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## NEWSLETTER No 16

Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe that we are now in the final half-term of this academic year! As always, it is a very busy time in school with sports days, trips and visits, plays and performances, a Fun Day, visitors from our Chinese partner school, open days and transition activities as we begin to prepare the children for moving into the next year group. There will be a number of opportunities for parents and carers to join us at various events both in school and out. We very much look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks - I am sure that they will be exciting!

### Transition

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our 'New Parents' Meetings' this week for children joining **Reception and Nursery classes** in September. We are very much looking forward to meeting children and parents again over the next few weeks as they visit school to borrow activity boxes, see their new classrooms and attend 'Ready for Nursery' and 'Ready for Reception' workshop sessions, all of which will aid a smooth start to those first few days in September.

**Y2 children will also begin their visits to the Junior School** over the coming weeks to facilitate a smooth transition into Y3 in September. Mr Swift visited school this week and met the Y2 children during an assembly and I know that he is looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to the Junior School on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at either 2.30pm or 6.30pm. The children will have plenty of opportunities to familiarise themselves with their new school and new routines ready for September.

### New Classes for September

Before the end of term, children currently in Reception and Y1 will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers for September and to visit their new classrooms. Classes for September 18 will be as follows:

#### **Reception children moving to Y1 in September:**

**Class 1** will become **Class 6** and will be taught by Mrs Byrne and Mrs Whitmore (for the Autumn Term). We hope to have appointed an Assistant Headteacher to the school's Leadership Team who will take up post in January 19 and will teach Class 6 along with Mrs Byrne.

**Class 2** will become **Class 5** and will be taught by Miss Oldham

**Class 3** will become **Class 4** and will be taught by Mrs Niblock

#### **Y1 children moving to Y2 in September:**

**Class 4** will become **Class 7** and will be taught by Mr Hall

**Class 5** will become **Class 8** and will be taught by Mr Robinson

**Class 6** will become **Class 9** and will be taught by Mrs Buckley

Miss McGough, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Wolfarth and Mr Sayer will all be teaching Reception classes and Mrs Evans will continue to teach in the Nursery.

### **Class Assemblies**

Leading up to half-term, parents and carers of Reception children were treated to a taste of some of the super learning activities that the children have been engaged in over the last half-term's topic focusing on the stories of author/illustrator Eric Carle. I am sure that you could tell how much the topic had motivated and inspired the children from the children's beautiful singing; detailed art work; fabulous story-retelling. Well done, children! It was also lovely to see how the children have grown in confidence and were able to perform so well to very appreciative audiences. Thank you so much for supporting the children and sharing in their learning. A very big thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants who worked so hard with the children to learn rhymes, songs and stories for us to enjoy.

### **Spare Change Day for SWACA**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, we joined with many Sefton schools in supporting the work of the local charity, Sefton Women and Children's Aid (SWACA) who do fantastic work providing support to local families who may be in challenging circumstances including those families who have experienced or are coping with domestic violence. Through your very generous donations, the amazing sum of £401.57 was raised for this worthy cause. All classes enjoyed a film afternoon in reward for their fantastic fundraising efforts and Year Two raised the most money in the Year Group challenge and watched the film in the hall with a popcorn/drink treat. A very big 'well done and thank you' to everyone for your support.

### **Book Fair**

Next week, Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting school with a great range of fiction/non-fiction books, poetry and activity books for families to purchase. All classes will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair during the day next week and parents and carers are invited to come along any night after school between 3.30-4pm. All purchases made at the Book Fair earn free books for school to enhance our class and school book corners. We very much hope you can pop in to school via the school office and have a browse!

### **FOFIS Coffee Morning**

FOFIS are hosting one of their very popular coffee mornings next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9am. What better way to start your day than with a cuppa, a piece of delicious cake and a chat! All parents and carers are very welcome to call in.

FOFIS Committee members are busy organising some new events for this term which will include an Inflatable Fun Day for the children and a Summer Family Bingo Night. There will also be the end of term discos too. More details will follow nearer the time.

