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'A Love for Learning'

Friday Flyer – 8th September 2023

Dear Parent,

A warm welcome back to the new academic year. I hope that you all had a chance to relax and enjoy the summer break. It was lovely to see so many of you at the welcome breakfast yesterday. I am delighted to welcome all of our new pupils to the **Kelsall Crew**; **Mason, Tabitha & Ada** in Acorns, **Asher, Jacintha, Gabriel, Arthur & Seb** in Saplings, **Rosie, Lorenza, Isla & Ted** in Reception, **Albin** in Y1, **Dyfan** in Y2, **Neli & Zander** in Y3 and finally, **Edwin** in Y5. Also, a warm welcome to **Mrs Pam Hunt** in our office.

Kelsall Crew

There has always been a strong team working ethos at Kelsall Primary & Nursery School and something that we want to build on and improve. This week we are introducing the term 'crew' to the children and staff.

The tradition of Crew is both a culture and a structure. The term 'crew' comes from educator Kurt Hahn, the founder of Outward Bound. Hahn said;

"We are crew, not passengers, strengthened by acts of consequential service to others".

Crew is **A Teamwork Approach to School Culture and Belonging**;

pupils and staff are counting on school communities to be safe, affirming, and healing places. When pupils and educators can feel a sense of belonging at school, nurtured by supportive relationships, they can achieve their best.

Pupils who experience an **authentic community** at school thrive socially, emotionally, and academically, and can make meaningful contributions to a better world.

At Kelsall, our Crew culture will focus on;

- developing and embedding the concept that **'we are crew' – there are no passengers**
- developing a **true sense of belonging** for all children in our learning community. This is not the same as including people.
- supporting children to feel comfortable to be themselves and be accepted.
- developing an academic mindset by publicly holding each other to account for our learning.
- publicly apologising for hurtful actions and acknowledging others' efforts, talents and achievements.
- having challenging conversations when needed
- enacting Crew culture all day, every day by everyone.**

As parents and carers, you are very much a part of the **Kelsall Crew**, integral to the success of the school and we look forward to telling you more about this concept over the coming weeks and months.

Routines

Doors for school will open at **8:40am** and gates will close **promptly at 8:55am**. Nursery pupils should use the Nursery entrance and start at **9:00am**.

It is important that pupils arrive on time to enable them to settle into class and complete handwriting, spelling and maths activities before registration.

School closes at **3pm** for Nursery, **3.10pm** for Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y3 and **3:15pm** for Y4, Y5 & Y6. Again, please be on time – gates will close at **3:20 pm** promptly and children will be taken into after school club if you are late as teachers have clubs and after school commitments. There may a charge incurred for after school club.

Please do not allow children to play on or with equipment before and after school.



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.**



Self-Care September

Self-Care September 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	 5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	 6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	 7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly
11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok
18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself
 25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love
ACTION FOR HAPPINESS				Happier · Kinder · Together		

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**. The Nest has its own entrance and a wide range of resources to support pupils and teachers. Mental health and well-being is an important part of our ethos at Kelsall and **The Nest** brings together a range of resources and strategies to do that in a highly effective way. Mrs Whiteside has recently taken courses in **Drawing Therapy** and **Lego Therapy** to support her role. We will keep developing our **Nest Padlet** to share a range of online resources - [The Nest \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com)



Storyhouse & Camp Curiosity

I am delighted to welcome back **Lottie** and **Gemma** to the Kelsall Crew. Please take note of the Camp Curiosity days as pupils need to come in appropriate outdoors clothes to get mucky! Lottie will be linking her creative activities to the class core books.



