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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the festive break and Santa managed to visit all those families celebrating Christmas.

Christmas is a time when some mobile phones are changed. Please could you ensure that the office staff are informed of any new telephone numbers to ensure we are able to contact you or a nominated relative or friend in an emergency and so that you can receive any important messages from school. Many thanks.

Attendance

To ensure that children gain the most from school and fulfil their potential, attendance of at least 96% is expected. The school reviews pupils' attendance regularly and closely monitors the attendance and punctuality of pupils whose attendance falls below 96% using a graduated response set out in our Attendance Policy. If you are at all concerned regarding your child's attendance or punctuality, please do contact either your child's class teacher or Mrs Boardman our Pastoral and Education Support Co-ordinator so that we can work together to enable each child to get the most out of their time here at Forefield - both academically and socially.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those children who received a bronze certificate and badge for 100% attendance during the Autumn Term at our celebration Assembly during the first week back in school. This is a fantastic achievement! We hope that as many of these children as possible will gain a Silver Award (for two terms of 100% attendance) or maybe even a Gold Award which is recognition for 100% attendance during the whole 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 for 100% attendance during these terms.

Another huge well done to all of the children who won their class handwriting and colouring competitions. Each half term the children take on the challenge show how much their handwriting and colouring has improved by completing a handwriting and colouring challenge. Looking back at the previous half term compared to the handwriting and colouring this half term showed tremendous improvement, so a big well done to everyone. It certainly made choosing the class winners a very tricky job. If you haven't won yet, keep working on your colouring and handwriting skills as we will have another competition at the end of this half term.

WOW Ambassadors

On Friday 12th January we welcomed Amanda Dufresne from the Walk to School association. She worked with the children who had applied to become WOW ambassadors for the school and in our end of the week celebration assembly she talked about the importance of, and many positive outcomes of walking to school. She also presented the newly appointed and trained WOW Ambassadors to the rest of the school. Each day when children come into school they are asked to record how they came to school and at the end of each term those children who have managed to walk or ride, receive a special badge for that half term.



Reception & Nursery Intake September 2024

Just a reminder — 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. All children in school Nursery MUST apply for a Reception place via the Local Authority. A place at Forefield Nursery DOES NOT automatically secure a place in Reception.

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 on 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.

Medicines

At this time of year, more so than any other, children often have coughs and colds as well as other illnesses. To support your child's attendance at school, we can administer some medicines in school, however all medication (prescribed or over the counter) **MUST** be taken to the school office and a medication administration form completed. Medication will be stored in a secure fridge or cupboard in school and administered at the requested time by trained staff. Medicines must **NOT** be sent into school with your child or put into children's school bags. Although we teach children about medicine safety as part of PSHE, young children do not always see these dangers and medication can be forgotten about in bags, not taken correctly, shared with other children or dropped and smashed. Thank you for support with this important matter.

Extra-curricular Activities & Wrap-Around Care

We continue to offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for children both before and after school. Club are extremely over subscribed and we are working hard to offer more clubs and ensure all children have an opportunity to attend at least 1 club. We will only confirm a place on clubs once payment is received. Please send payments into school via your child's book bag in an envelope stating your child's name, class and the club which payment is for. All payments will be sent to the office from classes and any change sent home at the end of the day. If payments are not made promptly, this will result the place being offered to another child on the waiting list

A reminder that morning clubs start at 8am. Children should arrive on time for morning clubs as the office is not open until 8.30am, therefore there is no member of staff to open the front door for children to enter. Late arrivals to morning clubs interrupts the sessions, as club leaders are having to regularly stop teaching in order to open the door for children. This is unfair on the children who have paid for and are already participating in the session. Therefore, if children are regularly arriving late for morning clubs, this may result in places being relinquished and offered to other children on the waiting list. Many thanks for your co-operation and support.

Forest School Sessions

After a very wet and stormy end to 2023, Forest School sessions will resume for some of our early years' children in Nursery and Reception next week. Please see letters/year group newsletters that have been sent home regarding days, times and kit required should your child be participating in a Forest School session this half-term. Forest School session are part of our curriculum here at Forefield and therefore as with any other session e.g. PE, children should come with their required kit (either in a bag or wearing it dependent on the session). Any queries, please speak to a member of the

Reception/Nursery teams or telephone the school office.

Upcoming Dates

January

Mon 15th Jan	Closing date for Reception applications for Sept 2024
Tues 16 th Jan	4pm Prospective Parent tour
Thurs 18 th Jan	KS1 Mad Science Assembly
Tues 23 rd Jan	Yr1 Fun Food Chef Sessions

Feb

Thur 1 st Feb	9.15am Prospective Parent tour
Fri 2nd Feb	Closing Date for Nursery applications for Sept 2024
Thurs 8 th Feb	Diversity Concert - Venue Pending
Fri 9 th Feb	3.30pm End of term

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

Mon 19 th Feb	Return to school
Wed 21 st Feb	4pm Prospective Parent tour

March

Thurs 7 th Mar	World Book day
Fri 8 th Mar	9.15apm Prospective Parent tour
Mon 11 th Mar	4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings
Wed 13 th Mar	4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings
Fri 15th Mar	Notification of Nursery places for entry Sept 2024
Mon 18 th Mar	4pm Prospective Parent tour
Tues 19 th Mar	Class 4 Assembly for Parents
Wed 20 th Mar	Class 5 Assembly for Parents
Thurs 21 Mar	Class 6 Assembly for Parents
Wed 27 th Mar	Nursery Easter Bonnet Parades
	End of Term for Nursery children
Thur 28 th Mar	Easter Bonnet Parades
	1.45pm End of Term

Fri 29th March to Mon 15th April 2024 Easter Holiday

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 26th January 2024.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher