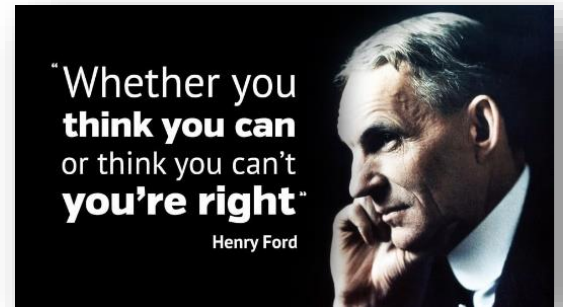




Friday Flyer – 22nd September 2023

Dear Parent,

Another fabulous week with the **Kelsall Crew**. Lots of superb learning taking place in classes and it has been lovely to see **Cedar Crew** (Year 6) supporting our younger pupils in **Oak Crew** (Reception), as they find their way on the 'big' playground. This week in crew time and assemblies we have been talking about how we can support our **Crew** as we learn; holding each to account to be the best we can be and how to be resilient when faced with difficulty.



WE ARE KELSALL CREW

No passengers • No one left behind



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**.

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 a charge incurred for after school club.

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

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.

Make Everyday Matter at Kelsall Primary & Nursery School

Kelsall Primary & Nursery School is committed to providing the best educational experience for all children and good **attendance and punctuality** is critical to this outcome. 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.

Every Day Counts

It is vital that pupils attend school, on time, every day in order to gain the greatest benefit from their education.

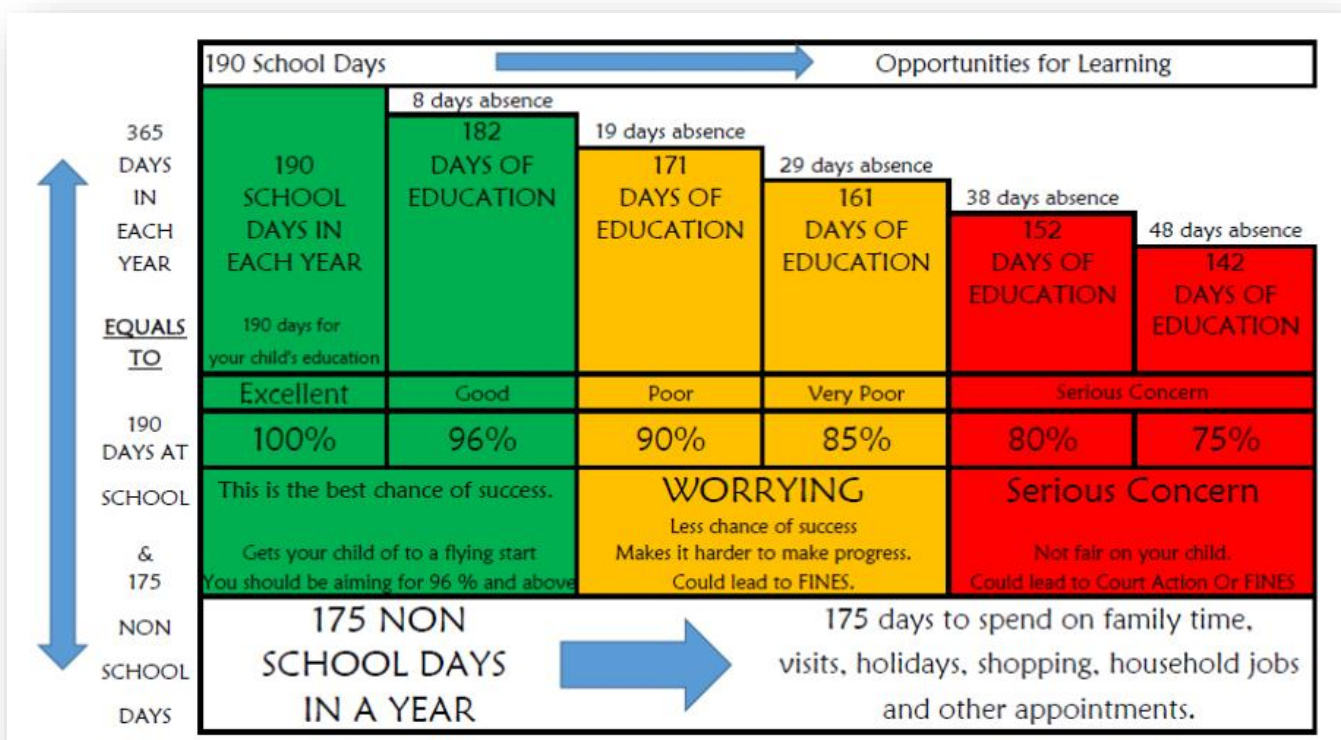
HAVE YOU EVER...

