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**'A Love for Learning'**

## Friday Flyer – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent,

I would like to start this Friday Flyer with an important message from our governing body;

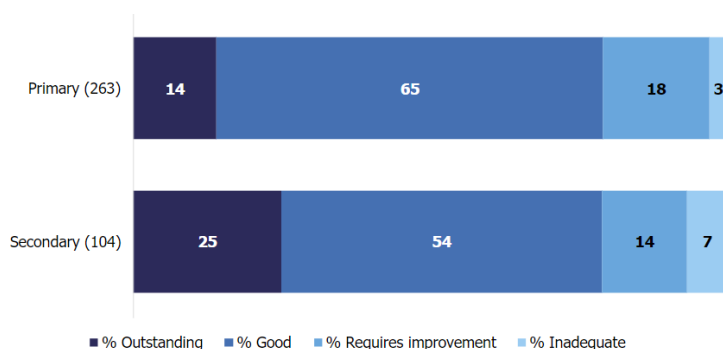
Dear Parents/Carers of Kelsall Primary & Nursery School,

As you may be aware, our school was last inspected by **Ofsted in 2011**. In this inspection, we were judged as **'Outstanding'**. As governors of the school, in liaison with the school leadership team, the wider school team and the Trust, we have worked tirelessly to build on the school's offer since that inspection and we strongly believe that Kelsall Primary & Nursery School has improved markedly in many respects.

Since that inspection, we have become **Kelsall Primary & Nursery School**, and the provision that the nursery offers is widely considered to be a shining example in terms of its practice within the authority, with several professionals consolidating this opinion when visiting the school. The grounds of the school have been developed extensively, from the Early Years outdoor provision to the playground and MUGA. The school's commitment to creativity and the arts is also highly regarded by wider professionals across the area and the opportunities the children at Kelsall have because of this expertise is over and above that of many other schools. As a school, we are often drawn upon by other schools, teachers and professionals to support their practice and we continue to be highly aspirational for the future of the school and the children within it.

As we consider the coming months and years, which will inevitably include our next Ofsted inspection, we would really like to put across to parents and stakeholders, these successes and the ambition we have for the school going forward. It may not be widely known, but within the education sector, there is a valid shared understanding that more recently, the Ofsted criteria for an outstanding school has elevated greatly:

In 2021-2022, the percentage of **previously outstanding** primary schools which remained outstanding when receiving a graded inspection was **just 14%** (see figure below taken from the Department of Education). In terms of analogy, recently an experienced Ofsted inspector working with schools has likened Ofsted judgements in the following way: 'good' is like a door; 'outstanding' is the keyhole.



We wanted to assure parents that as a school, the leaders, governors and everyone involved have the highest standards and ambitions, and we very much look forward to sharing these with Ofsted when they do indeed come. We hope that you will support Mr Wearing and the Kelsall team going forward in whatever ways you can as parents, as like we have been teaching the children, **'We are a crew'**, and we want everyone to work together to help our school become even better.

Yours sincerely

The Governors of Kelsall Primary and Nursery School

## Contacting School

As a school we value the importance of having open communication with you via phone, e-mail and School Spider. 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. **Please do not e-mail staff directly about absences as these need to be carefully recorded by the school office.**

All teachers can be contacted via e-mail. **This is not something that all schools offer.** The vast majority of schools ask that the office is contacted and then your message passed on. We are finding that lots of e-mails are being sent at the weekend and late into the evening. Please consider the timing of your e-mail and whether it would be better to ask for a phone conversation or face to face meeting. I find it much better to discuss things face to face rather than lots of e-mail exchanges. I will be reviewing our protocols at the end of the next term; staff are keen to keep the systems in place but would appreciate that the e-mail protocols, particularly, are stuck too.

