



# Forefield Community Infant and Nursery School

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**'Learning and Growing Together'**



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Dear Parents,

## Newsletter No. 5

I hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed the half-term break. This next half-term leading up to Christmas, is always an extremely busy but very exciting time in school with plenty to look forward to! Please check the calendar dates at the end of the newsletter - more details of arrangements for specific events will follow in future newsletters, letters or via the app.

## Ofsted

As you will be aware our school was inspected by Ofsted on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September this year, 14 years and several inspection frameworks since our last inspection. The final inspection report was sent out to all parents earlier this week via the school app. I am extremely proud of our school and pleased that Ofsted finally had the opportunity to see all of the wonderful things that children experience whilst attending Forefield Infants. I would once again like to reiterate my thanks to all of the parents/carers and families for all of your support not only during the inspection but your ongoing support for our school, which is very much appreciated.

## Curriculum

New topics are well underway in each year group with lots of exciting learning activities planned. Further details about this half-term's topic for each year group are available on the Year Group pages on the school's website, please take a look to find out more.

On the same pages, you will also find some lovely e-books which have been made by each class sharing some snap-shots of the children's learning across the curriculum over the last half-term. Maybe look at the books with your child and ask them to tell you what they have learnt.

## Parent Consultation Meetings

Next week we will be holding parent consultation meetings with class teachers. All meetings will be in school, face-to-face. I hope everyone has been able to book an appointment via the school app. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher, discuss how your child has settled into his or her new class, the progress that is being made and to discuss targets that your child will be working towards. If you have been unable to make an appointment, please contact the school office to book an appointment for either Monday 13<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. For Nursery children, additional appointments are available on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-11.30am.

## Anti-bullying Week

Next week is national 'Anti-bullying Week'. We would like to mark the launch of the week by holding an 'odd socks' day on Monday. We would like to invite children to come to school literally wearing odd socks which is a reminder to us all that we are all unique, different and special and deserve to be treated with kindness and respect. The theme of the week this year is...'**make a noise about bullying**', empowering children, young people and adults to speak out when they see bullying, when they are hurt by bullying or when they are silenced when speaking out about bullying. In school we will be doing some work on bullying at an age appropriate level in classes and assembly next week.



### Parking

Please 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 have once again expressed their concern to school regarding a small number of people parking blocking driveway. This has resulted in resident being blocked in and missing appointments. 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. Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

### Punctuality & Attendance

If you have been into the school office this week you may have noticed we have a new signing in system. Any children arriving for school through the school office once the gates are closed at the official school start time (8.50am), **MUST** be signed into school by the adult bringing them. Our new system imports directly into our registration system to record children's attendance, therefore it is imperative children are signed in if they arrive at school through the office to ensure they are registered as present. Similarly, if children are leaving early or going for appointments, the adult collecting the child must sign them out or in using the system. Many thanks for your co-operation.

### School Council

WOW! This week as part of UK Parliament week, I received over 70 letters from children in Y1 & Y2 applying to become a member of our school council. It was lovely to read all of the letters telling me how the children would like to represent their school and make Forefield an even better place to learn. Unfortunately, due to the large number of applicants, we had to apply a shortlisting process. 5 children from each class were shortlisted to canvas votes this week and an election was held on Thursday when every child was given the opportunity to cast their vote in the polling station. 2 children from each class were elected as members of the school council for this academic year and will be presented with their School Council badges in assembly next week. Congratulations to not only those elected as school council representative, but to all of the children who applied to become a school council representative. It was a real honour to see so many children passionate about contributing to make our school an even better place to learn. I hope that when some other opportunities come up to represent school over the next year, the children will apply again. I am looking forward to working with the School Council over the next year and hearing all of the wonderful ideas they have.

### Children in Need day

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November it is Children in Need. We are asking children to come to school wearing a spotty item of clothing this could be socks, a hair band, spotty top or even stickers stuck onto your uniform. If you wish to make a donation, there will be staff on the gates with buckets. Thank you

### Handwriting & Colouring Competition

This year we continue to focus on improving presentation, letter formation and handwriting, eventually introducing cursive handwriting in Y2. To this end, we held our colouring and handwriting competitions at the end of last half-term. All the children had tried very hard to form their letters appropriately; remember which letters are tall letters and which letters have tails going below the line; write on the line; remember spaces between words; remember when to use a capital letter and when the letter should be a lower-case letter. There was so much to remember and they all did a great job which made judging very tricky! Congratulations to the two winners selected in each class who received a certificate and a special prize. We will be holding a Christmas themed competition towards the end of term so any practising of colouring or handwriting (ensuring correct letter formation, orientation and positioning on, above or below the line) at home will definitely help! Well done to everyone!

