



Friday Flyer – 1st December 2023

Dear Parent,

Thanks for all of your gifts for our Christmas Hampers. Please see below for more details of how you can help out. In this week's flyer are the important **term dates** for the **next academic year**. Please keep a record of these. They will also be on the school website.

Foodbank

The cost of living has affected us all in one way or another and for some of the families in our community the thought of Christmas brings with it worry that they won't be able to provide some of the basic things the vast majority of us take for granted at this time of year. This year, I am hoping that as a school **crew community**, we can collect items to make up **Christmas hampers** for those who need them. Over the next **two weeks**, please could you consider dropping an **extra selection box, box of mince pies, a small toy, gloves, hats and any long life tinned products into school?** Our Y6 Crew will then make up hampers that we will distribute in the last week of term.



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
6 th December	6	5	4	3	5 th December	1	Reception
13 th December	N	R	1	2	12 th December	Nursery	Reception

Term Dates and Holidays 2024 – 2025

Holiday Period	Date of closing	Date of opening
Summer 2024		Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Autumn Half Term 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024	Tuesday 5 th November 2024
Christmas 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Spring Half Term 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025
Spring Break 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April
May Day 2025	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Tuesday 6 th May 2025
Summer Half Term 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025
Summer 2025	Thursday 24 th July 2025	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025

Inset Days (Staff ONLY)
Monday 2 nd September 2024
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Monday 4 th November 2024
Monday 6 th January 2025
Monday 2 nd June 2025

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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 Christmas 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%** which is **1% above** the national figure and **1.2%** above other North West schools – let's all work on keeping this figure above **97%**. Latest week – **96.8%**

	Kelsall	North West
Oak Crew (Reception)	97%	93.9%
Beech Crew (Year 1)	95.9%	94.6%
Ash Crew (Year 2)	96.3%	95.1%
Maple Crew (Year 3)	94.5%	95.2%
Elm Crew (Year 4)	97.6%	95.1%
Willow Crew (Year 5)	94.6%	95%
Cedar Crew (Year 6)	95.8%	94.8%



Music for Life

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Awards for Young Musicians

Bookings are now being taken for children who wish to start learning a musical instrument after Christmas, with the deadline for booking being the 21st December subject to a final confirmation from tutors that they can accommodate everyone. Should we find we are unable to accommodate anyone, we would of course keep parents fully informed.

New courses would start in the New Year and a course of instrument lessons may be an excellent idea for a Christmas gift! Individual/group lessons start week of the 8th January. Please e-mail admin@musicforlife.org.uk to make a booking.

More information here; [Music for Life](http://MusicforLife)



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

E-Safety

This is a link [E-Safety \(padlet.com\)](https://padlet.com) to our **E-Safety Padlet** that has lots of up to date information on navigating the various apps, online games and social media that many of your children may be wanting to explore as they receive new devices and phones for Christmas. Paper copies of Digital Parenting are available in school for anyone who would like one.

Be Curious, Creative and Kind

December Kindness 2023

MONDAY



4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

TUESDAY



5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

WEDNESDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

THURSDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

FRIDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

SATURDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

SUNDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Y6 Crew – Crucial Crew

Cedar Crew attended 'Crucial Crew' at Fox Barracks where they met experts in safety and learned how to keep themselves and others safe in lots of situations. They had exciting sessions from Cheshire police about road and online safety as well as staying safe with dogs. Other sessions looked at staying safe around electricity and water safety. It was a fun and practical morning with lots of great work by Cedar Crew!

XP Doncaster

This week, myself and Mrs White visited XP Doncaster. This is a school that has successfully developed **crew culture** and **expeditionary learning** over a number of years. It was an inspirational day and we will be sharing some of the new ideas we will implement from the result of the visit in the coming months. The first is the development of our **HOWLS**. The Kelsall Crew's **Habits Of Work and Learning** on the next page of the flyer.

Our HoWLS

Habits of Work & Learning



Be **Curious**: Mastering knowledge and skills

I take **responsibility** for my learning –being **inquisitive**, using resources and seeking support when needed.
I grapple with learning, showing **persistence** and **resilience**.
I explore and **investigate** new ideas **imaginatively**.



Be **Kind**: Growing good character

I **contribute** fully to and **care** for my Crew.
I **communicate** respectfully, showing care for **Everybody**.
I work **cooperatively** - listening, taking turns & sharing ideas.
I take **responsibility** for resources and materials.
I **resolve** any problems peacefully, making safe and kind

Be **Creative**: Work well to produce high quality work

I am **reflective**, using feedback and critique to improve my work.
I can give **kind**, specific and helpful feedback to my Crew.
I take **care** in producing **imaginative** and **creative** work.

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Digital Wizards

This week, Paul, the founder of Digital Wizards visited school and talked to the KS2 Crew about an exciting club running after the Christmas break. Places for this club usually go fast as it is very popular. To book go to; www.digitalwizards.org.uk/kelsall Please note that this is an early morning club starting at 7.55am. Thanks to Paul for running this club for us again.

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BUILD & CODE LEGO



NEW VR HEADSETS



WE'RE DELIGHTED TO BE RETURNING TO RUN OUR LATEST DIGITAL WIZARDS CLUB FROM 7.55 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY
THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY
THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY
THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY
THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

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LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - CHILDREN'S PARTIES - HOLIDAY CLUBS



SANTA IS COMING!

For the very first time,
Santa will be waiting to see you
at The Hub by the Medical Centre
Saturday, 16th December 2023
From 11.00am to 2.00pm

To avoid disappointment, book a slot by ringing
Santa's helpers on 01829 751941
or text 07779 653123

£4 per child (includes a present from Santa)

If, like Santa, you are using satnav, he can be found at:
7 Green Hill Road, CW6 0SN
Kelsall Wellbeing Hub

FUNDED PLACES*

AVAILABLE AT

KELSALL NURSERY SCHOOL

Kelsall Primary and Nursery School currently have places in their outstanding 2-3-year-old classroom and their 3-4-year-old classroom, term time only.

Wraparound care is available for children aged 3 years and above between 7.30am and 6pm.

From April 2024 eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare. Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs, but some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for. Visit the Childcare Choices website to see what support you might be eligible for or give us a call.

Please book early to secure your child's place!

* Funded places for eligible families



Contact the school office on

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Meet the Governor - Chair – Mr Tim Bull

Tim Bull is our Chair of Governors and takes a lead role in supporting the school to continue to grow and develop, challenging and supporting alongside the full governing body group. He has two daughters, Agatha and Emily, who are in our Y2 Crew. Tim brings a wealth of expertise to our governing body. He has most recently supported our health and safety audit, resulting in a near perfect score. Thanks Tim for all you do in leading our governing body so brilliantly.

Chester Zoo

Our Y6 Crew visited Chester Zoo this week linked to their core text; **'Can we Save a Tiger?'** In small groups, the crew explored the zoo and looked at the signage to see if the animals were endangered or near extinct. After lunch, there was an opportunity to design a lego animation to solve a problem linked to the Sumatran Tiger's habitat. These will be shown at the share the learning event next week. Thanks to Mr Ward, Mrs Whiteside and Miss for supporting this visit.



Diary Dates – 2023-2024

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
Thursday 14 th & 15 th December 23	Christmas Jumper Days £1 donation to Foodbank.
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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**Be Curious,
Creative & Kind**

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