Our e-mail policy is that staff will respond as quickly as possible but **will not 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](mailto:principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk)

## 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
8 <sup>th</sup> November	6	5	4	3	7 <sup>th</sup> November	5	Reception
15 <sup>th</sup> November	N	R	1	2	14 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception	4
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	N	R	1	2	21 <sup>st</sup> November	3	Reception
29 <sup>th</sup> November	6	5	4	3	28 <sup>th</sup> November	2	Reception
6 <sup>th</sup> December	6	5	4	3	5 <sup>th</sup> December	1	Reception
13 <sup>th</sup> December	N	R	1	2	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery	Reception

## Attendance Matters

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.

Each academic year has **190 school days**, this leaves **175 non-school days** for family time, holidays, visits and appointments. If a pupil is absent for just **1 day** each term that equals **6 days or 39 hours** a year of lost learning.

Please ensure you are **on time too** – school starts at **8.40am** – it is important that children are here on time so that they **start the day well and can engage with their crew.** Gates will shut promptly at **8.50am** after the half term break.

Attendance at school enables us all to build a strong crew and to strengthen our learning powers. Our overall attendance for whole school is currently **96.4%** which is **1.3% above** the national figure and **1.8%** above other North West schools – let's all work on keeping this figure above **97%.**

	Kelsall	North West
Oak Crew (Reception)	97.1%	94.2%
Beech Crew (Year 1)	95.5%	94.8%
Ash Crew (Year 2)	96.5%	95.2%
Maple Crew (Year 3)	95%	95.3%
Elm Crew (Year 4)	97.4%	95.3%
Willow Crew (Year 5)	96.5%	95%
Cedar Crew (Year 6)	96.4%	94.8%

**EVERY**day  
counts  
attendance matters

# WE ARE KELSALL CREW

No passengers • No one left behind

## Owl Visit

Our **Saplings Crew** welcomed two Owls to school last week as part of their work on nocturnal animals, linked to their core curriculum book **'Peace at Last'**. It was great to hear from an expert all about the owls and the children enjoyed holding the owls with a special protective glove. Thanks to Miss Nixon for organising this exciting visit.



## Health & Safety Gold Award!



A huge well done and thank you to **Tony**, our site manager and **Amanda**, our business manager for achieving a near perfect score in our recent **Health & Safety Compliance Audit**. Health & Safety of pupils, staff and anyone who visits our school is of vital importance and Tony & Amanda alongside our Chair of Governors **Tim Bull** work tirelessly and diligently throughout the year to ensure our site is compliant and safe. **A 99% score on 81 different metric tests is a fantastic achievement.** We will continue to ensure that our site is as safe as it can be for everyone who works, learns and visits here.

## Crew Captains

We have a long tradition here at Kelsall of appointing Head Boys and Head Girls from our **Y6 CREW** to support in a range of different ways. To align with our new **'Crew'** ethos, we have changed these roles to **Crew Captains** and **Crew Prefects**. In addition we have a snack crew, JSO crew, assembly crew, technology crew, library crew, sports crew, eco crew, No Outsiders crew, outdoor crew and fruit crew!

All to help the wider **Kelsall Crew** enacting our crew ethos;

**'We are crew, not passengers, strengthened by acts of consequential service to others'**

Our **Crew Captains** for 2023-24 are **Oliver, Delilah, Freya and Lola**

## Diary Dates – 2023-2024

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 23	INSET Day – <b>Staff ONLY</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 23	School opens for pupils
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Conscious Discipline Workshop for Parents
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Curriculum Information Session for Parents
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 23	Nursery Carols and Crafts 2pm in the school hall
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 23	Crib Service @ St Phillips Church
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 23	Share the Learning Afternoon – 2:00pm to 3:00pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 23	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 23	KS2 Carols round the Christmas Tree
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 23	Nursery & Reception to Shire Horse Centre – Santa's Grotto
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 23	School Closes for <b>CHRISTMAS</b>

## Be Curious, Creative & Kind

## Mr Wearing, Mrs White and the Kelsall Crew

