

Friday Flyer – 12th February 2021

Dear Parent,

Thank you all for your continued support as we operate school in a remote way during this lockdown. It has been lovely to see the plethora of responses on See-Saw and Tapestry and to see lots of you on the class and whole school meetings. On See-Saw there have been over 30,000 posts in this short term – a huge well done to all staff, pupils and parents keeping that **'Love for Learning'** going in such strange and difficult times. Tapestry continues to support the Nursery and Reception classes.

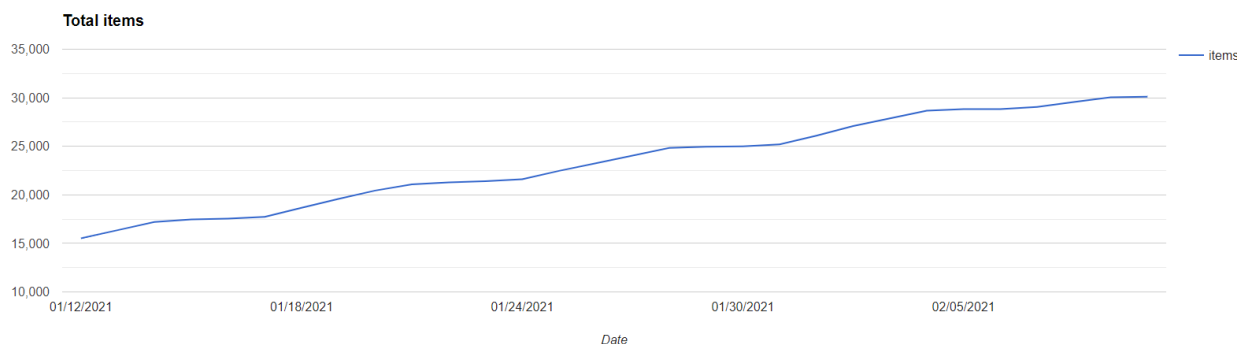
All Time for Kelsall Primary School

30,712
Posts Added

25,391
Comments Made on Student Work

13,569
Likes of Student Work

Start Date: End Date:



REOPENING/HALF-TERM

You will have heard the date of the **8th March** signalled by the Prime Minister as the earliest date to start a return to school. Whilst I am hopeful that this may be the start of a return, please do not overly share this date with your children. I will know more nearer the time; school leaders and parents have been promised at least two weeks' advance notice in which to prepare. We are well planned and ready to return whenever asked to do so.

Half term will go ahead as planned for all schools.

We will be closed for **all pupils**, including those of critical workers from

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February.

School we reopen to Critical Worker groups on **Monday 22nd February.**

CRITICAL WORKERS

In school we have two critical worker groups. It is important that the group sizes are kept to a minimum to support the reduction in transmission of the virus. These 'bubbles' are important in enabling critical, key workers to carry out their roles.

I would ask that all parents who are sending their children into school to **review their needs** in line with the guidance below;

If your child possibly can be looked after at home, even if you are a critical worker, you should not send them to school. This is government guidance.

Equally, I would encourage you to use the provision only when you need to – for example half days or only when you need – Mon, Tues, Fri.

Please tell us if you no longer need a place in school.

REMOTE LEARNING

Around 25 Chromebook laptops have been loaned to support learning at home. Please do let me know if you need one or more – I am more than happy to set up on your Wi-Fi from a safe distance too!

I appreciate that supporting learning at home can be difficult and challenging. I have worked with staff to ensure that the work set is broad, balanced and as accessible as possible. We are adapting and changing as we go. The responses to the learning have been amazing. Please do bear in mind that staff may have their own children at home too so are juggling their teaching/support roles and parental responsibilities.

I am also mindful that you will have your own differing demands at home that will shape how you approach the tasks set. Please **do** find your own rhythms and routines. Getting out for some exercise and fresh air is important – make sure you factor this into your day!

Thanks to Everyone who completed the Parent Survey this week. The results are attached and we have taken on board lots of suggestions made. Miss Creek has liaised with the teaching and support staff team to make adjustments and changes based on the feedback we received. A reminder of the changes for after half-term.

From Monday 22nd February, the following provision will be in place for each class: -

Morning zoom: Register and Literacy lesson –

Literacy: morning zoom to teach the literacy/phonics lesson and explain the day's task. Tasks will then be set on Seesaw.

The tasks are from the Literacy Company planning, which we use in school and revolve around a class book. The Literacy Company have now adapted these resources to suit home learning.

Maths: We are continuing to use White Rose for our home learning. Children will have the White Rose video and worksheets still but this will then be supported by an optional zoom session for children to join if they would any further support, or to go over any questions they may be stuck on.

All other lessons/activities will be set on seesaw as before. Teachers will continue to mark and feedback to the children throughout the day.

The end of day 'social' zoom sessions, for games, quizzes, stories, and general time with teacher and classmates, will continue. A timetable with the daily zoom times will be sent out separately.

Please can we ask that when children participate in zoom lessons, they are 'learning ready': sat at a desk/table (not on a bed) with writing equipment. Please can an adult also be present (the adult does not need to be on screen, but should be in the room).

Finally, a reminder that if you need any resources/laptops please let us know and if you need any worksheets printing we are happy to help with this. Please either contact myself or your child's class teacher.

I just wanted to finish by saying thank you for all the lovely comments and emails you have sent. Our teachers and support staff have been working so hard, whilst also juggling their own home situations and family circumstances, often home-schooling their own children as well, so the supportive feedback really has meant a lot. As always, if you need anything please email us. We hope you have a lovely and well deserved half term break.

There are a range of activities on these Padlets should you need additional inspiration or support; [Home Learning - All the Padlets!](#)

E-SAFETY

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/djn1jsffrdiuy>

STORYHOUSE LINKS

Rhianne, our creative practitioner has been busy developing activities to do at home. I know that many of you have tried them and you can revisit to have another go. Here are the links for the five activities Rhianne has developed this term;

Week 1 video - Focus Exercises https://youtu.be/jMZ_ii_Hx-4

Week 2 video – Energising Activities <https://youtu.be/sNZe35iC53g>

Week 3 video – What’s Outside my Window? <https://youtu.be/QFagUMHgHLc>

Week 4 video – What Am I grateful for? <https://youtu.be/Zhk9EO9BDpc>

Week 5 video – Calming & Relaxing Exercises https://youtu.be/NJ_uEMRCAjE

ART ACTIVITIES

Mr Clayton has been busy recording some Art Activities for you to try – often linked to our assembly but things that you can do throughout the week or on the weekend. He now has his own YouTube channel!

[Jon Clayton - YouTube](#)



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Stay Safe.

Mr Wearing, Miss Creek & the Kelsall Team.