

Friday Flyer – 11th September 2020

Dear Parent

A warm welcome back to you all! It has been so lovely to see smiling faces filling the classrooms with laughter and learning again after such a long time away for many. Despite the many obvious changes to the start of this term, it is business as usual in the classrooms with teachers and children settling into the new routines brilliantly. In particular, I would like to welcome our new starters in Nursery, Reception and across other classes in school.

I would like to thank you all for supporting the staggered drop off and pick up times which are working extremely well. From next week there will be a slight change to the morning drop off times as outlined below.

8.40 - Year 5&6 and any younger siblings

8.45 - Year 3&4 and any younger siblings

8.50 - Year 1&2 and any younger siblings

8:55 - Reception and younger siblings

9.00 - Nursery

3.00 - Reception, Nursery and siblings

3.10 - Year 1&2&3 and siblings

3.20 - Year 4&5&6 and siblings

Please ensure that you are as on time as much as possible and that you do not congregate in groups on the playground or at the gates. Children should not play on the field or play equipment at any time before or after school and should stay at all times with parents. Also, please continue to follow our one-way system as it helps with the flow of pedestrians in and out of the school grounds.

Covid Update

From next Monday new guidance is in place for us all.

Social gatherings **of more than six people** in England will not be allowed in law **from Monday 14 September**.

The new rule **applies to people in private homes, indoors and outdoors**, and places such as pubs, restaurants, cafes and public outdoor spaces. It **applies to all ages**.

The rule **does not apply to schools and workplaces**, or weddings, funerals and organised team sports. I appreciate that this will cause significant changes for us all again. A full list of exemptions will be published shortly but I am assuming that childminders will be within that list.

If you or someone in your immediate family develops one or more of the following symptoms then you should inform school, 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**ly 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.

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

CONTACTING SCHOOL

If you are contacting school via e-mail could you ensure that you include your child's full name and year group in the subject of the mail. Thank you.

SNACKS

Thank you for providing a morning snack for your child/ren. The school fruit and milk scheme has restarted predominantly for Nursery, Reception and Year 1. We do have some extra fruit to offer in case children forget. We are a **nut free school** so please ensure any snacks sent in **do not** contain nuts and that they are healthy choices (*no crisps, sweets or chocolate bars please*).

MUSIC FOR LIFE

I am delighted that our one-to-one Music visits have resumed. Tutors are following our guidance it is great to see so many children continuing with the sessions. If you think you have been missed of the list or are interested in starting sessions then please visit the Music for Life website - <https://www.musicforlife.org.uk/>

STORYHOUSE

We continue to build on the fantastic creative practitioner sessions that started last year. Rhianne will be in school every Monday and will work with Y4 for this first term, linking into the curriculum work planned in conjunction with Mrs White and Mr Clayton. Rhianne will then work with other year groups over the rest of the year.

NELSON MANDELA STATUE

I was extremely lucky to win a life size cardboard statue of Nelson Mandela on behalf of school on Twitter over the summer. The artist who made him – Darrell Wakelam made a long journey with Nelson from Lyme Regis and spent the day working with Y4 on some cardboard models of their own. You can find lots of great ideas and see more of Darrell's work here; <https://www.darrellwakelam.com/>



This links in fantastically with our Writing units for this first term based on Black Lives Matter. We would usually have a meet the teacher session for parents in the first few weeks. Teachers will instead be sending out fact files and information about your child's curriculum next Monday.

Have a great weekend and, again, thank you for your continued support.

Mr Wearing, Miss Creek and the Kelsall Team.