### Reading Golden Ticket

Congratulations to all of the children who achieved their Golden Ticket reward in Year 1 and Year 2 last half term. We are pleased to share the reward for achieving Golden Ticket (for Reception/Yr1/Yr2) children this half term will be a Pantomime of Cinderella. Well done to all of those children who have made a great start towards their reading targets for this half term. For those children who are not on track, get reading as we don't want anyone to miss out this fun filled celebration.



### Christmas Events

This year as always, our **Reception children** will be performing a **Christmas play** for parents. In order to accommodate parents comfortably in the hall and so as not to overwhelm the children, there will be two performances on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, both at 2.30pm**. A letter will be sent out on the app shortly for parents to request **two** places on the guest list (max 2 per child). We ask that responses are returned promptly as seats at each performance are restricted for health and safety reasons.

Our **Nursery children** will also perform two short **Christmas Concerts** for parents on **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11am and 2.30pm**. Again, there will be a maximum of 60 parents at each concert and a letter will be sent out to book seats at the preferred concert (2 seats max per child).

Later in the year, KS1 classes will have the opportunity to perform for their grown-ups: Y1 classes will be able to invite parents in to a special Spring Assembly next term and Y2 classes will be inviting parents to a Leavers' production at the end of the year.

Christmas lunch will take on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** for the children in school. Information will be sent out via the school app about this soon.

We will be holding **Christmas parties** for the children on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Children

may like to wear a Christmas jumper or their own party clothes for their party day - please ensure clothing/footwear are suitable for playing outside. Our school catering team will prepare a special party lunch for children in Reception and KS1 who have a school meal. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the children last year and the perfect start to their party afternoon! Nursery children staying all day should bring their packed lunch as normal, staff will provide party treats during the morning/afternoon sessions.

### **Friends of Forefield Infant School**

In the build up to Christmas, FOFIS have a number of festive events planned for the children and families of Forefield. FOFIS' first event for the festive season is our very popular **Family Bingo Evening** on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, information on tickets will be sent out on our app very soon. Father Christmas has promised that he will fit time into his busy schedule to call into Forefield on Santa Day which will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper instead of school uniform on Santa Day. The last event of the festive season will be Rockin' Robin Christmas Discos for the children on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Separate letters will be sent home soon with more details including how to purchase tickets. Money raised from these various activities will go towards supporting work converting the quad area in school to an outdoor learning space.

### **Online Safety**

Accompanying this newsletter is our November On-line Safety Newsletter. We purchase these monthly newsletters to distribute to parents to keep you up-to-date with various aspects of technology, latest apps and an assessment of their use and any issues that parents should consider before allowing their children to use them. We hope you find the information useful. This month it features information about the popular game Roblox and how to set up parental controls. It also has information on TikTok and the facility to family pair accounts as well as blocking and reporting inappropriate content.

### **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](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions) by 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024** and parents will be notified of places by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. If you require any additional information regarding admission to school, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Edwards or Mrs Gregory in the School Office.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Nov**

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4-7pm Parents' Consultation Meetings <b>Odd Socks Day</b>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9-11.30am Parents' Consultation Meetings (Nursery Only) 4pm Prospective parent tour

Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4-7pm Parents' Consultation Meetings
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day - Spotacular (wear something spotty with your uniform or a Pudsey accessory)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15am Prospective parent tour
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mutfi Day - Chocolate Donations
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4pm Prospective parent tour

### **Dec**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	FOFIS Christmas Bingo
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am Prospective Parent tour
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas Journey Experience
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Santa Day
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FOFIS Christmas Craft Fayre - School Hall - 11am-4pm.
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm Reception Christmas Performance
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm Reception Christmas Performance
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11am/2.45pm Nursery Christmas Concert
	FOFIS Rockin' Robin Christmas Discos - 4.30-5.30 / 6-7pm.

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Party day
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reading Golden Ticket Pantomime
	End of term for Nursery children
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.45pm finish end of term

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> December - 3rd JANUARY 2023**

### **Jan 2024**

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	INSET Day - school closed for pupils
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school

Our next newsletter will be available on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Yours sincerely

***B Roberts***  
Headteacher

