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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a lovely summer. It has been AMAZING to welcome back to school all of our pupils and students. Whilst the staff worked hard during our staff training days, a school truly becomes a school when it's pupils arrive. We have seen lots of big smiles and we have heard lots about what everyone has been doing during the summer. TEAM Kelford are ready to embrace all that this year has to offer!

This school year we have welcomed 29 new pupils along with their family members to our school, across all of our sites. In addition, our new staff have started their Kelford journey with us and are building relationships and learning about how the school works.

As with every first full week, we have been working hard on establishing our routines and starting our curriculum learning. It has been great to pop into classes to see our pupils working hard, catching up with each other and to see them make new friends. It is going to be a FABULOUS school year!

**PRIMARY**

Hello everyone, I am Sara the new Assistant Head for Primary. I look forward to getting to know you all in the next few weeks and months. I have had a great week in school getting to know pupils by spending time in classes.

We have had a fabulous first week in primary! Our pupils have settled in wonderfully and it has been lovely to see lots of smiles across school.

**Kimberworth**

Pupils have been learning about traditional tales such as 'The three little pigs' and 'Jack and the beanstalk'. They have created some great art work and enjoyed getting messy!

**Key stage 1**

Pupils have been learning about what happens as we grow older and how we change. They have enjoyed learning how to care for babies and doing lots of role play with dolls.

**Key Stage 2**

Purple Class have been learning about different types of transport and have been talking about which ones are old and new. In science, classes have been investigating different types of materials and have had lots of fun finding these around school.

Yesterday, all classes enjoyed taking part in the whole school cross country run, where they were able to earn points for their house teams. Pupils made a huge effort representing their teams, Well Done!

*Dates for your diary Autumn 1:*

<i>Name of Event</i>	<i>Date &amp; time</i>
<i>School Closes for Summer</i>	<i>3.15pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>INSET - School closed to pupils</i>	<i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</i>
<i>INSET - School closed to pupils</i>	<i>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</i>
<i>INSET - School closed to pupils</i>	<i>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>School opens to all pupils</i>	<i>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>House Teams Launch</i>	<i>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>House Cross Country</i>	<i>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Hook into Learning Event</i>	<i>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Family Coffee Morning at Kelford</i>	<i>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Primary Topic Celebration - families invited to school</i>	<i>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Times to be confirmed</i>
<i>Forest View Family Event</i>	<i>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> October Times to be confirmed</i>
<i>Enterprise Works Family Event</i>	<i>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> October Times to be confirmed</i>
<i>Secondary Topic Celebration - families invited to school</i>	<i>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October Times to be confirmed</i>
<i>School Closes for October half term</i>	<i>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</i>

*Check out these dates!!!*



## SECONDARY

A huge welcome back to all our students, it has been lovely to welcome them all back into school and into their new classes. I have really enjoyed spending some time this week speaking with our wonderful children and finding out about the adventures they have been on over the summer break, it's just a shame the weather has been so disappointing 😞

Across the secondary department this week there has been amazing things happening and to hear the buzz and laughter in the corridor has been absolutely lovely and we all enjoyed a fantastic experience with the Science Boffin, who visited us all on Tuesday and shared some exciting experiments with dry ice and bubbles:

This week in Holly we have started our Autumn 1 timetable; We have looked at changes from summer to autumn through different sensory stories. In expressive arts we explored salt dough and made some scented autumn leaves. We have also started our key text this half term which is Jack and the Beanstalk, reading the story and looking at different parts of the text.

It has been a busy week in Beech Class. We have been on a materials scavenger hunt for STEM, learned about British fashions through time in WAU, produced Picasso collage portraits in expressive arts. In Maths, green group has looked at matching objects, odd & even numbers, and counting in 2s. Orange group has been working on counting in 3s both forward and backward. In English we have been reading Hansel and Gretel; we have done story mapping, story sequencing and comprehension tasks.

In Willow class students have been busy working on their targets and enjoyed a visit from the Science Boffin. We have been learning about Picasso and created our own cubism portrait. We have also been on a scavenger hunt and learnt how clothing has changed over time.

Cherry class have been working hard on their routines and exploring primary colours and mixing them up. We have enjoyed completing science experiments using white wine vinegar and also bicarbonate and looking at old and new clothes for our Victorian theme in topic.

## THE BRIDGE

Welcome to our Preparation for Adulthood group, the oldest at Kelford site, and who are now collectively known as The Bridge. Again, it's been amazing to welcome everyone back and spend some time catching up from the events of the summer break. Lots of interesting things have been taking place this week such as a trip to the local shop, walks and sensory stories and lots of work on Asdan Transition Challenge; which is a recognised qualification that enables our learners to work through life skills and curriculum-based activities to help broaden their experiences and social skills.

## FOREST VIEW

It has been lovely to see students, old and new, at Forest View this week. Students have settled into their new classes and started their new timetables this week. Some highlights have included our work-related learning options, catering, horticulture and setting up the shop for the retail group to get started in. We have also had a trip to EIS to take part in the post-16 sports day. This trip was a great experience and the students got to try a number of sports, some of which we are hoping to add to our enrichment and leisure sessions. I have also really enjoyed watching our students spend time on our new outdoor gym equipment during lunchtimes. I expect there have been some tired legs at home!



## ENTERPRISE WORKS

We have welcomed students to our brand-new provision at Enterprise Works. I am so proud of how the students have settled in to their new surroundings and new classes. They have been spending time getting to know each other and the staff, demonstrating their English and maths skills, visiting places in our local community such as Meadowhall, travel training into Sheffield and a highlight has been the trip the post-16 sports day at EIS where they got try out a number of sports. Well done to all the students for successful first week!

## HOUSE TEAM NEWS

We launched the start of the new academic year and all the fun events that will happen throughout 2024-2025 and students found out which House their class belongs to.

Daley	Hawking	Holmes	Mead
Kimberworth	Sparkles	Rainbows	Sunbeams
Orange	Cherry	Blue	Green
Purple	Willow	Holly	Beech
The Bridge	FV1	FV2	FV3

The first official event was held on Thursday, which was Cross-Country. Students had to run/walk/be pushed around 2 laps of the school and extra bonus points were issued for the fastest times. The end results are as follows.....

Event	Cross-Country	Mummies	Firework Art	Diwali Art	Just Dance	Totals	Position
Daley	138					138	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Hawking	143					143	1 <sup>st</sup>
Holmes	127					127	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mead	119					119	4 <sup>th</sup>

A massive well done to everyone involved!

The next event is Halloween Mummies..... it's going to a spook-tacular event 😊

Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

Sarah Mulhall – Headteacher