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'A Love for Learning'

Friday Flyer – 12th January 2024

Dear Parent,

Thanks to everyone who supported the Y6 Crew last Friday with their 'Save a Tiger' day. They led a magnificent assembly at the end of the school day and raised enough money to adopt a **Sumatran Tiger** at Chester Zoo. In this flyer there is more on their fabulous work as well as some sporting opportunities, more diary dates and acknowledgements for members of our Crew.

Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Visit

This week we welcomed **EJ Stephens** (Pro-Guard) and **Mike Burton** from **Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Club**. EJ told us about his basketball career which started in Florida, USA and the KS2 crew were invited to a Match Day Clinic on Sunday, January 21st (details sent home via letter). I know that we have many Phoenix fans in school already and it will be good to see lots of the Kelsall Crew cheering on EJ and his teammates at this event. If you would like to take advantage of our season ticket for **home** games - (2 adults, 3 children) please contact the office; admin@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk



Kelsall Tennis Club

Kelsall Tennis Club have some sessions that may be of interest to your child(ren).

Beginner / Improver Lessons (indoors at Community Centre)

School Year Reception-Year 3: Monday 4-5pm

School Year 4-6 Girls: Monday 5-6pm

School Year 1-4 Girls: Thursday 5-6pm

Improver Plus Lessons (outdoors)

School Year 1-3: Saturday 3-4pm

School Year 4-6 Sunday 3-4pm

For full course details see clubspark.lta.org.uk/AceTennisChester



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
17 th January	N	R	1	2	16 th January	4	Reception
24 th January	N	R	1	2	23 rd January	3	Reception
31 st January	6	5	4	3	30 th January	2	Reception
7 th February	6	5	4	3	6 th February	1	Reception
14 th February	N	R	1	2	13 th February	Nursery	Reception

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'Can we Save a Tiger?' – Cedar Crew

Last term Cedar Crew (Y6) explored the plight of tigers in the wild as part of their **core connected curriculum** journey 'Can we Save a Tiger'. As well as using the text to write a non-fiction report, the class also explored many aspects of Tigers linking to adaptation and species in Science and to place in Geography. In addition, Mr Ward organised a field trip to Chester Zoo which provided the class with more information to support their studies. Last Friday, the Crew shared much of their work in our whole crew assembly. They also led a non-uniform day to raise funds to adopt a Tiger at the Zoo. The next step in making their work even more public is to produce a plaque for the Zoo and to make a book full of Tiger facts, writing and stunning artwork. Here are some examples of their amazing work;



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.

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.**

Thank you all for being on time – it makes a huge difference to the start of the school day for the children and staff.

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 **95.8%** 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 **National and North West.**

	Kelsall	North West
Oak Crew (Reception)	95.9%	93.2%
Beech Crew (Year 1)	96.4%	94.1%
Ash Crew (Year 2)	96.8%	94.6%
Maple Crew (Year 3)	94.4%	94.8%
Elm Crew (Year 4)	97%	94.8%
Willow Crew (Year 5)	94.9%	94.6%
Cedar Crew (Year 6)	95%	94.4%



Do your bit to help save the environment and money this year, by donating unwanted World Book Day fancy dress costumes at Barnton, Blacon, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway and Wharton libraries. Donated costumes will be quickly checked and put out for those who need them (no donation or payment required) from **Thursday 1 February to Wednesday 6 March**. And, while you're there, make sure to get a library card, no ID required, or take out a book.



FUNDED PLACES*
AVAILABLE AT
KELSALL NURSERY SCHOOL


Kelsall Primary and Nursery School currently have places in their outstanding 2-3-year-old classroom and their 3-4-year-old classroom, term time only.

Wraparound care is available for children aged 3 years and above between 7.30am and 6pm.

From April 2024 eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare. Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs, but some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for. Visit the Childcare Choices website to see what support you might be eligible for or give us a call.

Please book early to secure your child's place!

* Funded places for eligible families.



