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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a good week. It was lovely to see lots of parents and carers on Wednesday for our progress meetings. I hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we enjoyed seeing you! We love the opportunity to share how well our pupils are doing as we are super PROUD of their daily achievement's!

**POOR WEATHER**

We are fast approaching that time of the year when the weather is extremely changeable. Should we find ourselves in the position whereby it is unsafe for pupils and staff to travel to school, we will let families know by text message and by Class Dojo that school is closed. We will always endeavour to make this decision as soon as possible and aim for no later than 7.15am. In the event of a school closure, we will let families know when school re-opens via text message and Class Dojo.



**PRIMARY**

We have enjoyed seeing our parents and carers, sharing progress about their children and discussing next steps. Thank you for your continued support.

We have been preparing for our trip to the Community Centre at St. Thomas's Church which took place today. The theme this year is linked to Noah's Ark and some of the pupils in primary have created artwork to go on display. As always, we have enjoyed seeing our friends in the community as part of the visit, whilst also enjoying a drink and a biscuit together.



Work in classes has involved sequencing stories that we have heard. Some pupils have used pictures and symbols to communicate this, whilst others have copied, traced and formed letters and words linked to their learning. Our learning is linked to the topic Time Travellers with pupils listening and responding to either 'It's Miles Down the Nile' or stories from 'Viking Sagas'.

Work in maths continues to be focused on number with some pupils also learning about capacity this week. Exploring containers that are full, half full and empty has been very motivating... and messy!



**SECONDARY**

This week in secondary, Key Stage 3 have been busy baking and making as they continue to learn about World War 2 as part of their time traveller's topic. Learners have been learning all about the need to ration during the war and have baked bread and made ration cakes. It has been great to see how engaged pupils are within the topic. Another highlight has been seeing the impact of our new maths curriculum in classrooms, where the progress pupils are making can be seen lesson to

*Dates for your diary Autumn 2:*

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

*Check out these dates!!!*



lesson. A Key Stage 4 highlight, has been seeing how much some of our learners have enjoyed engaging in the sensory curriculum, making full use of our dark room, white room and sensory room. 6<sup>th</sup> form Kelford have been getting in to the Christmas spirit early, designing and making products to sell at the Christmas market and engaging in a Christmas sensory story as part of their curriculum.

### FOREST VIEW

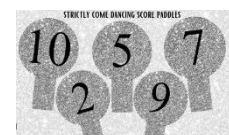
Plans are now in full swing for the big Christmas Enterprise venture with donations pouring in for the Grotto. All classes have been involved with leaflet distribution, stock taking, making gifts, wrapping presents and making props. Children from the local primary school will be visiting over two days and we can't wait to see the smiles on their faces when they see the grotto. We've welcomed students from Kelford Sixth Form for the second time this week and they keenly took part in work related learning sessions. It was great to see the teamwork between the two sites. Finally, a quick reminder that it is our 'Futures Event' on Thursday at Forest View, many local colleges and training providers will be attending to give information around Post 19 options and pathways, it would be great to see as many of you as possible.

### HOUSE TEAM

Classes have been busy practising their dance routines in preparation for the next House event. This will be a 'dance-off' style competition and will be held on Friday 22nd December. I know some teachers have shared their song with you in the hopes that children will practice at home, so below is the list of songs selected by each class:

Primary	
Little Explorers	What makes you beautiful
Sparkles	Can't Stop the Feeling
Sunbeams	Ghostbusters
Purple	Vampire
Green	Happy
Blue	Blinding Lights
Orange	Rasputin
Willow	Cha Cha Slide
Holly	I am Alive
Beech	Firework
Cherry	YMCA
Oak	Blue (Da Ba Dee)
Sixth Form 1	Proud Mary
Sixth Form 2 & 3	Moves Like Jagger
Forest View 1	Timber
Forest View 2	Womanizer
Forest View 3	Waka Waka

We have some amazing and widely known judges for the morning, so Sarah Mulhall and Amanda Bennet will be using their paddles to give their scores..... whose going to get a SEVEN (Said in the voice of Len Goodman for those Strictly fans!)



Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

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