



# Forefield Community Infant and Nursery School

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**'We A.S.P.I.R.E to Learn and Grow Together'**



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## NEWSLETTER No 7

Dear Parents,

### Reception Christmas Production/Nursery Concerts

I am sure you are very much looking forward to watching your child in their Christmas performance. I am sure you will appreciate that capacity is limited for health and safety reasons, so as not to overwhelm the children, many of whom will not have performed in front of a small audience never mind a hall full of grown-ups. Each child has been allocated two seats on 'the Guest List', a message has been sent via the App to inform you of the day you have been allocated. Unfortunately, we aren't able to accommodate any additional grown-ups in the audience or younger siblings to ensure that all the children who have worked so hard to learn lines and songs, are not distracted. Please could parents make alternative care arrangements for little ones. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

### F.O.F.I.S Christmas Events

Our wonderful team of FOFIS volunteers (parents and staff) have been extremely busy over the last few weeks organising a whole host of activities for our children and their families to enjoy. Our sell out Family Bingo Night was held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and was a huge success, I saw lots of happy children leaving with chocolate hampers and treats. Thank you for all of your chocolate donations for the event which raised an enormous £961.42. Santa Day was another fun filled day in school on Friday and Father Christmas was even able to fit us into his busy schedule and drop by to see the children in their classes. How lucky were we! These events will be followed by the very popular Rockin' Robin Discos on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, and a brand new event for FOFIS this year, a Christmas Craft Fayre being held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 11-4pm in the school hall. Please come along and have a look at all of the wonderful gifts, treats and food on offer. Thank you for supporting FOFIS and all of their events All monies raised will be used to support the renovation of our quad area in school, which we are hoping to convert into an outdoor learning space for all of the children to use. A very big thank you to the FOFIS Committee and all the helpers who give up a considerable amount of time to ensure the events run smoothly and are as enjoyable and successful as they are.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December is Party Day!** Once again, children are welcome to wear party clothes or Christmas jumpers on this day (suitable to play outside so please consider clothing and shoes). We won't be asking for party food to come in from home, for Nursery children, party snacks will be provided from 'snack money' and for the rest of school, we have asked our catering team to put on a 'Christmas Party' at lunch time and FOFIS has kindly agreed to provide some 'party treats' and prizes for each class during the afternoon.

### The Christmas Journey Experience

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 took part in a very exciting activity on Wednesday. Our school hall was transformed into a nativity spectacular with different parts of the Christmas story brought to life. Children became part of the Christmas journey and became totally immersed in the story. It was a truly wonderful experience for all involved.

### **Golden Ticket**

As we creep ever closer to the end of term we will soon be tallying up all of those reads children have completed this term. Lots of children have already achieved beyond their target and have therefore gained their ticket to attend the end of term pantomime. If your child has not yet achieved their target, please make some time to read every day over the weekend and next week if needed to catch up. We don't want anyone to miss watching the show! I will be checking in with Class teachers on Monday to see how many children have achieved their target already. Which year group will have the most Golden Tickets achieved by next Monday? Which Year group will be the first to have 100% achieve their target number of reads?

### **Christmas Tree Decorations**

Thank you to all of the children who have been to visit me this week with home made Christmas tree decorations. I have never seen such wonderful and creative decorations before. My tree is now looking very festive and bright and giving John Lewis a run for its money. Thank you to all of the families who have supported children in making the decorations too. I know it is a very busy time of the year, and it is much appreciated.

### **Online Safety Newsletter**

Along with this newsletter we have sent the December issue of the Online Safety Newsletter. This addition has information on popular apps and games such as Minecraft as well as information on age ratings which is always useful to know around Christmas time, when considering what gifts to buy. There is a very detailed section on Snapchat which may be particularly useful if you have older children at home using this app.

### **Reception & Nursery Intake September 2024**

During the Autumn Term we will be holding tours of school for any parent or family members 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**

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**

<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>INSET Day - school closed for pupils</b>
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15am Prospective Parent Tour
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4pm Prospective Parent Tour
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15am Prospective Parent Tour
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4pm Prospective Parent Tour
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Year 1 Fun Food Chef
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Nursery Applications 2024 - Closing Date
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Term

**HALF-TERM HOLIDAY Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Our last newsletter for this term will be circulated on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Yours sincerely  
***B Roberts***  
Headteacher