

## Friday Flyer – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent,

We have four full weeks to go before the Christmas break and we want to try, as much as possible, to do some of the things that we would ordinarily do around this time of year. Obviously, things like the Christmas Fair, Disco and Plays are difficult to do in the current climate. However, we have been thinking hard and have some exciting plans to share.

### CHILDREN of THE WORLD

For the first year ever, we will be bringing you a whole school Christmas play called '**Children of the World**'. Each class, including Saplings and Acorns in our Nursery will be taking part and the performances will be recorded, ready to 'live stream' on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30pm**. We will also make the recording available securely for you all to enjoy at your leisure. Please look out for a separate letter from school via PING about costumes and props.

### REINDEER DASH

On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** we will be having a sponsored Reindeer Dash, organised by our fabulous PTA. Each child will receive a pair of Reindeer antlers and trot around a sponsored dash on our daily mile route. Children can dress in non-uniform on the day and be sponsored for their efforts by friends and family.

### STAFFING UPDATE

I am delighted to let you all know that **Miss Bridges** is expecting a baby and is due during the New Year. I am sure that Reception parents, in particular, will join me in congratulating Miss Bridges and her fiancé on their exciting news. **Miss Pope**, who is currently teaching in Year 3, whilst Mrs Ward has been on her maternity leave will take on the role of class teacher in Oak class. Miss Pope has experience of teaching in Reception and Year 1 and will have lots of time with Miss Bridges to learn all about the class. I will of course update Reception parents with more details nearer the time. **Mrs Ward** will return to school after the Christmas Holidays to rejoin our Year 3 class.

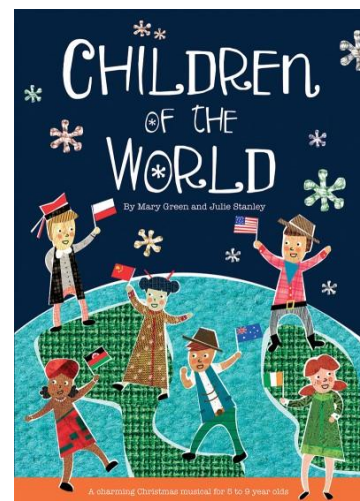
### NURSERY

As the weather continues to be damp and wet could Nursery parents please help out by sending in a spare pair of clothes including wellies if you have them. Any additional clothing that you can donate would be most welcome too! We are working to develop our outdoor provision for our younger learners and have plans to transform the area by the chickens in the spring term!

### HEADLICE

We have had a few reported cases of headlice this term. Could I urge all parents to routinely check their child's hair for lice and treat accordingly if lice are present. This is important to break the infection cycle and to ensure that lice do not continually pass from child to child. From Monday next week, there will be headlice treatments at the school office should you be struggling to purchase some. Please call in and ask if you need some. More information here on how to treat headlice;

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



## COVID-19 UPDATE

National restrictions from **5 November**

COVID-19 case numbers are rising rapidly across the whole of the UK and in other countries. We must act now to control the spread of the virus. The single most important action we can all take to fight coronavirus is to stay at home, to protect the NHS and save lives.

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we reduce the spread of the infection. That is why, from **Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December**, you must:

- 1. Stay at home, except for specific purposes.**
- 2. Avoid meeting people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.**
- 3. Close certain businesses and venues.**

These new measures will reduce the growth rate of the virus, which will:

- prevent the NHS from being overwhelmed
- **ensure schools, colleges and universities can stay open**
- ensure that as many people as possible can continue to work

If you or someone in your immediate family develops one or more of the following symptoms, then you should **inform school** ([principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk)) **self-isolate and get a test**. Once you have the result of the test you should inform school again. Please follow the quick guide attached alongside this flyer.

- **a high temperature**
- **a new, continuous cough**  
(This means coughing a lot for more than an hour or three or more episodes of coughing in a day)
- **a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.**

## ROUTINES

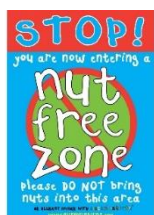
Thanks to you all for sticking to the start and end of day routines. Please do ensure that you are on time, before the gates close at 8:55am – any lateness will be marked in the registers. It is important that children are on time so that they can settle in to the morning learning sessions promptly and not miss out on valuable learning time.

**All** adults to **wear a face covering** when visiting or entering the school premises **including outdoor yard areas** – **please do follow this guidance unless you have a medical exemption.**

Parents/carers to arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/collecting their child – **please do not congregate** and maintain social distancing as we know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person.

In schools where it has been agreed that a parent/carers can enter the school premises for drop off and pick up, **only one adult should enter.**

**Please continue to follow our one-way system as it helps with the flow of pedestrians in and out of the school grounds.**



## NUT FREE SCHOOL

**Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please do not send in any lunch or snacks that have nuts of any type in the ingredients. We have a number of children with allergies and appreciate your continued support with this.**

## E-SAFETY


As new rules come into place and where individuals and families are asked to isolate, we will inevitably rely on a range of internet based entertainment and networks. This website - <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting> is a great source of advice and ideas around supporting you and your family with navigating the internet safely. Whether on phone, tablet, computer or gaming platform – there are resources to help.


Please take the time to chat with your child about their online usage and safety, as we do regularly in school. The latest Digital Parenting magazine is here (and attached alongside the Flyer).

[https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/31/page/799147\\_page\\_file.pdf](https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/31/page/799147_page_file.pdf)

These guides on our e-safety Padlet are also useful - <https://en-gb.padlet.com/head260/djn1jsffrduiy>

## MEET THE STAFF

	<p>Miss Pope has been at Kelsall for just under a year, joining Maple class when Mrs Ward left for her maternity leave.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b> :Science Lead</p> <p>Real name: Laura  Favourite Read: The Chronicles of Narnia – C.S.Lewis  Pets: Tilly (Westie)  Favourite Song: Iris – Goo Goo Dolls  Favourite food: Chinese Food  Favourite film: Titanic</p>
<p><b>Miss Pope</b></p>	
<p><b>Year 3 (Maple)</b>  Also taught 1,2,5</p>	

	<p>Mrs Harris started with us in 2010. She is our lead Midday Assistant and closes school at the end of the day. Mrs Harris goes over and above her role, often helping out is a valuable part of the Kelsall TEAM! We love her cheerful outlook and willingness to do anything she can to be supportive of school.</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b> : Midday Supervisor</p> <p>Real name: Jo  Favourite Read: The Rat by James Herbert  Pets: 2 dogs - Milan (Saluki), Dobby (Whippet)  Favourite Song: Hard to Say I'm Sorry – Chicago  Favourite food: Take Away (any!!)  Favourite film: Quadrophenia</p>
<p><b>Mrs Harris</b></p>	
<p><b>Midday Supervisor Lead</b></p>	

## Flappily Ever After...

I am delighted to be working with Sophie R in Y5 to develop her wonderful No Outsiders themed book – 'Flappily Ever After'. I've been commissioned as the illustrator for her superb words. Hope to have this ready for Christmas!

Have a lovely weekend. **Stay Safe.**

Mr Wearing, Miss Creek & the Kelsall Team.

