



Friday Flyer – 10th November 2023

Dear Parent,

I hope that you all had a great half-term break. We have started the term well with **Crews** embarking on their new core connected curriculum texts. Please take the time to ask your child/ren about the books they are studying and the activities they have been involved in. It was lovely to see so many parents come to our **'Share the Learning'** event at the end of last term. The children loved sharing what they has learnt in the first term. For more information on our connected curriculum please visit our website;

[Kelsall Primary School: Year Group Overviews](#)

Acorns and Saplings Crew (Nursery)	Oak Crew (Reception)	Beech Crew (Y1)
Ash Crew (Y2)	Maple Crew (Y3)	Elm Crew (Y4)
Willow Crew (Y5)	Cedar Crew (Y6)	

WE ARE KELSALL CREW

No passengers • No one left behind

Anti-Bullying Week –w/b - Monday 13th November

We will be marking the start of Anti-Bullying week (**Monday 13th November**) with an **Odd Socks Day**. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive socks. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school. During the week, assemblies will focus on anti-bullying and activities in class will support pupils to understand what bullying is, how to share their worries with adults and how to build successful relationships with their peers.

[What is Odd Socks Day? \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)



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

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 **95.8%** which is **0.7% above** the national figure and **1%** above other North West schools – let's all work on keeping this figure above **97%**.

	Kelsall	North West
Oak Crew (Reception)	97.2%	94.1%
Beech Crew (Year 1)	95.6%	94.7%
Ash Crew (Year 2)	96%	95.1%
Maple Crew (Year 3)	94.4%	95.3%
Elm Crew (Year 4)	97.3%	95.2%
Willow Crew (Year 5)	94.4%	95%
Cedar Crew (Year 6)	95.4%	94.8%

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

This Is Me

All you see on the outside of me is a normal girl,
 MY hazelnut eyes,
 A painted smile,
 Hair like silk.

Deep inside,
 I am a jaguar,
 Strong and brave.

I am a cheetah,
 Because I run,
 Faster than a race horse.

Sometimes, I feel like a beached whale,
 Hopeless as I sit,
 In a pool of my own tears.

I am sometimes enraged like a wildfire,
 Screaming angrily,
 A stamping hot-head.

I am a mouse,
 Screaming and shouting,
 As I run from a slithering snake.

I am an otter,
 Cute and cuddly,
 A soft fluffy pillow as puffy as a cloud.

I am a firework,
 Loud and colourful,
 Lighting up the night sky with my imagination.

Delilah Harrison - Kelsall Primary & Nursery School



This is Me!
 Well done to **Delilah** (Cedar Crew) whose amazing poem has been published in a new anthology. The Poetry Project 2023 was based all around individuality and celebrating everyone's differences. If you would like to purchase a copy you can do so on our school website; [Kelsall Primary School: Poetry Project 2023 - Anthology - This is Me!](#) All proceeds will go to the **No Outsiders** charity.

New Ways November 2023

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
1 Try out a new way of being physically active	2 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire!	3 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	4 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	5 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	6 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	7 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	
8 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	9 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	10 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	11 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	12 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	13 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	14 Find out something new about someone you care about	
15 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	16 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	17 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	18 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	19 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	20 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself!	21 Connect with someone from a different generation	22 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site
23 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	24 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	25 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	26 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times	27 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	28 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	29 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	

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Acorns

We welcome new starters **Eva, Frank and Eddie** to our Acorns room. This week Acorns have been busy recognising Remembrance Day. They went on a Poppy Hunt around the village and into St Peters Church and then made their own wreath for the classroom door from egg boxes. Well done to the **Acorns Crew**.



[Happier Kinder Together | Action for Happiness](#)

PTA Disco and Co-op Fund

A huge thanks to everyone on our fabulous PTA for organising a brilliant Disco which raised over £600. Thanks to Lorna and Emma for sorting our Co-op Fund which has brought in an amazing £1500 – please do link your Co-op member card to school. [Co-op Membership - What your community gets - Co-op \(coop.co.uk\)](#)

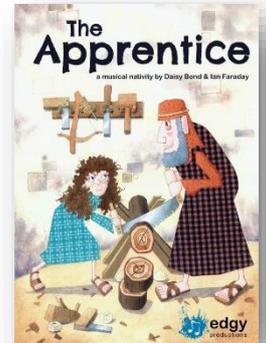
The AGM will be next Thursday after school (4pm) – ALL welcome.

