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Friday 15 December 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a good week. The festive season is nearly upon us, therefore, all classes have been finishing off their Time Travellers topic of learning in preparation for next weeks celebrations.

**CLOTHES BANK**

We are looking for donations of GOOD quality clothes items in order to be able to support families that are being impacted by the high cost of living. If you have any items of clothing or paired shoes that are clean and in good wearable condition if you could send them into school in a bag clearly Labelled 'Clothes donations' they will be very much appreciated. These can then be available when needed to support children and their families.

If you do need to speak to anyone about the cost of living please do make contact with Colette Gillott, school family liaison lead - [cgillott@nexusmat.org](mailto:cgillott@nexusmat.org)



**PRIMARY**

Across the primary department both pupils and staff have been busy practising for their festive production. They have been enjoying singing their songs and rehearsing for their part in the video all ready for Monday. Also, today we had a special visit from Father Christmas! Pupils were very excited! In addition, individual classes have been working on the following things:

**Blue class** – Looking at and discussing the differences between our houses and Viking houses and baking Reindeer buns.

**Orange class** – Naming the differences between Norway and Britain, baking Christmas buns and looking at algorithms to programme the blue bots.

**Sunbeams** – Writing poems on what school means to them, creating Christmas calendars and practising their House just dance song in PE, which is to Ghost Busters.

**Sparkles** – Creating Christmas cards, enjoying sensory massage to 'The Snowman' and enjoying a group visit to Meadowhall.

**Purple class** – Practising the weaving and threading process of how the Vikings would have made tapestry, creating a stable montage for the festive production and also creating Christmas cards for families.

**Green class** – Positional language in Maths, lots of phonics, looking at programmes to make the blue bots move and follow instructions

**Rainbows** – Phonics, practising for the Christmas choir, Christmas artwork and lots of positioning in specialised equipment.

*Dates for your diary Autumn 2:*

<i>Name of Event</i>	<i>Date &amp; time</i>
School Opens to Staff - INSET	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> Tues
School Opens to Staff - INSET	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
School Opens to pupils	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
VIP Visit to Forest View CYPS Director & Assistant Director	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
House Team Firework Art	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov
Pupil Parliament week	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Official Opening of Forest View	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
M&M Theatre Productions	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Sarah Champion - MP Visit to school	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
House Teams Diwali Art	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Anti-Bullying Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Parents & Carer Day 10.30 – 4.30pm	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov
Careers & Post 16-19 Event, Forest View	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Christmas Jumper Day	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Market at Kelford	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10am – 12pm
Primary Christmas Celebration	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Secondary Christmas Show	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Dinner	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Parties	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
School Closes	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

*Check out these dates!!!*



## SECONDARY

It's been a busy week in secondary as Christmas has truly arrived at Kelford! Pupils have been hard at work preparing for our Christmas Fayre which was a fantastic success. Holly class and 6th form had their work cut out to make sure there was enough food and drinks for all our visitors but did an amazing job. Special mention to the pupils who performed in the Makaton Choir and to those who manned stalls selling the gifts and crafts they created as part of their enterprise project. Thank you to all the staff and pupils for their hard work and to everyone who came to support! Elsewhere we have also been rehearsing for our Christmas production "The Hidden Christmas Treasure" Which we can't wait to share with you on Tuesday afternoon next week. There are still limited tickets available so if you wish to reserve a seat and haven't done so already, or you would like to bring an extra family member, please ring reception by the end of the day on Monday.

## GOOD-BYE

Next Friday we will be saying goodbye to Lotte, class teacher in Rainbows. She has asked that I share a few words that she has written with you all:

*Dear Kelford parents and carers,*

*I am about to leave Kelford after more than 10 years and have been reflecting on the last decade. The children in my first class are all fast approaching adulthood and all tower above me now. I have worked with some wonderful class teams, with some brilliant management and admin and great colleagues in health, but it is the children and families that have kept me here for so long. Every single day, I am amazed by our beautiful, resilient, kind, clever, funny, interesting, playful, and wonderful children, and am in awe of all our parents and carers. Your humour, patience, persistence, love and care are inspirational and I have learnt so much from you all. It is time for me to move on but I have had a brilliant time here and will take everything I have learnt here in to my next role.*

*Thank you,  
Lotte Bennett (Rainbows Team)*

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

Sarah Mulhall – Executive Headteacher (Kelford & Pennine View)