

Friday Flyer – 30th September 2022

Dear Parent,

Another exciting, packed week in school! We've had rockets, dance, drama, clubs starting and more! Thanks to everyone who contributed towards the Macmillan Cake sale last Friday. We raised well over £200! If you would like to make a donation you can click on the link below;

[Coffee Morning 2022 \(thyngs.net\)](http://thyngs.net)

New starters

A warm welcome to some new pupils this week; **Lyla** (Y5), **Jackson** (Y3) and **Daniel** (Y3), along with their families join the Kelsall TEAM.

Connected Curriculum

As we start the new term I wanted to share with you some of the main strategic school developments for this academic year and into 2023/24. A full version of the school development plan is available to read here;

http://www.kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/8124599

One of our main focuses is on developing **early reading** and **phonics** from Nursery through to Y2. We have already invested heavily in resources and want to develop teacher skills through additional training. Parent workshops will help you to support your child with reading and phonics at home.

Another key plan is to develop the **core language of creativity** across all subject areas. Future employers are looking for individuals who are **IMAGINATIVE, COLLABORATIVE, PERSISTENT, INQUISITIVE and DISCIPLINED**. Mr Ward, our **Creativity Champion**, will be working on this with myself this year.

We also want to **build a link with another school** in the UK and Mr Duncanson, our **No Outsiders Champion** will be working on this. Please have look at our other plans and do ask any questions.



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 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.

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 team – Mrs Goodlad, Mrs Christian	admin@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Nursery – Miss Nixon	hayley.nixon@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Reception – Miss Cadwallader	lois.cadwallader@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 1 – Miss Pope	laura.pope@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 2 – Mrs Ward	iola.woodward@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 3 – Mr Sharp	duncan.sharp@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 4 – Mr Duncanson	macauley.duncanson@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 5 – Mr Ward	chris.ward@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 6 – Mr Pickup	glenn.pickup@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs White - SENDCO	sarah.white@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mr Wearing	principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs Whiteside – Learning Mentor	sally.whiteside@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk

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 promptly** – please make sure you are on time so that the Nursery staff can settle the pupils – **next week they will be joining more formally on the carpet area to start the day off together so being on time is really important.**

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 be a charge incurred for after school club.

Please do not allow children to play on or with equipment before and after school.

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**. Our **Nest Padlet** shares a range of online resources - [The Nest \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com) supporting pupils mental health and well-being – *if you have any good sites that you think would be worth adding – please let us know.*

In each Friday Flyer, Mrs Whiteside will sign post you to some valuable resources.

This week Mrs Whiteside would like to signpost you all to this great grounding technique;

Grounding techniques are a great way of encouraging children to focus on the things around them, rather than the thoughts and feelings that are distressing them. This simple grounding technique uses the five senses and enables children to self-regulate, feel in control and less anxious. It works for adults too!



Before and After School 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 £5.00 per session**

After School Club

- Operates Monday to Friday during term time
- 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.

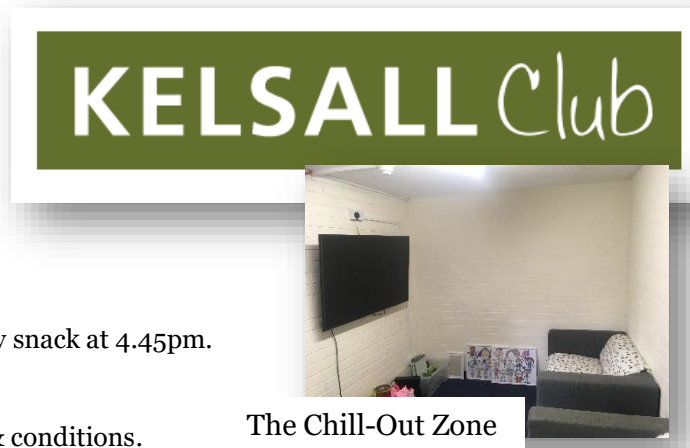
Early Session – from 3.15pm – 4.45pm • **Cost £6.00 per session**

Full Session – from 3.15pm – 6pm • **Cost £12.00 per session**

Payments are made in advance via ParentPay as per our terms & conditions.

To book onto club please contact;

Club Manager: Donna Dunn on 07572264215 (Please leave a voice message if there is no reply.) More information here: [Kelsall Primary School: Before and After School Club](#)



The Chill-Out Zone

Internet Safety

Please visit our E-safety padlet for hints and helpful tips for navigating the vast array of apps that our children are using. Click here - -> [E-Safety \(padlet.com\)](https://www.e-safety.padlet.com/)
I have also attached the latest edition of Digital Parenting that you can read online here; [Digital Parenting | Vodafone](https://www.vodafone.co.uk/digitalparenting/)
CEOPS is the Child Exploitation and Online Protection command agency. If you are worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online, you can make a report at the CEOP website.
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



There is also a wealth of information about keeping your child safe online. Our RSE curriculum ensures that children learn about e-safety at school and we ask that you follow this up by chatting to your child at home. Internet Matters has a huge range of advice from social media settings to home filtering. I would start with this website: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
Think you Know (Think U Know) is dedicated to educating young people and parents on the dangers of the internet: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
The Safer Internet Centre is also a good place for information: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>



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

Conscious Discipline Parent Workshop

Mrs White will be leading a Conscious Discipline Parent Workshop on Thursday **13th October 22 5:00pm – 6:00pm**. The session will be an opportunity to ask questions in the chat and find out more about our approach to supporting behaviour in school; some ideas that may be useful at home too.
More information about our approach here:
[Kelsall Primary School: Conscious Discipline#](https://www.kelsallprimaryschool.co.uk/conscious-discipline/)



Camp Curiosity

Y2 & Y3 thoroughly enjoyed their Camp Curiosity sessions this week. The reason for these sessions is to give pupils that time outdoors to explore, connect, think and create. Something that supports their mental health and physical well-being. This week had an apple theme, using our huge crop from the trees on site; collecting, juicing, heating and tasting.



