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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you enjoyed the half term holiday. It was great to welcome pupils back to school on Wednesday!

### SCHOOL DINNERS

From the beginning of Autumn Term 2, school are reducing the cost of a school meal to £3.70. School will be subsidising the remainder of the cost from our school budget in order to support families.



### PRIMARY

This week in Primary we have been busy discussing and working on being a Pupil Parliament Member (MP). Classes have talking about voting and what makes a good MP and also why some of our students would make a good MP – votes are being counted and the winning candidates will be announced soon. Our local MP Sarah Champion has visited school and some students were able to ask her questions like 'why do you like our school?'.  
  
In addition to learning about Pupil Parliament:

**Green class** – Have created their own Viking Gods and Goddesses. Pupils have completed their House Diwali Rangoli designs and have discussed Remembrance Sunday.

**Purple class** – Have done lots of independent learning in number work, lots of engagement in reading the Viking story and have created clay Diwali designs for our House competition.

**Sparkles** – Have created beautiful rainbow artwork for their new topic and have enjoyed welcoming friends back to class as well as enjoying lots of visits in different classes!

**Orange class** – Have baked election cakes using a suffragette recipe and have created Diwali pictures as their House entry.

**Rainbows** – Have exploring colours and matching these and have been reading their new book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?'

**Blue class** – Have worked hard with their Phonics and have done lots of discussion of rules around voting. They have also made poppies for Remembrance Sunday.

**Sunbeams** – Have done lots of work on their topic of Egypt; creating and making their own papyrus paper to write on, sorting body parts of mummies, looking at and decorating the PRIDE values and making poppy pictures for Remembrance Sunday.

Pupils have also had the opportunity to attend a panto by M&M Productions; this year it was Robin Hood..... Oh yes they did! Another super week for our Primary learners, well done everyone! Have a super weekend!

### SECONDARY

As the second week of Autumn 2 draws to a close, it has been a pleasure to see pupils engaging in their new topic "time travellers" Last week, each key stage took part in a hook in to learning event where they learnt about

### 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 7 <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!!!*



the Egyptians, the Vikings and the second world war. Pupils had the opportunity to explore authentic resources from these time periods and got involved in hands on learning to kick start the topic. It has been fantastic to walk around school and see learners engaging in their topic, and the work is already starting to be displayed on working walls in classes.

This week has also been pupil parliament week and pupils have been learning about democracy and the rule of law. Pupils have been hard at work writing manifestos and voting for who will be their new class MP. Our new Parliament will be revealed next week! We were also lucky to have Rotherham's MP Sarah Champion visit school this Friday and pupils came up with some fantastic and challenging questions to put to her!

Finally, to round off a busy week, we have had our annual visit from the touring pantomime and pupils across school have had lots of fun watching the production of Robin Hood!

### FOREST VIEW

This week we celebrated the official opening of the Forest View site. Members of Rotherham council and NEXUS strategic leadership were in attendance and got to see first-hand the wonderful new facilities. Feedback was extremely positive and students enjoyed interacting with the various VIP's. Forest View students baked cakes, buns and savoury snacks for our guests and served refreshments with ultimate professionalism. Big thankyou to all students and staff for their hard work getting this event ready and taking such pride in our new site.

### HOUSE TEAM

Welcome back folks to another half term packed with House events that will give pupils opportunities to engage in a wide variety of tasks and activities with their peers within their classes and also across the whole school.

Last week we started with a bang and had each class create a picture to represent their thoughts and opinion on Fireworks, the Gunpowder Plot and the Houses of Parliament. This proved a great hook into learning as our focus for this week has been Pupil Parliament. All entries were uploaded to Class Dojo and you were asked to vote – thank you to those of you who did. Teachers will be uploading their class pictures so you will be able to see which class were responsible for the amazing pieces of art work. It was a tight result, but they are as follows:

	Firework Art	Diwali	Just Dance Off	Environment Challenge	Total	Position
Daley	27				27	4 <sup>th</sup>
Hawking	300				300	1 <sup>st</sup>
Holmes	133				133	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mead	143				143	2 <sup>nd</sup>

The events that will be held for the remainder of this half term will be Diwali Art, Just 'Dance off' and an Environment challenge. Good luck to all our Houses for this half term 😊

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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