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'A Love for Learning'

Friday Flyer – 8th December 2023

Dear Parent,

Thanks for all of your gifts for our Christmas Hampers. Please see below for more details of how you can help out. We are all looking forward to our last week of the Autumn term. A reminder that **Thursday & Friday** will be Christmas Jumper Days!

Staffing New

At the end of this term we say a fond farewell to **Miss Pope**. I know you will all join with me in wishing her the very best for the future. **Mr Duncanson** will re-join the Kelsall Crew as the teacher in **Oak Crew (Reception)** from **January 1st**.

We also welcome back **Mrs Ward** in 2024, as she returns from her maternity leave. **Mrs Ward** will teach **Y1** Monday to Thursday with **Mrs White** taking the class on a Friday. **Mrs Hook** will continue to teach **Y2** Monday to Wednesday with **Mrs Smith** joining her as job share on a Thursday and Friday. **Mrs Smith** will also be working with Y3 and Y4 delivering the Spanish curriculum every Wednesday.

Foodbank

The cost of living has affected us all in one way or another and for some of the families in our community the thought of Christmas brings with it worry that they won't be able to provide some of the basic things the vast majority of us take for granted at this time of year. This year, I am hoping that as a school **crew community**, we can collect items to make up **Christmas hampers** for those who need them. Please could you consider dropping an **extra selection box, box of mince pies, a small toy, gloves, hats and any long life tinned products into school?** Our Y6 Crew will then make up hampers that we will distribute in the last week of term.



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
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Bookings are now being taken for children who wish to start learning a musical instrument after Christmas, **with the deadline for booking being the 21st December** subject to a final confirmation from tutors that they can accommodate everyone. Should we find we are unable to accommodate anyone, we would of course keep parents fully informed.

New courses would start in the New Year and a course of instrument lessons may be an excellent idea for a Christmas gift! Individual/group lessons start week of the **8th January**. Please e-mail admin@musicforlife.org.uk to make a booking.

More information here; Music for Life

Cheshire Phoenix Basketball

The last two home games of 2023 for the Cheshire Phoenix pro team are on **Sunday 17th December** and **Friday 29th December**. If you would like to use our family pass (2 adults, 3 children FREE) then please contact the school office who will add you to the raffle list.

For details on tickets visit the Phoenix website;

[Match Day Tickets – Cheshire Phoenix](#)



Hope Journey

This week our KS1 Crews and Nursery have visited Kelsall Methodist Church where the team there led by Rev. Anne shared the Christmas Story – **'A Hope Journey'** taken by Mary & Joseph, the Angels and the Kings. The children learnt the story of Christmas and listened carefully to the volunteers at the church. Thanks to all of the parents, staff and especially to the team at the Methodist Church for their time and care in making the visits a success for all.

December Kindness 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	2. Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	3. Leave a positive message for someone else to find	4. Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	5. Do something helpful for a friend or family member	6. Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	7. Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment
8. Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	9. Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	10. See how many different people you can smile at today	11. Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	12. Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	13. Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	14. Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them
15. Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	16. Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	17. Help others by giving away something that you don't need	18. Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	19. Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	20. Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	21. Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh
22. Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	23. Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	24. Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	25. Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	26. Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	27. Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	28. Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024

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Place contact info sticker here or write contact details:

Name: HEATHER ROBERTS

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Call: 07875729412



Rainbows

Heather Roberts is looking to establish a Rainbows group for the village and needs some adult help to volunteer to support. If you would like to find out more you can contact Heather 1stkelsallbrownies@gmail.com or call; 07875729412.



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.

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.

Please ensure you are **on time too** – school starts at **8.40am** – it is important that children are here on time so that they **start the day well and can engage with their crew.** Gates will shut promptly at **8.50am** after the Christmas break.

Attendance at school enables us all to build a strong crew and to strengthen our learning powers. Our overall attendance for whole school is currently **96.2%** which is **1.4% above** the national figure and **1.5%** above other North West schools – let's all work on keeping this figure above **97%**. Latest week – **96%**

	Kelsall	North West
Oak Crew (Reception)	96.9%	93.6%
Beech Crew (Year 1)	96.2%	94.4%
Ash Crew (Year 2)	96.7%	94.9%
Maple Crew (Year 3)	94.8%	95.1%
Elm Crew (Year 4)	97.3%	95%
Willow Crew (Year 5)	95.1%	94.8%
Cedar Crew (Year 6)	95.9%	94.7%

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

Reindeer Dash & Santa Breakfast

Don't forget the Reindeer Dash this coming Thursday & 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 Thursday/Friday. I will have a bucket on the gate! Children will meet Santa in the hall for a light breakfast before running around the daily mile throughout the morning – different classes staggered at different times and will have a warming hot chocolate or juice at the end in our Calm Zone area – with the fire roaring to keep us warm!



	Beech Crew (Y1)	Ash Crew (Y2)	Maple Crew (Y3)	Elm Crew (Y4)	Willow Crew (Y5)	Cedar Crew (Y6)
Santa Breakfast	9.00	9.00	9.30	9.30	10.00	10.00
Reindeer Dash	9.20	9.20	9.50	9.50	10.20	10.20

Diary Dates – 2023-2024

Monday 11 th December 23	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 12 th December 23	KS1 Nativity (2pm & 4.30pm)
Wednesday 13 th December 23	KS2 Carols round the Christmas Tree (5pm)
Thursday 14 th December 23	Y1-6 Santa Breakfast and Reindeer Dash (PTA)
Thursday 14 th December 23	Nursery & Reception to Shire Horse Centre – Santa's Grotto
Thursday 14 th & 15 th December 23	Christmas Jumper Days £2 donation
Friday 15 th December 23	Reception and Nursery Reindeer Dash (PTA)
Friday 15 th December 23	School Closes for CHRISTMAS
Tuesday 2 nd January 24	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY
Wednesday 3 rd January 24	CHILDREN START SCHOOL



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