



Kelford School

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Dear Families,

Our Christmas Market is taking place in the 6th Form hall on Thursday, 7th December between 10.00 – 12.00. The children and young people have been busy making some unique and creative Christmas products to sell as well as refreshments. We hope that you can find time to pop in to grab yourself some Christmas gifts and stocking fillers! Any donations to the raffle are always appreciated.

Adverse Weather

I just wanted to remind you of our procedures if we are affected by adverse or severe weather during the winter months. In the event of heavy snowfall or adverse weather conditions, a decision will be made as early in the morning as possible whether it is safe for the school to open. I will take into account the forecast for the day, the advice from the Local Authority and public transport network and also how many staff are unable to get into work when making a decision. If school is closed, a text message will be sent as soon as possible in the morning and Hallam FM and Rother FM radio stations will be informed as well as the Rotherham Council website. We will also post an alert on our Facebook and School website.

If the school closes during the school day or earlier than usual, the school will alert you via text message or telephone call and the school will contact education transport for buses to arrive at school early.

We will always put the safety of the children first and be mindful of some of the long distances which our children have to travel. Our priority will be that the children are able to get home safely when roads and transport networks begin to be affected by the weather conditions.

External review.

On Monday this week we had an external review of our provision undertaken by Graham Pirt (HMI). We were delighted that he found the school to be a warm, inviting and friendly place where the staff ensure that the children are placed at the center of all they do. Graham said that teaching was a strength with lots of outstanding practice seen across the school. Safeguarding was robust and staff understood how to keep children safe. He said he was confident in the Leadership of the school. Graham finished by saying "Kelford School has quality staff doing really good things". We look forward to receiving his full report which, as well as highlighting our strengths will also highlight some of the things we can improve to be even better.

Thank you

Jacky Tattershall

Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

7th Dec – Christmas Market 10am – 12pm

11th Dec – Christmas Carol production (secondary and 6th form).

12th Dec - Christmas Carol production (secondary and 6th form).

12th Dec – Primary department to Rotherham Civic Panto.

13th Dec – Early Years – Grotto @ Wentworth

14th Dec – Key Stage 2 Nativity 10:30m

15th Dec – National Christmas Jumper Day (all invited to wear Christmas jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children.

15th Dec – Key Stage 1 Early Years @ Kelford, Nativity 10:30am

18th Dec – 6th form to Superbowl.

20th Dec – Whole School Xmas Dinner and Christmas jumpers

20th Dec - Christmas Carol production (secondary and 6th form).

21st Dec – Early Years @ Kimberworth, Nativity

21st Dec – 6th form Christmas dinner @ Drawbridge

21st Dec – PM – carols around the tree.

21st Dec – School finishes for Christmas Break @3.15.