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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a good week. I can't believe that the Autumn Term has come to end – what an INCREDIBLE Autumn term it has been! We have launched our new curriculum, improved our school environment, recruited new support staff, made good progress with our phonics work and experienced Nexus wide sporting and social events! Team Kelford have smashed it!

**PRIMARY**

What a fantastic week in Primary we have had. Everyone has pulled together and shared in the excitement of all the different activities that have taken place across the classes and school as a whole. Everyone has been busy practising their House just dance song and I am proud to say we have some very talented dances amongst the students and staff!

Classes also showcased their fabulousness for the Primary Nativity performance, so thank you to everyone for supporting this event and making it the triumph that it was. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attend and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did in school. Other things worked on throughout the week in classes have been the following:

**Kimberworth** - Have enjoyed lots of filming for our parts in the Nativity and also for our House dance routine. We have also created Christmas cards and calendars for parents.

**Sparkles** – Creating and making Christmas cards and calendars and lots of intensive interaction and positioning in varying pieces of equipment.

**Sunbeams** – Making our family Christmas cards and calendars, lots of dancing, working on our hand writing and also practising Makaton signs.

**Green class** – Practising our dance routine, Michael has loved this! We have been doing really well with our daily phonics sessions also!

**Blue class** – Practising our just dance routine where everyone participated really well and were able to copy the moves! We have also made Christmas calendars for home and enjoyed Christmas colouring.

**Rainbows** – Have created and made Christmas hats that we wore to our Christmas dinner and we have enjoyed a variety of winter films, our favourite being Frozen! We have also enjoyed making presents for parents, but we won't spoil the surprise and tell you what it is.... You have to wait!

**Purple class** – Have been practising for the house dance competition and had lots of fun along the way, we have made calendars for home and also been creative by turning a peg into a snowman!

**Orange class** – Have enjoyed PE and also practising our class dance for the House dance off, we have also made Christmas cards and calendars for home, as well doing really well in our phonics, English and Maths lessons.

We finish the week on a high of how amazing our pupils were throughout Christmas dinner. Everyone was extremely well fed and sat beautifully enjoying the moment with their friends and staff.

*Dates for your  
 diary Spring 1:*

<i>Name of Event</i>	<i>Date &amp; time</i>
<i>School Opens to pupils</i>	<i>Monday 8th January 2024</i>
<i>Nexus Dance Festival Part 1</i>	<i>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January</i>
<i>Sensory Diets &amp; Routines – link to be sent home in newsletter on 12<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</i>
<i>Whole School Holocaust Memorial Day</i>	<i>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</i>
<i>Safer Internet Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<i>Nexus Dance Festival Part 2</i>	<i>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<i>School Closes</i>	<i>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</i>
<i>INSET Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</i>

*Check out these dates!!!*



Thank you to everyone; students, staff and parents for making the start of the academic year such a positive one. I wish you all a wonderful and well rested Christmas/winter break and I will see you all in the New Year – thank you - Sharon & Kirsty.

## **SECONDARY**

Christmas well and truly landed in secondary and sixth form this week! Monday and Tuesday were busy days as we rehearsed and performed our Christmas performance "The hidden Christmas treasure." We want to say a massive thank you to all parents and carers who came into school to support us, we hope you had as much fun watching as the pupils did rehearsing and performing. On Wednesday we all came together in the hall to share Christmas dinner as a department and much fun was had by all. Wednesday afternoon was very much about rest and recovery after such a lovely meal. On Thursday we reflected on our learning from the half term and then all gathered again to swap secret Santa presents which the pupils have bought each other over the half term. Finally, we finished off the week with our house just dance competition and a traditional Christmas assembly with Carols round the tree! We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a happy new year – thank you – Carl.

## **FOREST VIEW**

We've finished the year off in style this week with lots of celebrations and fun activities. The whole place has been full of laughter which has been wonderful!

Reflecting on how far we have come since moving to our new site in September is remarkable really, we've transformed from a van full of boxes into a vibrant, positive campus where new friendships have been formed and new skills have been gained.

Yesterday was a really special moment, two students from Monkwood Primary School came to visit with their Headteacher, they brought cards and chocolates for our students to say thank you for the grotto experience. There were some tears from our students as they were so touched and happy to know they had made a difference.

As we finish off the many chocolates at Forest View, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents/carers for their support this year and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas – Thank you – Lisa & the FV Team.

## **GOOD-BYE**

We say goodbye and good luck to Carol Robinson and Lotte Bennett who are leaving us today. We wish Carol a relaxing time as she enjoys retirement and we hope Lotte enjoys her new educational venture! Thank you for all that you have done for the school and our amazing pupils – you will be greatly missed!

## **THANK YOU!**

As the end of year is fast approaching, I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to you all as incredible supporters of our school! 2023 has been a GOOD year and we as a school couldn't have achieved what we have in the last 12 months without you, our fabulous families – so THANK YOU!

On behalf of the all staff, I would like to wish you all a happy holiday, a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2024!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

Sarah Mulhall – Executive Headteacher (Kelford & Pennine View)