STORYHOUSE

Wednesdays	Lottie - STORYHOUSE				Tuesdays	Gemma – CAMP CURIOSITY	
	9:15- 10:30	10:45-11:45	1:15- 2:00	2:00- 3:00		Morning	Afternoon
13 th September	6	5	4	3	12 th September	5	Reception
20 th September	Nursery	Reception	1	2	19 th September	4	Reception
27 th September	6	5	4	3	26 th September	3	Reception
4 th October	Nursery	Reception	1	2	3 rd October	2	Reception
11 th October	6	5	4	3	10 th October	1	Reception
18 th October	Nursery	Reception	1	2	17 th October	Nursery	Reception
25 th October	6	5	4	3			

Contacting School

As a school we value the importance of having open communication with you via phone, e-mail and PING. 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.

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

Kelsall 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 £5.50 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 - 3.15pm – 4.45pm • **Cost £7.00 per session**
- Full Session - 3.15pm – 6pm • **Cost £13.00 per session**

Week beginning	 Craft Club with Sue 3:15pm – 4:45pm	 Sports Club 3:15pm – 4:45pm	 Nature Club 3:15pm – 4:45pm	 Sports Club 3:15pm – 4:45pm	 Funky Fridays 3:15pm – 4:45pm
04.09.23	INSET		Nature Wands		
11.09.23	Book Marks		Bird Feeders		Chocolate Bingo
18.09.23	Pencil Tins		Treasure Hunt in Nature		Teddy Bears Picnic
25.09.23	Friendship Bracelets		Sun Catchers		Silent Disco
02.10.23	Shell Design		Cress Heads		Quiz Night

This timetable is for the next month and, as you will see, there is a great range of activities to choose from and our Friday Specials are designed to bring a fun end to the week with events such as movie night and bingo planned.

These clubs are open to ALL children not just children currently registered with after school club and you can book your child into as many of the clubs as they wish to take part in!

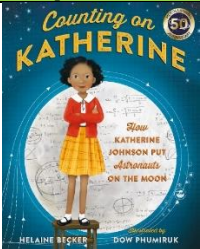
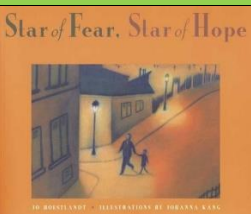
If you wish to book your child into one of these clubs then please book using IPAL booking system. For Dodgeball Club and Rounders Club, you will need to book your child on each week you want them to attend through IPAL.

If you do not have the IPAL app then please contact the school office and they can get you set up. Once you have IPAL, you can easily book your child into any clubs they want to come to.

Connected Curriculum

Our Connected Curriculum has at the heart of it a high-quality text. From this text pupils and staff explore key Reading, Writing, Spelling and grammar skills and links are made to other areas of the curriculum. The core books for this term are shown below. For more information go to our curriculum pages on the school website;

[Kelsall Primary School: Our Curriculum](#)

Nursery - Saplings Crew	Reception - Oak Crew	Year 1 - Beech Crew
		
Year 2 - Ash Crew	Year 3 - Maple Crew	Year 4 - Elm Crew
		
Year 5 - Willow Crew	Year 6 - Cedar Crew	
		

Homework

Our Staff Crew have spent a long time discussing homework and we have decided on the following so everyone is clear on expectations and ways to maximise learning at home. Teachers will explain further at Meet the Teacher sessions next week.

	Reading	Spelling	Maths
Nursery – Acorns Crew	Tapestry – sharing learning from home via the Tapestry portal.		
Nursery – Saplings Crew			
Reception – Oak Crew	Phonics (Weekly)	Phonics (Weekly)	Numbots
Year 1 – Beech Crew	Phonics (Weekly)	Lists sent half termly	Numbots
Year 2 – Ash Crew	Reading (daily)	Lists sent half termly	Numbots
Year 3 – Maple Crew	Reading (daily)	Lists sent half termly	TTRS (Times Table Rocks Stars)
Year 4 – Elm Crew	Reading (daily)	Lists sent half termly	TTRS (Times Table Rocks Stars)
Year 5 – Willow Crew	Reading (daily)	Lists sent half termly	TTRS (Times Table Rocks Stars)
Year 6 – Cedar Crew	Reading (daily)	Lists sent half termly	TTRS (Times Table Rocks Stars)

