

Friday Flyer – Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parent

Another busy week here at Kelsall. In this Friday Flyer some baby news, details of World Book Day, a new after school club and much more. If there is anything that you want to share with the wider community via this newsletter then please do e-mail me – principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk

New Arrival!

I am delighted to let you know that Osian Patrick Alexander Ward arrived safely on Wednesday 25th January weighing 9lb 4oz. A little brother for Mabon. Mrs Ward and the family are all doing well and looking forward to meeting us all very soon.



World Book Day – Friday 3rd March 2023



World Book Day takes place on **Friday 3rd March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school. On the day, pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There are lots of ideas for cheap, easy costumes here; [75 Easy World Book Day Costume Ideas 2022 - tried and tested by parents | Mumsnet](#) There will be range of reading themed activities throughout the day and a book swap shop too. Just bring in a book you no longer want and exchange for another. More details to follow...

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. A reminder that the coach will be at school at **2:00pm** and return at **8:00pm**. We've had a huge response and lots of basketballers looking forward to an exciting game and training camp.



Camp Curiosity

Thanks to Gemma, our Camp Curiosity leader, for organising another great after school opportunity for our KS2 pupils.

The club is limited to 15 pupils and on a first come – first served basis. The club starts of 28th February and runs until 28th March. The cost is £5 per each session which includes all resources. I am sure that this club will fill up quickly and we can look at running again in the summer term. Please use the link below to register your interest. Bookings are dealt with directly by Gemma.

[Kelsall After School Club 2023 - Tuesdays from 28th Feb - 28th March-Camp Curiosity \(wix.com\)](https://www.wix.com/Kelsall-After-School-Club-2023)



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.**

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.



Camp Curiosity

The last two weeks timetable for Camp Curiosity and Storyhouse sessions below. A new timetable for after the half-term coming next week.

	Lottie - STORYHOUSE				Gemma - CAMP CURIOSITY	
	9:15 - 10:30	10:45-11:45	1:15 - 2:00	2:00 - 3:00	Morning	Afternoon
7 th February 2023	1	2	3	4	6	5
14 th February 2023	1	2	5	6	4	3

Friendly February

Friendly February 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)	5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour
6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right
13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing
20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones
 27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today					

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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://myhappy mind.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@myhappy mind.org

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.

Acorns Room



We have sessions available in our Nursery Acorns room; 2/3 year olds. These are morning/afternoon or all day sessions.
More information here; [Kelsall Primary School: Nursery](#)
If you are interested then please contact admin@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk to arrange a tour of our setting. Childcare vouchers accepted.



At the Dentist

This week our Reception class have been learning all about the importance of looking after their bodies and their teeth. The role play area has become a doctors and dentists clinic and the children have really enjoyed finding out about how to keep their teeth squeaky clean.



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 \(padlet.com\)](#) supporting pupils mental health and well-being – *if you have any good sites that you think would be worth adding – please let us know.*

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 any of our books or have a look at what we have to offer, please get in touch with Mrs Whiteside 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.

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.

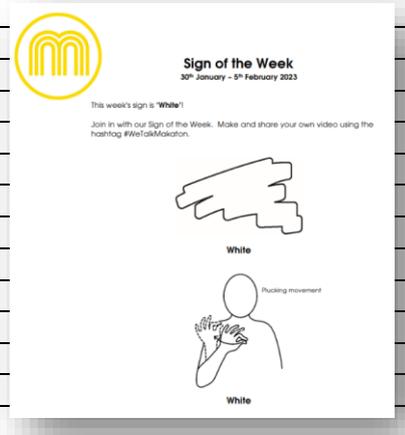
We now offer a snack at break; toast, crumpet, bagel etc each day – get in touch with the office if you would like your child to have a snack.



Diary Dates

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

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
Friday 3 rd March 23	World Book Day
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



Internet Safety

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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

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/>

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week** – 6th to 12th February. The theme for this year is **Let's Connect**. Mrs Whiteside has shared a range of resources with class teachers and will start our week off with a whole school assembly on Monday.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections **for all**, during Children's Mental Health Week – and beyond. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways; [About - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](#)



Be Curious, Creative & Kind

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Wearing, Mrs White and the Kelsall TEAM



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