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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a good week. This week, School Leaders have been working with an Ofsted Inspector to review Reading and Maths as well as our safeguarding and attendance procedures. It has been a great learning experience which will serve us well when the school is next inspected.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Just a reminder that we will be opening our doors at 10am until 12pm for our Annual Christmas Market on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Our pupils have been hard at work preparing and making items for sale. We look forward to seeing as many of as possible!

**PRIMARY**

This week in Primary we have started to rehearse for the Kelford Nativity movie. All classes have a song to practise and we are offering creative literacy opportunities for pupils who would prefer an alternative option. We look forward to seeing those families who wish to attend on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Some pupils in Key Stage 2 have been exploring non-fiction texts this week. Using an information book about Viking Longboats, the pupils were asked to find labels/captions, titles, diagrams and key facts. They were so engaged in this task and keen to recall what they had read or heard.

In Maths, work has continued on developing an understanding of number, positional language and capacity. All primary classes have differentiated activities in a range of different ways so that pupils can apply their learning so far. We are really proud of how much they can remember.

We have also been gathering work for a book of celebration to be shared by our CEO Warren Carratt with his colleagues overseas. Pupils were asked to create work based on 'what does school mean to me?' It has been a pleasure to look at and share their achievements.

**SECONDARY**

In secondary there have been lots of rehearsing with Steve for the festive show, students have been working hard on their parts and having lots of fun along the way! Students have also been out on trips to Meadowhall to complete their Christmas shopping for their friends across the different classes. Other work has been:

Holly class – exploring light sources and reflections and individualised rainbows for a mini art project.

Willow class – Learning about clockwise and anticlockwise and also reading the story of Robin Hood and looking at the differences between legends and myths.

*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>th</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 Market at Kelford</i>	<i>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am – 12pm</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!!!*



Oak class – Constructing Christmas crafts ready to sell at our up and coming Christmas market and also looking at money.

Beech class – Investigating things that are waterproof and writing stories about a time machine using comic strips

Cherry class – Building on from their enterprise project, pupils have been making crafts ready to sell at the Christmas market. Pupils have also enjoyed some great PE sessions, where the focus has been on target practice, as well as enjoying a quick trip to Meadowhall.

Sixth Form – Have been out a few times this week to Community Connect and Christmas shopping for friends over in Barnsley. Students have also been busy in the kitchen cooking their lunch, which was Enchiladas and smelt divine!

All classes have done some amazing work this week, so well done to you all! A special thanks to classes for creating some wonderful pieces of work that have been shared with our CEO. Warren is creating a book of celebration to share with colleagues overseas and has some beautiful paintings, drawings and poems to showcase.

Finally, we sadly have to bid farewell to Carla who is leaving us this week. She has been a great support to both students and staff in Cherry class and although we will all miss her, we wish her the very best of luck in her new school.

### **FOREST VIEW**

Wow! What a week we've had at Forest View! We welcomed over 100 youngsters from two local primary schools to our Santa's Grotto, they enjoyed taking part in lots of activities including arts and crafts, singing with the choir and of course, seeing Santa. Forest View students were incredible, they supported the children, sang with them and generally made them feel welcome, they were an absolute credit to the school.

On Wednesday, it was our first Christmas Fair, we were overwhelmed by the support from parents/carers and the local community. It was a real celebratory event that demonstrated just how far we have come since September.

To finish off an eventful week, students tucked into Christmas Lunch and enjoyed socialising and listening to some festive music. It has been an incredible week that has produced memories that will stay with us all for a very long time!

### **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! Get DANCING everyone! Remember that 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,

*S. Mulhall*

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