reached the Cheshire Schools F.A U9 5-A-Side tournament. They all played brilliantly and we are very proud of them all. Some future professionals in our team!

Have a great weekend

Mr Wearing



Has someone done something online that has made you or a child or young person you know, feel worried or unsafe? Click on the link to the left