



Friday Flyer – 15th December 2023

Dear Parent,

As we come to the end of Autumn term 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone in the **Kelsall Crew**. Crew has been a big part of our work over the past term and this is now fully embedded with pupils, staff and parents working together to ensure positive outcomes for everyone. We will continue to build on this in the new year.

Teaching and support staff have worked extremely hard to implement our **Connected Curriculum** as well as our habits of **Creativity**; ensuring a broad and balanced curriculum offer for pupils.

I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work of the school office, cleaners, club staff, cooks, midday assistants and Tony, our fabulous site maintenance manager, who has had a lot to do this past term. Thank you – our school could not run as effectively as it does without all of your amazing support.

In addition, a huge thanks to our governing body who have supported and challenged in equal measure over the past term to encourage growth and improvement.

Finally, thanks to you all for your continued support and partnership. Have a great Christmas & New Year break.

Children return to school on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**.

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
10 th January	6	5	4	3	9 th January	5	Reception
17 th January	N	R	1	2	16 th January	4	Reception
24 th January	N	R	1	2	23 rd January	3	Reception
31 st January	6	5	4	3	30 th January	2	Reception
7 th February	6	5	4	3	6 th February	1	Reception
14 th February	N	R	1	2	13 th February	Nursery	Reception

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Music for Life

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://www.musicforlife.org.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 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 **96.1%** which is **1.4% above** the national figure and **1.5%** above other North West schools – let's all work on keeping this figure above **97%**. Latest week – **96%**

	Kelsall	North West
Oak Crew (Reception)	96.6%	93.6%
Beech Crew (Year 1)	96.3%	94.3%
Ash Crew (Year 2)	96.7%	94.8%
Maple Crew (Year 3)	94.5%	95%
Elm Crew (Year 4)	97.2%	94.9%
Willow Crew (Year 5)	95.3%	94.8%
Cedar Crew (Year 6)	95.9%	94.6%

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Zoo Lab

Elm Crew welcomed an expert from Zoo Lab to share some animals that can be found in tropical rainforests. This linked in with their core curriculum book 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea'. Thanks to our visitors and to Mrs Sharp for organising. Y4 are quickly becoming experts on Rainforests and their inhabitants.



Kelsall Club

This timetable is for the next term 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. 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. 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.

Week beginning	Nature club 3:15-4:15	Activities and sports 3:15-4:45	Craft club with For-Sue 3:15-4:45	Activities and sports 3:15-4:45	Fun Friday 3:15pm-4:45pm
01.01.24	INSET	INSET	Jewellery making	Lego competition	Fruit kebabs
08.01.24	Torchlit nature walk	Indoor bowling competition	Winter crafts	Movie night with popcorn	Winter clay creations
15.01.24	Make your own fairy house	Obstacle course inside	Games night	Make your own rocket and race	Humus bread making
22.01.24	Nature bracelets	Karaoke night	Old toys craft night	Chocolate quiz	Burns night colouring
29.01.24	Make your own snow science night	Daily mile timer race	Make your own wind chime	Yoga night	Cookie making and decorating
05.02.24	Bird nest building	Chinese lanterns	Chinese New Year decorations	Chinese New Year party	Recycled modelling night
12.02.24	Nature painting	Decorating pancakes	Valentine's cards	End of term silent disco	Valentine's biscuit decorating



Be a Chorister for a Day

Does your child love to sing?

Chester Cathedral is looking for boys and girls aged 5-11 to join the prestigious Chester Choir.

Enjoy an fun afternoon of singing games and rehearsals culminating in a service of Choral Evensong at the end of the afternoon.

All welcome, no experience necessary

Contact dan.mathieson@chestercathedral.com to register for these free events.

Chester FC Christmas Soccer School

Chester FC are hosting a Soccer School over the Christmas holidays for children aged five and upwards.

The Soccer School runs at Goals Soccer Centre from 10am to 3pm from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December. Each day youngsters will take part in a range of fun activities with Community Trust coaches, including skills coaching, small-sided games, tournaments and challenges.

Places cost £15 per day or £60 for any five days. Children are requested to arrive ready to play in kit (there will be no changing facilities available) and bring appropriate footwear, waterproof jacket, a drink (in a clearly labelled bottle) and a packed lunch in a labelled bag or lunchbox. For more information, email community@chesterfc.com or visit: <http://community.chesterfc.com/chester-fc-christmas-soccer-school/>



Christmas!!

What a Christmassy week we have had!! Christmas lunch on Monday, Nativity on Tuesday, Carols around the tree on Wednesday, Reindeer Runs on Thursday, Visit to Santa on Thursday and Silent Discos and Jumper Days on Friday!! Thanks to all staff and parent helpers for making this week so full and exciting.

