

Fortnightly Friday Flyer

29th January 2016

Dear Parent,

It has been a busy fortnight here at Kelsall with all classes engrossed and immersed in their learning; much of it inspired by the book FAR^THER by Grahame Baker-Smith.

(<http://www.amazon.co.uk/FAR^THER-Grahame-Baker-Smith/dp/1848771339>). The story tell of a father who longs to fly, inventing flying machines that never seem to take flight. When he leaves for war and never returns, that dream is passed on to his son who finds the machines his dad had made. He tinkers with and adapts them and eventually realises both his and his father's vision.

You can watch some of the amazing responses to the story here;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xf_7v2qHMNU



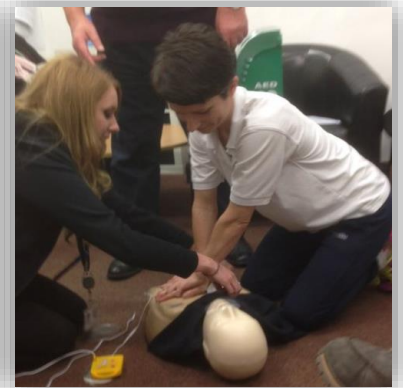
AED (Defibrillator)

We have now had a defibrillator installed in school. This has been funded from Awards for All which Luci Jones (our Cheshire Academies Trust Finance Director) secured late last year. All of our trust schools now have an AED defibrillator and staff have had training, though the machine can be used by anyone as it is fully automated.

Immediate CPR and early defibrillation are crucial steps in saving someone's life.

The machine is for school and the Kelsall Community to access in school hours of

8am – 5pm. It is located in the main lobby entrance area of the school. We are working with the Parish Council and other community groups to ensure that everyone in the village is aware of the AED location in the event that they might need to use it. Please let as many of your friends and family know about it.



Facebook/Twitter

Please do follow us on twitter @KelsallSchool – we are getting towards the **5000** tweets mark and many of you are sending us tweets! It's lovely to see 'a love for learning' being shared through this social media. We also have a Facebook page that is linked to our twitter account. Please Like and share with your family and friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/KelsallPrimarySchool/?ref=bookmarks>

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Dogs Fouling

A number of you have approached me this week with concerns over dog fouling on the path outside school. This is an ongoing problem that we are working with Cheshire West & Chester Council to overcome. Unfortunately, a minority of dog owners do not clear up after their dogs. You will have notice that pink spray is being used to identify dog faeces which is then mapped and cleaned. This will highlight any problem areas which can then be more closely looked into. I will also enquire about more signage and the possibility of a waste bin on Flat Lane.

Praise Postcards

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended our Praise Postcard assembly. The following fabulous learners have all been good friends to all;

Oak (Reception)- **Mollie Forster, Phoebe McIntyre, Thomas Carrig & Isla Begbie**

Beech (Year1)- **Maisie Collard, Fred Gasgarth & Lily Warner**

Ash (Year 2) – **Ellie-Nicole Forster & Pablo Stanley-Latorre**

Maple (Year 3) – **Emily Ebbage & Jake Powell**

Elm (Year 4) – **Joseph Barker, Kai Booth & Bethan Windhaber**

Willow (Year 5) – **Oliver Beadle, Freya Johnston & Isaac Brickland**

Cedar (Year 6) – **Harvey salt & Isabelle Birchall**

Tweeter of the Week – Mrs Doyle

Well done to you all! Keep up your fantastic attitudes towards school and learning.

Attendance

Thank you all for continuing to support our new morning routines. The knock on effect of these small changes is brilliant. Flat Lane seems a little less busy and all children are in school by at least 8:55 ready to learn. Our attendance figures have been equally impressive since the start of the new term;

Oak 97.2%, Beech 96.7%, Ash 97.7%, Maple 97.8%, **Elm 98.3%**, Willow 97.3%, Cedar 97.3%

Whole School – 97.5%

Well done to Elm class!! Let's all keep up this fabulous start.

Parking

Please could I encourage you all to consider where and how you park in the mornings. A few parents have approached me with concerns over some parking that could endanger pupils as they cross the road.

PAT Testing

All electrical equipment that comes into school needs to be PAT tested for safety. For those in the school band or learning an instrument that requires an amp or other electrical equipment, please bring in on a Monday – Wednesday so that Mr Elliott can test for you.



And Finally.... Ben in Y6 (and his Dad) have put in a great deal of time, passion and energy to create a fabulous Lego Landrover to be considered for a new lego product. Please help out and vote here;

<https://t.co/2m96w3ycIz>

Have a great weekend – Mr Wearing, Principal

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