‘A Love for Learning’ – Be Curious, Creative & Kind.

Cheshire Dance

We are delighted to continue our relationship with Cheshire Dance this term. Y2 enjoyed their first session yesterday linked to their connected curriculum book **Look Up!** - other classes are booked in to work with Joanne this term.



Storyhouse

Year 6 were joined by Jacob and Lottie from Storyhouse on Tuesday to discuss the work of Benjamin Zephaniah. The pupils will feature in a video asking Benjamin questions about his life and poetry at the **Storyhouse Wayward Festival** (24-30 October). The pupils were superb and we hope that some of you are able to make it to the event **(Thursday 27th @2pm)**

PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Friends of Kelsall** PTA AGM last night. The PTA do a fantastic job of organising many exciting events to raise money for school. During the pandemic, the fundraising activity rightly had to take a back seat but the team are ready to get the Friends group up and running again. At the meeting last night we discussed a Disco, Reindeer Dash, Breakfast with Santa, Doughnut Sale and a Christmas event linked to the whole school Christmas performance! Lots to plan and organise!

If you are able to help, please get in touch with our Co-Chairs – **Emma** and **Lorna** (thanks to them both for stepping up to this important role)

emma.page-uren@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk and lornaehunt@gmail.com

We have a Facebook page; www.facebook.com/david.wearing.378 and Twitter; **@KelsallFriends**

Clubs

It is great to see the wide range of clubs on offer to our pupils. Thanks again to all members of staff who are running after school clubs. We are keeping registers to ensure that we know where all pupils should be after school. Unfortunately, there was not enough uptake of band or Makaton choir to make it a viable option.

*It is important that you let us know if your child **will not** be attending club or has decided they don't want to take up their place – there are others on the waiting list.*

Subject leads

This week, staff have been working on developing their Subject Leadership action plans for the coming year linked to our whole school development plan. If you have any links to organisations or ideas on how to support these subject areas or just want to find out more then please do contact us;

Nursery – Miss Nixon	Early Years & Phonics	hayley.nixon@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Reception – Miss Cadwallader	Maths, Geography & History	lois.cadwallader@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 1 – Miss Pope	Phonics	laura.pope@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 2 – Mrs Ward	Maths	iola.woodward@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 3 – Mr Sharp	Computing/Maths	duncan.sharp@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 4 – Mr Duncanson	No Outsiders/Equality	macauley.duncanson@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 5 – Mr Ward	Creativity Champion/DT/Science	chris.ward@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 6 – Mr Pickup	P.E, Sports Champion	glenn.pickup@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs White - SENDCO	English, Phonics	sarah.white@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs Smith	RE/MFL	katy.smith@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs Whiteside – Learning Mentor	Well-being, Social & Emotional Support	sally.whiteside@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk

Subject plans are here on the website; [Kelsall Primary School: Vision](#)

Rockets!

As part of our ongoing links with the University of Chester, we hosted 14 PGCE Secondary Art and DT teachers with their tutors on Thursday. They worked with Y2 and Y4 and were blown away by the positive behaviour and attitudes of all pupils and commented on the rich and vibrant environment that our school offers its learners and staff. Y2 had lots of help to make and launch their own paper rockets – linking DT and Science to their core book – **Look Up!** Y4 enjoyed a mark making session with the Art students who also painted our new mural area ready to be used!



School Jam

For pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 we have continued our subscription to School Jam – fun, maths based activities linked to the work the pupils will be doing in school. Your child's class teacher will send you details on how to log in to the site and the activities that they would like your child to complete.



Diary Dates – 2022-2023

Tuesday 4 th October 22	SCiE Team Health Check for Kelsall
Wednesday 5 th October 22	Mayor of Chester visiting school
Thursday 13 th October 22	Conscious Discipline Workshop for parents – 5pm to 6pm
Wednesday 19 th October 22	Romeo and Juliet Workshops (Storyhouse)
Wednesday 19 th October 22	Parent's Evenings
Thursday 20 th October 22	
Thursday 20 th October 22	Tempest Individual Photos
Friday 21 st October 22	Share the Learning Afternoon – 2:00pm to 3:00pm
Friday 21 st October 22	School Closes for HALF TERM



RECEPTION & NURSERY 2023

If your child is starting school or nursery in September 2023 and you would like a tour of our school, please call **01829 752811** to make an appointment with the Principal and Vice Principal.



Outstanding
Teaching,
First Class
Resources

If you or any family/friends in the local area are looking for Reception or Nursery places for September 2023 – then please note the banner above. We also have limited places in Y3, 4, 5 & 6.

Thanks for your continued support...

Kind Regards – Be Curious, Creative and Kind.....

Mr Wearing, Mrs White and the Kelsall T.E.A.M

