

Friday Flyer – Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parent

Another great week here at Kelsall with a special visit from Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Club, more Camp Curiosity, an amazing fundraiser in Y6, a 6-2 win for our football team and more developments of our outdoor spaces.

23-24 Diary Dates

Please take note of the term dates for **2023-24**. As a result of some small changes that Tarporley High School have made; we've fallen in line with their October half term dates as I know many of you have children that attend both settings.

Holiday Period	Date of closing	Date of opening
Summer 2023		Wednesday 6th September 2023
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 27th October 2023	Tuesday 7th November 2023
Christmas 2023	Friday 15th December 2023	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	Friday 16th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
Spring Break 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	Monday 15th April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3rd May 2024	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July 2024	TBC

Inset Days

Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Monday 6th November 2023
Monday 18th December 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Routines

It has been great to see children arriving on time eager and ready to learn. The doors open promptly for main school at **8:40am** and the gate closes at **8:55am**. The closer to **8:40** the children arrive, the more time it gives them to practice and improve handwriting, times tables and spellings. I know we have got used to exiting school through the car park as a result of the pandemic. **Please DO NOT exit through the main staff car park or smaller car park. Only use the pedestrian entrance/exit.**

Cheshire Phoenix Basketball

We welcomed Larry Austin Jnr and Mike Burton from Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Pro team who invited **KS2** to a coaching camp followed by the Pro team game on **Sunday 5th February** at Ellesmere Port Sports Village. Letters have gone home and need to be returned ASAP to secure you place. If you need a letter then please drop into the office to collect one.



Parenting in the Digital World

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 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.



Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

There is a job vacancy for a Domestic Assistant in Tarporley War Memorial Hospital. Please contact nicole.ford4@nhs.net if you are interested for further information.



Alder Hey Fundraiser of the Month!

Well done to Milla in Y6 who was awarded Alder Hey's Fundraiser of the month for December 2022. She did this by making and selling lots of different flavours of fudge with all proceeds to the hospital.

Industrial Action

As a Trust who deeply value their staff, we respect their right to strike and take action.

Understandably, this will affect our ability to keep some or all of our classes open on the dates where industrial action is planned

Based on the information I have been given by staff intending to strike, the impact of the action will be that school will be closed to the following classes on **Wednesday 1 February – Year 6, Year 5 & Year 3.**

We regret the inconvenience this will cause families in affected classes.

On those days, where classes are closed, there will be no remote learning provision or work provided. You may be aware that staff do not have to confirm their intention to strike or that they may later decide not to strike on any date, having originally signalled their intention to do so.

As such, these are the arrangements as they stand currently. I will send further details on the additional strike days before the end of this term. Should anything change, I will inform you of the impact of those changes as soon as possible.

Camp Curiosity



Year **1 & 2** joined in with the **Big Garden Birdwatch** this week and looked at how nests are made, constructed bird feeders and surveyed the birds in our Camp Curiosity area. Lots of scientific language used and superb questioning to elicit more understanding. Please take note of the remaining dates below for Storyhouse and Camp Curioisty sessions.



	Lottie - STORYHOUSE				Gemma – CAMP CURIOSITY	
	9:15 – 10:30	10:45-11:45	1:15 – 2:00	2:00 – 3:00	Morning	Afternoon
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

myHappymind

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappymind.

myHappymind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

myHappymind is delivered in school by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day. To further embed this learning and ensure that you are able to engage in these topics with your child, myHappymind has developed a set of resources for parents. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The resources allow children to continue to practise some of the habits they have developed at school, such as happy breathing, for you to learn more about what they are learning in the program. Also included are activities for you to do together at home, to complement the in-school lessons.

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code; **138742**

We really encourage you to make use of this **free content** so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum. If you have any questions about the curriculum, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myHappymind.org



Y3 Burwardsley Visit

Y3 had a fabulous day today at the Burwardsley Centre. They conducted an archaeological dig, explored a roundhouse and made a clay finger pot. Throughout the day the children were respectful, inquisitive and well-mannered. Thanks to Mr Sharp for organising a great visit and to all the adults who came along to support and help with activities.



BIG Spring Tidy

We need you! On **Friday 3rd February** we will be holding a BIG Spring Tidy day. If you can spare an hour or two, either in the morning or afternoon then please let me know – principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
We are looking at developing our Camp Curiosity further as well as tidying up some areas of the playground that need a little TLC.
Tea, coffee and cakes provided!



Kelsall V Malpas – 6 – 2.

Our Y5/6 football team took on a strong Malpas team on Tuesday night after school. A big crowd of supporters cheered on a well-mannered and respectful game. Kelsall took an early lead with a goal from Zac and built on this lead adding two more – again from Zac. The team passed and defended well, only conceding on goal in the first half – finishing 3-1. Malpas added an early goal in the second half but the Kelsall squad replied with a powerful header from Harvey followed by two more well taken goals from Zac to see out the game 6-2. Well done to the whole team who worked hard together and encouraged each other. Thanks to Mr Pickup for coaching and organising the game.

Art Area 13

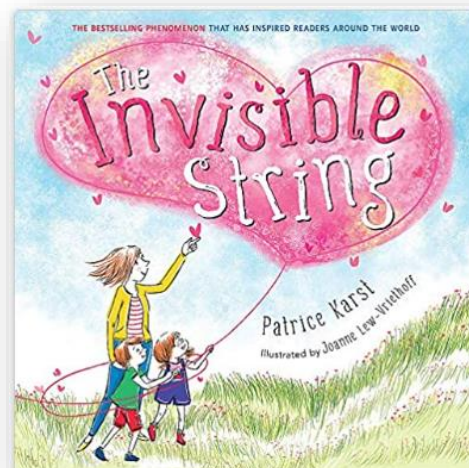
Our outdoor art wall was made good use of this week with Y3 experimenting with some stone age art! This area will be used more as the weather improves.



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.*
The Invisible String is a wonderful storybook for children experiencing separation anxiety or loss. It is a heartwarming tale that reassures children that although they can't always be with a loved one, they are always in each other's hearts, connected by an invisible string.

We have a number of books that can be borrowed from our Lending Library, covering a range of topics such as anger, loss and bereavement. If you would like to borrow a copy of this book, or have a look at others we have, please get in touch with Mrs Whiteside sally.whiteside@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk.



Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a midday assistant, either full-time or part-time. If you are interested, please contact businessmanager@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk for more information.

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.

Calm Zone

Our Calm Zone is just about complete. This area is for children who prefer a little quieter time at break and lunches. There are a range of activities that they can choose from or just take their book out for a quiet read. This fenced area will also double as an outdoor classroom. Thanks to the PTA for supporting with resources.



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.**



Diary Dates

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

Monday 30 th January 23 – 3.30pm	Y2 Meet the Teacher – Mrs White/Mrs Hook – <i>separate info to follow</i>
Friday 3 rd February 23	BIG Spring Tidy
Tuesday 14 th February 23	Y6 to Tarporley High – Aladdin Performance
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



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