- Arrived to a movie when it has already started?
- Turned up at a party late?
- Come to a gym class when everyone has got the routine?
- Walked into a meeting late?

Just take a minute to think about how that feels... you feel like you don't know what's going on, you are playing catch up, your colleagues/friends are discussing ideas and plans you were not part of arranging. This feeling is the same for your child when they arrive even 10 minutes late for school. Friends have formed groups to work in and are busy discussing ideas and being on task. They have missed the very important lesson input and they are playing 'catch up' academically and socially.

Why is it so important, it's only the odd day...What could happen?

- they can fall behind in work
- affect their motivation and their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their confidence
- mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.



School Uniform

Please remember to **label all school uniform** including PE kit so that any lost property can quickly be reunited with its owner. Any unnamed lost property will be left out each afternoon at home time.

Breaktime snacks

Please ensure that snacks for break are healthy – no crisps, sweets or chocolate please. We are a **NUT FREE** school as many of our pupils are severe allergies – please **do not** send in snacks that contain nuts or nuts as snacks. Fruit is always offered free of charge firstly to Nursery & Reception and then to the rest of the school. **We now offer a snack at break; toast, crumpet, bagel etc each day – get in touch with the office if you would like your child to have a snack.**



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**. The Nest has its own entrance and a wide range of resources to support pupils and teachers. Mental health and well-being is an important part of our ethos at Kelsall and **The Nest** brings together a range of resources and strategies to do that in a highly effective way. Mrs Whiteside has recently taken courses in **Drawing Therapy** and **Lego Therapy** to support her role. We will keep developing our **Nest Padlet** to share a range of online resources - [The Nest \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com)



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
27 th September	6	5	4	3	26 th September	3	Reception
4 th October	Nursery	Reception	1	2	3 rd October	2	Reception
11 th October	6	5	4	3	10 th October	1	Reception
18 th October	Nursery	Reception	1	2	17 th October	Reception	4
25 th October	6	5	4	3			

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 Crew –Mrs Christian, Mrs Hunt	admin@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Nursery – Miss Nixon	hayley.nixon@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Reception – Miss Pope	laura.pope@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 1 – Mrs Smith/Mr Wearing	katy.smith@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 2 – Mrs Hook/Mrs White	chloe.hook@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 3 – Miss Cadwallader	lois.cadwallader@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 4 – Mr Sharp	duncan.sharp@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 5 – Mr Pickup	glenn.pickup@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 6 – Mr Ward	chris.ward@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs White – Vice-Principal/SENDCO	sarah.white@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mr Wearing - Principal	principal@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs Whiteside – Learning Mentor	sally.whiteside@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk

Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Season Ticket



A huge thanks to the **Cheshire Phoenix Basketball** team for gifting school a **season ticket** for the upcoming season. If you would like to take advantage of the ticket (2 adults & 3 children free) then please get in touch with school office with the dates you would like to attend. We will pull names out of a hat for each week. The team have a brand new roster of exciting players and there is always a fabulous atmosphere at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village (ESPV) where all home games are played.




Click here to find out more about the team and to purchase tickets for the games. [Cheshire Phoenix – Basketball Club](#)

Parking

Please park **considerately** around school at drop off and pick up times. The **safety** of all pupils and parents is of paramount importance. There have been frequent incidents of cars blocking drives and parking on corners – this makes it difficult for residents, particularly on Rookery Close, to get their own cars of the drive. It also makes it tricky for pupils to cross the roads safely. Our JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) from Cedar Crew, **Cody & Lyla** will be working with me to improve parking and other issues over the coming year. Thanks for your ongoing support in making the journey to and from school as safe as it can be.



Supporting Parents with Anxious Children (formerly Timid to Tiger)

We are delighted to be working with **Healthbox** ([Not For Profit | Healthbox CIC | England](#)) again this year to support a variety of mental health and wellbeing initiatives. The first of these initiatives is Supporting Parents with Anxious Children which will be 5 sessions for parents of children aged 6/7 up to 11. Each session lasts 2 hours; either morning 9-11am or afternoon 1-3pm We would need 7 parents to make this viable. We've had some good interest in this but need a few more to make it viable – please complete the survey sent via  if you would like to take part.

Dogs

Please ensure that dogs do not come onto school premises. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Please join us for a Coffee and cake afternoon in support of Macmillan Cancer on Wednesday 27th September @ 3.00pm. If you can support by bringing in any home-made or bought cakes, then please bring in on Wednesday morning.



No Outsiders Parent Guides

We are proud to be a flagship school for [No Outsiders](#). As a trustee for the charity, I continue to develop ideas to support equality and diversity in our school and many others. Recently, our fabulous IT support group – headed up by Dan Woolley have kindly sponsored **1000 No Outsiders Parent Guides**. The guides explain the scheme of work and how this supports our RSE curriculum. I have attached an electronic copy to this flyer but if you would like a paper copy please ask at the school office. All Reception parents will have a copy sent home next week.



Diary Dates – 2023-2024

Wednesday 27 th September 23	
Wednesday 27 th September 23	Staff Conscious Discipline Refresher
Tuesday 3 rd October 23	Phonics Information Session for parents (3.15-4.00)
Tuesday 10 th October 23	SEND at Kelsall – Information session for parents (3:30 – 4:30)
Wednesday 18 th October 23	Parent’s Evenings
Thursday 19 th October 23	
Friday 27 th October 23	Share the Learning Afternoon – 2:00pm to 3:00pm
Friday 27 th October 23	Last day of term.
Monday 6 th November 23	INSET Day – Staff ONLY
Tuesday 7 th November 23	School opens for pupils
Monday 13 th November 23	Conscious Discipline Workshop for Parents
Monday 27 th November 23	Curriculum Information Session for Parents
Friday 8 th December 23	Share the Learning Afternoon – 2:00pm to 3:00pm
Tuesday 12 th December 23	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 13 th December 23	KS2 Carols round the Christmas Tree
Friday 15 th December 23	School Closes for CHRISTMAS
Monday 18 th December 23	INSET Day – Staff ONLY
Tuesday 2 nd January 24	INSET Day – Staff ONLY
Wednesday 3 rd January 24	School opens for pupils
Friday 16 th February 24	School Closes for SPRING HALF TERM
Monday 26 th February 24	School opens for pupils
Thursday 28 th March 24	School Closes for EASTER BREAK
Monday 15 th April 24	School opens for pupils
Monday 6 th May 24	MAY DAY – School closed
Tuesday 7 th May 24	School opens for pupils
Friday 24 th May 24	School Closes for HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd June 24	School opens for pupils
Friday 19 th July 24	School Closes for SUMMER HOLIDAYS

23-24 Term Dates

Please take note of the term dates for **2023-24**. As a result of some small changes that Tarporley High School have made; we’ve fallen in line with their October half term dates as I know many of you have children that attend both settings.

Holiday Period	Date of closing	Date of opening
Summer 2023		Wednesday 6th September 2023
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 27th October 2023	Tuesday 7th November 2023
Christmas 2023	Friday 15th December 2023	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	Friday 16th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
Spring Break 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	Monday 15th April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3rd May 2024	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July 2024	TBC

Be Curious, Creative & Kind

Mr Wearing, Mrs White and the Kelsall Crew



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