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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a good week. I can't quite believe today is the beginning of December, where did November go!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Before the catch-up with school news from this week, I would like to say how excited I am of becoming Kelford's permanent Headteacher from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. School Leaders have played an incredible role since March 2023 to ensure that day to day operations of the school were maintained and I feel very proud of their hard work, dedication and achievements during this period of time. I am a lucky Headteacher to gain a fantastic team! You, our amazing pupils, dedicated support staff, talented teachers and passionate Leaders makes a fantastic team, that I am proud to lead. Together we will ensure all of our pupils get the very best nurture, care, support and learning! TEAM KELFORD lets smash this! I look forward, over the next few weeks and months, to seeing you at school events. Thank you for your unwavering support during some uncertain times, from me to you this is very much appreciated.

## PRIMARY

What a wonderful week! Pupils in primary have continued to work on the theme 'Time Travellers'. In Blue and Orange, pupils designed and made Viking shields. They worked hard as a group to select the materials they would need to make their shields strong enough to withstand battle. All of the pupils demonstrated persistence during the activity and were proud of their achievements!

Our Little Explorers and Sunbeams have started to work on their use and understanding of positional language. They have shown a good understanding of this using objects and containers, demonstrating what they know already. Some pupils also extended this into their free choice time, making marks and creating pictures of different objects and animals that were in, on, under, behind and next to each other. They will continue to be supported to extend this learning further over the coming weeks.

In PSD (Personal Social Development) sessions, pupils have been encouraged to reflect on what trust is. They have thought about different adults in school and the support that they can offer. Pupils have also enjoyed taking part in trust building games and relationship building exercises with the adults and their peers in class.

## SECONDARY

In key stage 3 pupils have been learning about mythical creatures, as they learn about myths and legends through time as part of their time traveller's topic. Pupils have been designing their very own mythical creatures and have made some wonderful creations! KS4 & 5 continue to be busy with their enterprise project, designing and making products to sell at the Christmas market on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. KS4 and 5 pupils have visited Forest view, taking part in gardening, catering and enterprise projects as well as finding out what post 19 options are available to them after their time at Kelford.

## Dates for your diary Autumn 2:

Name of Event	Date & time
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 Fair at Kelford	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec
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!!!



All secondary pupils have been rehearsing for their Christmas Performance "A Time Travellers Christmas" which will be performed on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Holly Class have made a fantastic Christmas wreath as a centrepiece for the performance! Information about timings and tickets will follow soon.

### **FOREST VIEW**

We have been extremely busy putting the finishing touches to the grotto and are now preparing to welcome over a 120 pupils from our neighbouring primary school, over three days! The lights are up, trees are trimmed and presents are wrapped, Forest View students and staff have worked so hard to make sure this happens.

We also welcomed lots of visitors on Thursday for our 'Futures Event', local colleges and FE providers attended to give information around Post 19 options, it was a very busy morning and well supported by staff and students. Have a great weekend from all at Forest View!

### **SENSORY APPROACH**

The Virtual School Rotherham work with Looked After Children and their parents and carers, offering support, guidance and training. Amongst the training this year they have a programme of Sensory Workshops, facilitated by their Occupational Therapist, Sadie Charlton. Many of our children have Sensory needs and so we are sharing the link to enable you to book on the training.

The session on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December is called sensory struggles through the festive period and will be accessed by Kelford School staff. We do hope that you will find the sessions useful. Please follow the link to book a place.

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### **HOUSE TEAM**

There have been no House Team events this week as all classes are practising their dance moves for our last event of the term – Just Dance! Apologies to Rainbows as I appeared to have missed them off my list last week... Rainbows are dancing to Can't Stop The Feeling!! Get DANCING everyone! Family dance moves are welcome on your child's Class Dojo page.... go on have a go and we will award House Points to your child for their House Team! Everyone's a WINNER!

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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