

Friday Flyer – 11th December 2020

Dear Parent,

This will be the last Friday Flyer of 2020! It certainly has been a very different term indeed. Despite all of the changes we've needed to make, the children and staff have rolled up their sleeves, adapted and shown great resilience throughout. I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thanks to each and everyone of you that make up our school community. There have been some challenging times but we have worked together to make sure we got through them. I hope that you have an enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing all children back on **Tuesday 5th January.**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Wednesday 16th December

CHILDREN of THE WORLD: Thursday 17th December at 5:30pm (zoom link to follow)

COVID-19 UPDATE- HOLIDAY PERIOD – IMPORTANT!

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:

- If positive- children will be asked to self isolate for 14 days from Friday 18th November**
- 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.**

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/>

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/djn1jsffrduuy>

FLAPPILY EVER AFTER!

The much anticipated book 'Flappily Ever After..' written by Sophie in Y5 has arrived from the printers and will be available to purchase from **next Monday for £10 per copy**. All profits will go to the No Outsiders Charity. The story is so lovely that I just couldn't help but get involved in illustrating it for Sophie. The whole process has been amazing and we hope that it will inspire others to be kind and become authors!!



REINDEER DASH....

Thanks to everyone for their generous sponsorship donations for our Reindeer Dash this morning. There were lots a smiling Rudolphins, Prancers and Blitzens, all keenly sprinting around our daily mile. A warming hot chocolate at the end of a long dash was well received alongside a special chocolate reindeer to bring home! **Over £2000** has been raised so far which will be utilised to develop our outdoor areas for all children.



MEET THE STAFF



Mrs Kirwin

Year 4 Teaching Assistant

Real name: Kelly

Favourite Read: Harry Potter

Favourite Song: Gypsy – Fleetwood Mac

Favourite food: Pastries and Coffee

Favourite film: Lord of the Rings

Favourite Christmas Song: Fairy Tale of New York – The Pogues

Favourite Place: Lake District



Mrs Crawford

Year 4 Teaching Assistant

Real name: Kathryn

Favourite Read: The Animals of Farthing Wood

Favourite Song: Angels – Robbie Williams

Favourite food: Anything except celery!

Favourite film: Lord of the Rings

Favourite Christmas Song: All I want for Christmas – Mariah Carey

Pets: Cat - Bubbles

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

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

Mr Wearing, Miss Creek & the Kelsall Team.