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
15 th November	N	R	1	2	14 th November	Reception	4
22 nd November	N	R	1	2	21 st November	3	Reception
29 th November	6	5	4	3	28 th November	2	Reception
6 th December	6	5	4	3	5 th December	1	Reception
13 th December	N	R	1	2	12 th December	Nursery	Reception

The Apprentice & The Christmas Story

We are busy preparing our Christmas concerts for this year. KS1 (Oak, Beech and Ash Crews) will be presenting **'The Apprentice'**; a *musical nativity* on **Tuesday 12th December**. There will be two performances – one at **2pm** and one at **4.30pm**. KS2 (Maple, Elm, Willow & Cedar Crews) will lead our **'Christmas Story'** *community carol concert* around the tree on **Wednesday 13th December** starting at **5pm**. PTA will be selling hot chocolate, non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies after the event. More details about these events will be sent in the coming weeks.



Diary Dates – 2023-2024

Friday 10 th November	Y4 Girls Football Tournament (pm)	
Monday 13 th November 23	Staff Flu Vaccines	
Monday 13 th November 23	Conscious Discipline Workshop for Parents (5pm – Zoom)	
Wednesday 15 th November 23	Y6 Hope Journey Remembrance – (am)	
Thursday 16 th November 23	PTA AGM	
Wednesday 22 nd November 23	Y6 to Crucial Crew	
Friday 24 th November 23	Y6 to Chester Zoo	
Monday 27 th November 23	Curriculum Information Session for Parents	
Wednesday 29 th November 23	Digital Wizards Assembly – KS2	
Monday 4 th December 23	Y3 Visiting Manchester Mosque	
Tuesday 5 th December 23	Nursery Carols and Crafts 2pm in the school hall	
Wednesday 6 th December 23	Year 2 Hope Journey	
Thursday 7 th December 23	Crib Service @ St Phillips Church (Acorns, Saplings, Oak and Beech)	
Friday 8 th December 23	Share the Learning Afternoon – 2:00pm to 3:00pm	
Monday 11 th December 23	Christmas Lunch	
Tuesday 12 th December 23	KS1 Nativity (2pm & 4.30pm)	
Wednesday 13 th December 23	KS2 Carols round the Christmas Tree (5pm)	
Thursday 14 th December 23	Y1-6 Santa Breakfast and Reindeer Dash (PTA)	
Thursday 14 th December 23	Nursery & Reception to Shire Horse Centre – Santa's Grotto	
Friday 15 th December 23	Reception and Nursery Reindeer Dash (PTA)	
Friday 15 th December 23	School Closes for CHRISTMAS	
Tuesday 2 nd January 24	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY	
Wednesday 3 rd January 24	CHILDREN START SCHOOL	



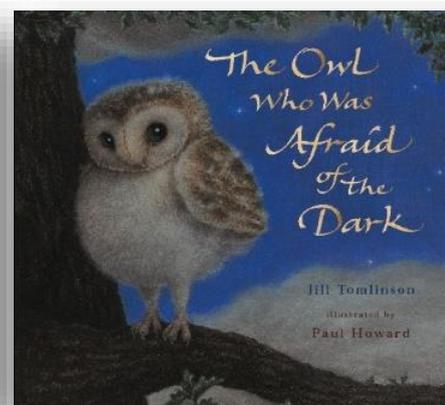
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Has someone done something online that has made you or a child or young person you know, feel worried or unsafe? Click on the link to the left

Owl Expert Visit

Ash Crew (Year 2) had a visit from two experts with their barn owl and eagle owl on Wednesday. The children learnt all about these amazing birds and this will help to support their work on their core connected curriculum book **'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'**. Thanks to **Mrs Hook** for organising.



Be Curious, Creative & Kind

Mr Wearing, Mrs White and the Kelsall Crew