### **Children's University - Y2 Graduation Ceremony**

Y2 pupils are looking forward to their special graduation ceremony at Edgehill University, Ormskirk in recognition of their commitment to extra-curricular activities during their time at the Infant School. We are so proud that virtually every child in Y2 has secured sufficient credits to graduate which is a reflection of their commitment and of the range of extra-curricular activities that are on offer for the children at Forefield. We hope all the children and parents attending have a very memorable

afternoon. Mrs Wolfarth, Children's University Co-ordinator has sent a separate letter to parents informing of the finer details of the arrangements.

### World Cup Day

On Friday next week, children will be invited to come to school in football kits or t-shirts and shorts/tracksuit (depending on the weather) as Active Soccer will be hosting a special day to celebrate the start of the F.I.F.A World Cup. Classes will be timetabled to take part in various football skills activities and penalty shoot-out competitions. School is funding this exciting day using its Sports Premium Funding.

### Data Protection

As a school, in order to carry out our key functions, we have to collect, process and manage personal data. As the new European data protection legislation comes into effect, we are revising some of our policies and procedures in order to ensure that we are compliant. We have reviewed and revised our Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notices which are readily available for parents and carers on the school's website or if you would prefer a paper copy, please speak to Mrs Gregory or Mrs Ainsworth in the school's office.

### Uniform

Just a reminder, should you need to purchase items of uniform for the new school year, a direct link is available on our school's website to our uniform provider 'Mapac' should you wish to use them. If you would like to check sizing of garments prior to ordering, please call at the School Office and Mrs Gregory or Mrs Ainsworth will be able to help you.

Also, a reminder that to maintain our high standards and for health and safety reasons, our Uniform Policy which is available on the school's website, specifies footwear as black, sensible shoes or sandals **not fashion sandals, trainers or pumps**. Unless your child is able to tie his/her own shoelaces, please could I also ask that shoe fastenings are either Velcro or buckles. We also request that pupils **do not wear jewellery to school** for health and safety reasons, especially when participating in PE and sport and also for safe keeping. Children wearing small stud earrings must be able to remove earrings for PE lessons or if ears have recently been pierced, cover earrings with plasters. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

### Summer Hats/Caps

To protect the children in this hot, sunny weather, we have summer Beanie hats and Legionnaire caps for sale priced at £3 each. Please call to the school office should you wish to purchase one for your child (please ensure you put your child's name inside the hat).

### Dates for your diary

#### June 2018

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week 1.30pm Prospective Parents' tour
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Children's University Graduation ceremony
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June	World Cup Day
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Visit to the Philharmonic
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Dance Club Wally Cain Dance Festival rehearsal, Southport Theatre

Wed 20th June 5.30-6.30pm Ready for Reception Workshop  
 9.15-10.15 and 2.15-3.15 Ready for Reception Workshops  
 7pm Wally Cain Dance Festival at Southport Theatre  
 Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June 2.30-3.15pm New Reception Transition visit to Class 1  
 5.30-6.30pm Ready for Nursery Workshop  
 Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June 2.30-3.15pm New Reception Transition visit to Class 3  
 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June 9.15-10.15 and 2.15-3.15 Ready for Nursery Workshops  
 Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> June Y1 visit to the World Museum  
 2.30-3.15pm New Reception Transition visit to Class 2  
 Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Prospective Parent tour  
 6.30pm FOFIS Family Fun Bingo Night

### **July 2018**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am & 2pm Nursery Stay & Play Sports day  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am & 2pm Nursery Sports Day (if wet Mon)  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July 2pm Rec, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day  
 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am Prospective Parent tour  
 2pm Rec, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (if wet Wed)  
 Tues 17<sup>th</sup> July Transition morning  
 1.30pm Prospective Parent tour  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July Transition morning  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July 9-10 and 2.30-3.30pm Nursery Open Day  
 Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2pm Y2 Leavers' Service  
 Tues 24<sup>th</sup> July 9-10 & 2.30-3.30pm Open Morning/Afternoon  
 End of term for Nursery pupils  
 FOFIS End of Term Discos 4.30-5.30 & 6-7pm  
 Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July End of term school finishes at 1.50pm

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Yours sincerely

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 Headteacher