

Friday Flyer – 4th December 2020

Dear Parent,

Christmas production preparations are well underway this week, ready for filming next week! There are wings being made, words being memorised and sets being designed. Although there will not be a live audience, we do hope that the virtual event will bring some much needed Christmas joy to all involved. Here are important dates to note for the last two weeks of term.

CHILDREN of THE WORLD: Thursday 17th December at 5:30pm

REINDEER DASH: Friday 11th December (please send in sponsor forms to school)

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Wednesday 16th December

COVID-19 UPDATE- HOLIDAY PERIOD

Under the current Public Health England guidelines, anyone who has been in close contact with someone displaying coronavirus symptoms within **48 hours of the onset of these symptoms**, is required to self-isolate to prevent spreading the virus. As a school, this raises the possibility that if a child who was in school on the **last day** of term displays any coronavirus symptoms over the weekend that follows, and subsequently tests positive for Covid 19, we as a school would have to contact parents of other children within that bubble and ask them to self-isolate.

Given the UK Government's recent announcement regarding a 5-day relaxation of rules over Christmas, I understand this is the last thing that everyone in our school community wants to hear.

Therefore, please follow these simple steps if your child becomes symptomatic.

Between 3.30pm on 18th December and 3.30pm 20th December –

E-mail principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk to notify the school that your child has become symptomatic.

If they become symptomatic after 3.30pm on Sunday no action is required (you will still need to get a test, but won't need to inform school)

The school will contact via ping all parents in that bubble to notify them a child has symptoms and to consider reducing their own child's contact with others.

Once a test result is known, parents should contact school again via the email above (negative or positive).

The school will contact all parents again with instructions:

- a. If positive- children will be asked to self isolate for 14 days from Friday 18th November**
- b. If negative- no further action will be required**

In the meantime the following still applies..

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) **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.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to write Christmas cards this year then please do! We will ask children to place them into a basket that will then be in quarantine for at least 3 to 4 days before being distributed to pupils. Please ensure that pupils names and classes are clearly marked on the front of the envelope.

SCHOOL PING/PARENT PAY

School Ping is a mobile app that we use in school to communicate with you all. It is **vital** important that you are set up with the system so that any news or urgent messages from school can be shared quickly and to everyone.

In addition, ParentPay is our online contactless payment system. Please ensure you are set up and that your **account is in credit**.

If you are having difficulties setting up these apps please do contact the school office who will guide you through the process - businessmanager@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk

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/>

SHARESHOP

Last year Miss Cadwallader organised a collection of items for the Share Shop in Chester to support homelessness and refugees. This year, more than any other, your support is needed. We are now collecting items to support this amazing charity.



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.

There are a small number of children who are persistently late and this impacts on them and their class – please ensure you are on 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/carer can enter the school premises for drop off and pick up, **only one adult should enter.**

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

These guides on our e-safety Padlet are also useful - <https://en-gb.padlet.com/head260/djn1jsffrduy>

MEET THE STAFF

	<p>Mrs Smith</p> <p>Year 1 Teacher – MFL/RE</p> <p>Real name: Katherine (Katy) Favourite Read: The Snail & The Whale – Julia Donaldson Children: Santi (age 8) Favourite Song: Golden Path – Chemical Brothers Favourite food: Thai Green Curry Favourite film: Black Panther</p>
	<p>Mrs Dia</p> <p>Year 1 Teacher – Forest School</p> <p>Read - The Faraway Tree Film - Wizard of Oz Song - Songbird Eva Cassidy, Stairway to Heaven Led Zeppelin. Food - Mexican Pets - Chickens and 2 teenaged boys! Puppy on the way in early 2021.</p>

REINDEER RUN

Don't forget the Reindeer Run this Friday. Children can come into school in their own clothes – including **Christmas jumpers** if they would like to. Sponsor money can be brought in this Friday or the following Monday. I will have a bucket on the gate! Children will be running around the daily mile throughout the day – different classes staggered at different times and will have a warming hot chocolate or juice at the end in our Forest School area – with the fire roaring to keep us warm!

Please do follow us on twitter @KelsallSchool and our Facebook page – search for Kelsall School.

Have a lovely week. **Stay Safe.**

Mr Wearing, Miss Creek & the Kelsall Team.