Teacher Led Clubs

Teacher led clubs will start on the week beginning 18th September and will run for 4 weeks, due to parents evenings and other events. This year we are asking for £5 for the four sessions. These funds will be used to buy resources for the clubs and any future ones planned. The following clubs are going to be on offer – details to follow on how to sign up;

Book Club	Mrs White	Monday	KS1 (15 places)
Lego Club	Miss Cadwallader	Monday	KS2 (15 places)
Construction Club	Mrs Hook	Monday	KS1 (15 places)
Girl's Football	Mr Wearing	Monday	KS2 (20 places)
Colouring Club	Miss Nixon	Monday	KS1 (15 places)
Football Club	Mr Pickup	Tuesday	KS2 (20 places)
Times Table Club	Mr Sharp	Tuesday	KS2 (15 places)

Thanks to all staff members who are giving up their valuable time to run these clubs.

Diary Dates – 2023-2024

Wednesday 20 th September 23	All Staff – Safeguarding Refresher Training – after school
Monday 11 th September 23	Meet the Teacher Y6 and Y4 (3:15 – 3:45)
Tuesday 12 th September 23	Meet the Teacher Y2 and Y5 (3:15 – 3:45)
Tuesday 12 th September 23	Epilepsy Training for Nursery staff and SLT
Thursday 14 th September 23	Meet the Teacher Y3 and Y1 (3:15 – 3:45)
Monday 18 th September 23	Meet the Teacher Reception (3:15 – 3:45)
w/b Monday 18 th September 23	School led clubs to start – running for 4 weeks - £5 per pupil.
w/b Monday 18 th September 23	KS2 Interfaith Week
w/b 25 th September	Baseline Assessment Week
Tuesday 26 th September 23	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
Wednesday 27 th September 23	Staff Conscious Discipline Refresher
Tuesday 3 rd October 23	Phonics Information Session for parents (3.15-4.00)
Tuesday 10 th October 23	SEND at Kelsall – Information session for parents (3:30 – 4:30)
Wednesday 18 th October 23	Parent's Evenings
Thursday 19 th October 23	
Friday 27 th October 23	Share the Learning Afternoon – 2:00pm to 3:00pm
Friday 27 th October 23	Last day of term.
Monday 6 th November 23	INSET Day – Staff ONLY
Tuesday 7 th November 23	School opens for pupils
Monday 13 th November 23	Conscious Discipline Workshop for Parents
Monday 27 th November 23	Curriculum Information Session for Parents
Friday 8 th December 23	Share the Learning Afternoon – 2:00pm to 3:00pm
Tuesday 12 th December 23	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 13 th December 23	KS2 Carols round the Christmas Tree
Friday 15 th December 23	School Closes for CHRISTMAS
Monday 18 th December 23	INSET Day – Staff ONLY
Tuesday 2 nd January 24	INSET Day – Staff ONLY
Wednesday 3 rd January 24	School opens for pupils
Friday 16 th February 24	School Closes for SPRING HALF TERM
Monday 26 th February 24	School opens for pupils
Thursday 28 th March 24	School Closes for EASTER BREAK
Monday 15 th April 24	School opens for pupils
Monday 6 th May 24	MAY DAY – School closed
Tuesday 7 th May 24	School opens for pupils
Friday 24 th May 24	School Closes for HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd June 24	School opens for pupils
Friday 19 th July 24	School Closes for SUMMER HOLIDAYS

23-24 Term 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 6 th September 2023
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 27 th October 2023	Tuesday 7 th November 2023
Christmas 2023	Friday 15 th December 2023	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024	Monday 26 th February 2024
Spring Break 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3 rd May 2024	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024	TBC

Be Curious, Creative & Kind

**Mr Wearing, Mrs White and the
Kelsall Crew**