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Parking

Dear Parent,

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are parking on the **zig-zag yellow lines** at the far end of school when picking up from after school club.

It is important that the zig-zag areas are kept **clear at ALL times** for the safety of all pupils, parents, staff and the wider community.

Please park responsibly and safely.

Acknowledgments

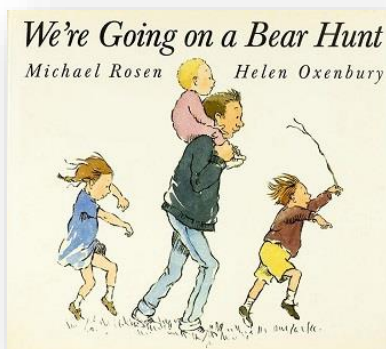
As part of our Crew culture in school we spend some important time with our class crews, last thing on a Friday afternoon to acknowledge members of our crew. This might be for a kind deed, a helpful hand or working hard in a subject to improve. Please ask your child about the Crew time and of the notices and acknowledgements they've received this week.

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Hygiene Rating

I am pleased to let you all know that following a recent health and safety visit we have retained our **five star Food Hygiene Rating**. 5 is top of the scale, this means the hygiene standards are very good and fully comply with the law. In addition the inspection looked at our toilet areas and kitchen facilities and found them all to be excellent. Thanks to all of the support staff who look after our school so well, who together have achieved this high standard of hygiene and cleanliness.



Acorns Crew

A warm welcome to **Daisy** and **Lucas** who join our Acorns Crew. Also to **Mrs Walker** who is now working across Acorns and Saplings in the Nursery Crew. I look forward to seeing all of the activities planned linked to the Acorns core book – '**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**' including a picnic in our Camp Curiosity area. Thanks to **Mrs Payne** and all the staff in Acorns for all their hard work in supporting our youngest learners.

Teacher led Clubs

Teacher led clubs will start next week. A huge thank you to all staff who give up their time to run a club for the children. Please ensure that you check the finish times of clubs so that you are on time to pick up.

Handball

Well done to our Cedar Crew Handball Team who brought back the first place trophy following an exciting tournament at Tarporley High School on Thursday after school. Some superb individual and team performances. Thanks to Mr Pickup for organising, coaching and supervising the team whilst at the high school.



Diary Dates

W/B 15 th January 24	School Led Clubs start (for 4 weeks)	 <small>Has someone done something online that has made you or a child or young person you know, feel worried or unsafe? Click on the link to the left</small>
Friday 16 th February 24	School Closes for SPRING HALF TERM	
Monday 26 th February 24	School Opens for SPRING TERM 2	 <small>Follow us on Twitter. @KelsallSchool</small>
Thursday 29 th February 24	Y5 Fire safety Talk	
Weds 6 th to Fri 8 th March 24	Y4 Residential – Tattenhall	
Monday 25 th March 24	Tempest Crew Photos	
Wednesday 27 th March 24	Y5 Hope Journey - Easter	
Tuesday 26 th & Wednesday 27 th March 24	Parent's Evenings	
Thursday 28 th March 24	School Closes for EASTER	
Friday 29 th March 24	School Closed – GOOD FRIDAY	
Monday 15 th April 24	School Opens for SUMMER TERM 1	
Monday 6 th May 24	School Closed – BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 7 th to Friday 9 th May 24	Y5 Residential - Cholmondley	
Thursday 16 th May 24	Tarporley High School Open Evening	
Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th May 24	Y6 SATs Week	
Thursday 23 rd to Friday 24 th May 24	Y3 Residential - Delamere	
Friday 24 th May 24	School Closes for SUMMER HALF TERM	
Monday 3 rd June 24	School Opens for SUMMER TERM 2	
Wednesday 19 th to Friday 21 st June 24	Y6 Residential - Conway	
Friday 19 th July 24	School closes for SUMMER HOLIDAYS	

Be Curious, Creative & Kind

Mr Wearing, Mrs White and the Kelsall Crew