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



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Dear Parents

Many thanks to all those grown-ups who were able to attend the Reception and Nursery children's Christmas productions and concerts last week. The children were just fantastic and certainly not daunted performing in front of a large audience! From the many comments received, I know how much you thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to come into school and watch your superstars perform. I am sure you were as proud of the children as we were!

Celebration Assembly

When we return after our Christmas break we will be presenting awards to all of those children who have managed to come to school every day since the start of term in September. If children have managed to achieve 100% attendance, they will receive a bronze star badge which we hope they will wear very proudly on their school uniform. We hope that as many of these children as possible will gain a Silver Award (for two terms of 100% attendance) or may be even a Gold Award which is recognition for 100% attendance during the academic year. Next term, there is still a possibility for other children to gain a Bronze Award and possibly a Silver too the following term. As always, thank you for your support in ensuring that your children are in school regularly and punctually to maintain continuity in learning which is so important in these formative, early years.

As part of our Attendance Policy which is based on the Local Authority's Attendance Policy, if a child's attendance is below 90% for the Autumn Term (which equates to 14 sessions absence), school is obliged to meet with parents and carers to look at ways in which we can offer support to ensure all children can take full advantage of all that we can offer so that they don't fall behind their peers. If your child falls into this category you may receive an invitation to attend a meeting early in the new year. Please remember this is a supportive meeting, during which everyone can work together to ensure the best attendance possible for your child at school. Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that all children should be arriving punctually to start their school day entering school on the appropriate playground with their friends and not through the main entrance/office. The school day starts at 8.50am for all children and gates will close promptly at this time, registers completed and lessons will start. After these times, children will be marked as late and parents will need to bring children in through the office and sign them in late using the electronic signing in system. To help parents with multiple drop-offs, we open our gates at 8.40am and children can come into school at any point between this time and before 8.50am. For the best start to your child's day, please ensure they arrive on time.

F.O.F.I.S Christmas Events

Our wonderful team of FOFIS volunteers (parents and staff) will be looking forward to a well-deserved rest after a very busy few weeks! FOFIS events were rounded off with Rockin' Robin discos and their very first and very successful Christmas Craft Fayre.

Thank you for supporting the events and helping us to raise valuable funds which will be used To support a project to convert our inner quad area into an all year-round learning space. A very big thank you to all of those who gave up a considerable amount of time to ensure the events run smoothly and are as enjoyable and as successful as they are.

Golden Ticket

It was an absolute delight to see every single child, from Reception to Year 2, receiving their Golden Ticket reward this half term, which meant that all of the children watched the Cinderella pantomime in the school hall on Tuesday morning. It was great fun and the children all thoroughly enjoyed their reading reward. Well done everyone for achieving your target. I know teachers have shared the target number of reads for next half terms Golden Ticket on year group newsletters so don't forget to read over the Christmas break. Remember any reads after today will all count towards the next Golden Ticket reward.

Hub of Hope App

Whilst Christmas can be a magical and wonderful time for families, it can also be an incredibly stressful and difficult time for families and individuals for a whole variety of reasons. The Hub of Hope app, is a free app that can be downloaded to your device. Once you enter your postcode, you will find a whole array of support services that can be accessed any time of year, but especially over this holiday period.

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 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 Miss Edwards or Mrs Gregory in the School Office.

Dates for your diary

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Thurs 21st December – 3rd JANUARY 2023

Jan 2024

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

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY Mon 12th Feb to Fri 16th Feb

Merry Christmas

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children and families a magical Christmas. I hope you all have a lovely break with your families and take this time to create some wonderful memories. We look forward to seeing everybody back in school on Thursday 4th January 2024.



Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 12th January 2024.

Yours sincerely

B Roberts

Headteacher