

Friday Flyer – 15th September 2023

Dear Parent,

It has been a fantastic first full week back for the **Kelsall Crew**. It has been lovely to go into all classes and see great teaching and learning as well as each class crew developing positive peer and teacher relationships. The pupils have really embraced the concept of crew and I have lost count of the many children who have offered to support the crew by tidying up areas of school, litter picking, weeding the Mintopia Garden and renovating Oak Crew's Mud Kitchen. All kind acts that help the crew grow;

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



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.

Wildcats Girls Football

Chester FC Wildcats is non-competitive football for girls aged 5-11 who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age - making them ideal for any girls who have been inspired by the Lionesses this summer!

Sessions focus on developing your child's fundamental movement skills – agility, balance coordination and speed – required not only for football but for all sports. Girls will learn new football skills, make brilliant friendships and have fun together. Sessions run on Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm for girls aged 5-11 with all abilities and levels of experience welcome. The cost is £3 per week.

For more information, email community@chesterfc.com or book online at <https://portal.sportskey.com/venues/chester-fc-community-trust/events>



FPD (Football Player Development)

I am delighted to welcome **Joel Jones**, one of our ex Kelsall Crew pupils, back to school to run his popular Wednesday night club. Due to some of Joel's coaching staff moving on to University this year the club will be limited to KS2 only – Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

Please book directly with Joel at footballplayerdevelopment@gmail.com
The first session is next week – Wednesday 20th September. Thanks to Joel for agreeing to run this club for us again.

School Uniform

Please remember to label all school uniform including PE kit so that any lost property can quickly be reunited with its owner. Any unnamed lost property will be left out each afternoon at hometime.

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**. 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)



RECEPTION & NURSERY 2024



If your child is starting school or nursery in September 2024 and you would like a tour of our school, please call **01829 752811** to make an appointment with the Principal and Vice Principal.



Storyhouse & Camp Curiosity

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
20 th September	Nursery	Reception	1	2	19 th September	Nursery	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	Reception	4
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 you 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/SENDCO	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

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	Dodgeball Club	Treasure Hunt in Nature	Rounders Club	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.

- 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**

Please book via iPal

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 21st September 2023 (4.30 - 7.30pm)

Our open evening includes:

- Two opportunities to attend a presentation by Mr Deakin, Headteacher and Head Students 5-5.30pm and 7-7.30pm
- Tours of the school with a range of activities; meeting staff and students
- Please note: There will be no opportunity to tour the school following the second presentation and so families who wish to attend the presentation at 7pm are encouraged to arrive ahead of time in order to visit subject areas before the presentation, if they wish.

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Diary Dates – 2023-2024

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



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