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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a lovely week. It has been a challenging week in with pupil and staff absence, I am super proud of how staff and pupils have rallied around to support each other! Seasonal illnesses are definitely in full swing, which is the case for majority of our schools in the local area. So far, we have managed to keep school routine normal and I am wishing everyone a speedy recovery!

**CLASS DOJO**

This is my final Class Dojo update, for a little bit, as we move to using our school Dojo platform to share news of what is happening in school. I am pleased to report that we have our first 2 classes that have 100% of families connected – Kimberworth Little Explorers and Rainbows SUPER PROUD of you! We have 2 classes with over 80% of families connected and 5 classes with over 70% connected! We will be setting a coffee morning date to support families that are struggling to get signed up! As soon as we have a date in the diary I will let families know!



**PERMISSIONS**

This week we have sent home our school permissions forms. These have been updated to include permissions for Class Dojo. As soon as we have your forms returned to us then we will be able to start uploading photos of what we have been doing in class onto your child’s specific Class Dojo page.

**ADDITIONAL INSET DAY**

We have added an additional INSET day to our school calendar. The day is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024. This day is to support the school’s curriculum development work. The calendar has been updated and is available on our school website.

**SAFEGUARDING – ONLINE SAFETY**

YouTube is an amazing resource which is great for children and young people to access. The problem with unsupervised access is that even the most child friendly videos can lead children to be clicking on inappropriate content. People do also target children using sites like YouTube and so it is important that we safeguard children when accessing these sites. Please find below a link that will take you to some helpful videos showing parents and carers how to set up adult controls and safe browsing for children. [YouTube Parental Restrictions \(esafety-adviser.com\)](http://esafety-adviser.com)

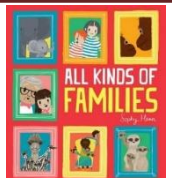
**PRIMARY**

Primary have been bursting with excitement this week as we have introduced a new reading book called ‘All Kinds of Families’. This has created wonderful opportunities for our learners to look at family celebrations, family trees, animal families and the many varying features these all bring with them. Classes have begun looking at the school environment and have been broadening their survival skills to even include making soup and smoothies, as well as enjoying seasonal walks whilst exploring the ever-changing weather that Autumn brings with it.

*Dates for your diary Autumn 1:*

<i>Name of Event</i>	<i>Date &amp; time</i>
<i>School Opened</i>	<i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>House Team Launch</i>	<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Hook into Learning Day</i>	<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>House Captain Voting</i>	<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Cross Country</i>	<i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</i>
<i>TA Appreciation Day</i>	<i>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Kelford Mental Health Awareness Day</i>	<i>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>School Closes</i>	<i>Friday 20 October</i>

*Check out these dates!!!*





Lots of beautiful work has taken place so please make sure to look on your class dojo. If you have not gained access to this please do so and remember you can share the wonderful things that your child does at home/out in the community with their class teacher. Have a well-rested weekend and well done everyone 😊

## SECONDARY

We've reached the half way point of the half term already – how did that happen! In secondary and 6th form, you can really see how well pupils have settled in to their groups and established clear routines for learning. Key stage 3 topic work has been learning about the human digestive system with a messy and fun practical experiment in science! Key stage 4 have been out and about, building their money skills and independence, whilst 6th form have been hard at work with their sensory ASDAN and functional skills work. This week we have all been celebrating our wonderful teaching assistants for TA appreciation day with a special assembly being held in their honour. Thank you to all our wonderful support staff for their continuing hard work and dedication!

## FOREST VIEW

We welcomed parents and carers into Forest View for our first parent /carer coffee morning at the new site. Everyone was treated to chocolate chip cookies, expertly baked by Jacob, and it was a wonderful, positive morning. The shop also opened its doors to parents/carers and our first sales were made. If anyone has any high-quality goods to donate to the charity shop, it would be very much appreciated. Some students will take part in day two of an Enterprise challenge with Wentworth Woodhouse called 'Learn it, make it, sell it' on Friday. Students will present their ideas via a Dragon's Den style pitch with the winning team getting their products made and sold in the brand-new Camelia House! Have a great week, from everyone at Forest View.

## HOUSE TEAMS

Kelford School were invited by Rotherham School Games to support with their annual Cross-Country event at Abbey School on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Some of our amazing 6<sup>th</sup> form students went along and used their coaching skills to help younger students participate from other schools from within the Nexus trust. Students from Kelford were so good with that they received a trophy for their efforts 😊



Today we have held our official first House event, which was Cross-Country. It was amazing to see so many students and staff involved – all running with a smile on their faces 😊 Can't wait to see which House Team will take the first set of whole school House points!

The next House event is due to be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and will see classes come together as a collective House to construct and hopefully launch their own Rockets! Flying High Team Kelford!



## REMINDER

Please can you ring school to let us know if your child is absent and provide a reason. It is important that we have accurate records.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

Sarah Mulhall – Executive Headteacher (Kelford & Pennine View)