



Forefield Community Infant and Nursery School

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'Learning & Growing Together'



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Dear Parents,

Newsletter No. 2

School is in full swing with all of our Nursery children having joined us and Reception children now in school full-time. Along with all of the other children our new Forefield friends are all settling in really well which is lovely to see. The children are motivated, enthusiastic and engaged in their learning activities and looking forward to the rest of their learning this half-term. Updated Curriculum Maps outlining all the topics to be covered in each subject or area of learning, for each year group this academic year are available on the school's website under each respective year group.

Ofsted

As you will be aware from our earlier communications, we were inspected by Ofsted this week. We would like to thank all of our families for all of the kind messages, emails, words of support and feedback on Parent View. It really has meant a lot to the whole staff team. Due to the requirements around inspection confidentiality we cannot yet share any information about the inspection, however once the report has been made public by Ofsted we will share a link to the website with you all, but once again thank you for your additional support this week.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to all of the families who attended the phonics workshops this week. We hope they were a really useful insight into how we teach phonics and how you can support your child in learning to read at home. The power point from the session will be uploaded to the Reception page of the website over the weekend if you wish to recap on any elements of the session or if you were unable to make the session. For any more information or to purchase any white board packs, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating **Harvest Festival on Friday 6th October**. This year, we would, once again, like to support local families who, more than ever given the current challenging financial situation nationally, may be in need of support through **The Crosby Area Foodbank**. We would ask our families if they could add an extra non-perishable item or two to their shopping lists over the next few weeks which can then be **brought into school on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October**. Your kind gifts will be displayed in the hall ready for our in school Harvest celebration on the Friday.

Please check that any food items are 'in date' before sending into school.

After our assembly, harvest donations will be sent to the Foodbank where they will be boxed by volunteers and given to local families in crisis providing three days of emergency food supplies. As always, your support is much appreciated.

Photographs

Tempest photographers will be coming into school to take individual photographs of the children on **Monday 16th October**. This year, we will also be offering our popular family photograph session between 5 and 6.30pm in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to have a professional photograph taken of all your family members, mum, dad, children etc. These beautiful portraits would make a fantastic Christmas gift! No need to book, just bring the family along on the night.

Parking

At the start of the new academic year, could I respectfully ask parents when dropping off/collecting children to park safely and with courtesy for our neighbours and other road users. Local residents along with a number of parents, regularly express their concern over double parking, a hazard to other road users and also to pedestrians (especially little ones!); parking on both double yellow lines and zig-zags; obstruction of driveways causing neighbours to be late for work or appointments and parking on pavements - particularly around the Moor Park entrance on Trevor Drive. A reminder too that the carpark for residents of Brownmoor Close is a private carpark and is not for the use of parents and carers when dropping off or collecting children. I do appreciate that it is the blatant disregard of a small minority of parents and I have advised local residents especially to contact the police with registration numbers should problems continue. **Many thanks to the vast majority of our parents and carers your co-operation and support in ensuring the safety of all our children and families and respect for our neighbours.**

Free School Meals

Just a reminder that although all children in the Infants are entitled to a free school meal, parents can still apply for 'free school meals' which children will then be entitled to receive until they leave the Junior School at the end of Y6. This is different to and should not be confused with, the daily free meal that all infant children are entitled to. Applying is really straightforward and Miss Edwards in the school office is more than happy to provide more information or a form to complete if you think that you might be eligible. A successful application means that school secures additional funding which is used to fund extra-curricular activities for your child, trips and visits, snack and Toast Club and additional support and resources.

You can check eligibility by following the following link or please do contact Miss Edwards on 0151 924 6235.

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals.aspx>

Reception & Nursery Intake September 2024

During the Autumn Term we will be holding tours of school for any parent or carer interested in finding out more about Forefield (either Nursery and/or Reception) for their child. If you do know of anyone considering Forefield for their child, please do encourage them to take a look at our website, the curriculum and year group pages to get a feel for what school has to offer and to contact the school office to book a place on a school tour.

All applications for Reception places in September 2024 must be submitted on line to www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions by 15th January 2024 which is the final closing date.

Nursery intake - For admission to the Nursery in September 2024, applications must be submitted by **noon on Friday 2nd February 2024** and parents will be notified of places by Friday 15th March 2024. If you require any additional information regarding admission to school, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Edwards or Mrs Gregory in the School Office.

Dates for your diary

Sept

Tues 26 th Sept	Flu Vaccinations - In school (Nursery before school drop in) 4pm Prospective Parent tour
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Oct

Tues 3 rd Oct	9.15am Prospective Parent tour
Fri 6 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Mon 16 th Oct	School photographs and family photographs 5-6.30pm
Wed 18 th Oct	9.15am Prospective Parent tour

Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct **Half-term holiday**

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 6th October 2023.

Yours sincerely
B Roberts
Headteacher