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Dear Parents,

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School is now in full swing with all of our Nursery children joining us and Reception children now in school full-time. The children have already enjoyed many exciting activities linked to their topics for this half-term, with many more to come! With these super 'Wow!' activities, as you can imagine, the children are motivated and enthusiastic about their learning and looking forward to the rest of their topic this half-term. Curriculum maps outlining all the topics to be covered in each year group this academic year are available on the school's website under each respective year group.



Meet the Teacher

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings last week. We hope you found the meetings informative, particularly the opportunity to find out more about the curriculum your child will be following, year group expectations and new timetables and routines. Just a reminder that we will be holding further workshops this term on specific subjects - please see below for more details.



Parent Workshops

Our Foundation Stage Team will be offering **English/Phonics Workshops** for parents and carers on Thursday 27th September. This will be an opportunity to find out how children are taught 'phonics' in school with tips to reinforce learning at home. If any Y1 & Y2 parents would also like to attend, please just come along either 9.15-10.15am; 2.15-3.15pm or 5.30-6.30pm. The workshops will be followed by an opportunity to come in to school to observe an actual lesson in Reception classes on Mon 15th, Wed 17th or Thurs 18th Oct all at 9am. Places will be limited owing to space and can be booked at the Phonics Workshop sessions.



We will also be offering **Singapore Maths Workshops** to Y1 and Y2 parents. Y1 workshop is planned for Tues 2nd Oct and the Y2 workshop on Tues 9th Oct both at 5.30-6.30pm. Staff will explain about the Singapore Maths scheme and its methodologies.

We hope you can make some of the workshops and very much look forward to seeing you.



International School Award

On our return to school after the summer break we received the fantastic news that the school has successfully achieved the International School Award for the fifth time. After a year full of international partnership working: Family Art sessions; exchanging Christmas traditions with our Spanish partner school; our Chinese partner school visit; Chinese Family Learning Day, we are thrilled that the international dimension to our practice and provision and the development of global awareness has been recognised through this prestigious award. More exciting activities are planned for 2018-2019 including KS1 children learning Mandarin (a joint project with Merchant Taylors Girls' School). Thank you to all the staff who work so hard to enhance the curriculum through the global dimension and our children and families who always participate so enthusiastically in the opportunities offered.



Healthy School



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

PE & Sport in School

All primary schools in England receive additional Government funding to develop Sport and Games within school according to specific criteria e.g to increase participation in physical activity with all of the associated health benefits as well as supporting teachers' professional development to improve the quality of PE lessons. At Forefield, we are working with Active Soccer to provide lunchtime Sports activities and Premier Sport providing health and well-being sessions for each year group over the academic year. Children in the Nursery will have music and movement sessions with Jumping Jacks during the Spring Term which are always great fun! Participation in the lunchtime clubs gains credits towards graduation from The Children's University - a great way to gain additional credits.

Harvest Festival

School will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 5th October. This year, we would, once again, like to support local families who may be in need through The Crosby Area Foodbank. We would ask our families if they could add an extra non-perishable item or two to their shopping list over the next few weeks which can then be brought into school on Thurs 4th or Fri 5th October. The Foodbank would especially appreciate donations of longlife milk, longlife fruit juice, cereals, sugar; soup, pasta sauces, rice pudding, sponge puddings, custard, tinned fruit, instant noodles, rice, instant mash, pasta, tinned tomatoes and biscuits. Other possible items could include: tinned meat - corned beef, ham, luncheon meat; tinned fish - tuna, sardines, salmon; tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tea bags, coffee, jam. Please check that items are 'in date' before sending into school. After our assembly, harvest donations will be sent to the Foodbank where they will be boxed by volunteers and given to local families in crisis providing three days of emergency food supplies. As always, your support is much appreciated.

Photographs

Once again this year, Tempest photographers will be coming into school to take individual photographs of the children on Friday 12th October. On this day, we will also be holding our evening session from 5 - 6.30p.m. for family photographs in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to have a professional photograph taken of all your family members, mum, dad, children, grandparents etc. these beautiful portraits would make a fantastic Christmas gift! Just bring the family along on the night.

Lunchtime

Could I respectfully request that parents and grandparents refrain from stopping at the Trevor Drive playground to speak to children through the railings. For Reception children this can be really unsettling and can cause other children distress as they wonder why their Mum or Dad isn't there too. If you need to convey a message, please go to the school office where Ms Edwards and Mrs Gregory will be only too happy to help.

Reception & Nursery Intake September 2019

We will be holding a number of school tours during the Autumn Term for any parent or carer interested in finding out more about Forefield (either Nursery and/or Reception) for their child. If you know of anyone who may be considering Forefield for their child, please do encourage them to contact the school office and book a visit to see school 'in action'. We have tried to offer a range of days and times to fit in with families' needs. Just a reminder — all applications for Reception places in September 2019 must be

submitted on line to www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions by 15th January 2019 which is the final closing date.

Nursery intake - For admission to the Nursery in September 2019, applications must be submitted by noon on Friday 8th February 2019 and parents will be notified of places by Friday 22nd March 2019. 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.

Dates for your diary

September

Tues 18 th Sept	9.15am Prospective Parent tour
Wed 19 th Sept	All Nursery children to start
Tues 25 th Sept	9am School Council Presentation Assembly
Thurs 27 th Sept	9.15-10.15am; 2.15-3.15pm and 5.30-6.30pm Phonics Workshops for parents
Fri 28 th Sept	9.15am Prospective Parent tour

October

Mon 1 st Oct	1.30pm school tour for prospective parents
Tues 2 nd Oct	5.30-6.30 Y1 Singapore Maths Parent Workshop
Fri 5 th Oct	Harvest Festival - Foodbank donations welcomed
Tues 9 th Oct	5.30-6.30 Y2 Singapore Maths Parent Workshop
Fri 12 th Oct	School Photographs 5.30-7pm Family Photographs
Mon 15 th Oct	9-9.45am Reception Stay & Learn Phonics Lesson
Wed 17 th Oct	9-9.45am Reception Stay & Learn Phonics Lesson
Thurs 18 th Oct	9-9.45am Reception Stay & Learn Phonics Lesson
Fri 19 th Oct	Reception Friendship Party Day 9.15am school tour for prospective parents

HALF TERM MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER - FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER

November

Thurs 1 st Nov	1.30pm Prospective Parent tour
Mon 5 th Nov	1.30pm Prospective Parent tour
Fri 9 th Nov	KS1 visit to All Saints with St Frideswyde Church - Remembrance End of WW1 Centenary
Mon 12 th Nov	3.40-6pm Parents' Evening
Tues 13 th Nov	9.15am Prospective Parent Tour
Thurs 15 th Nov	5-8pm Parents' Evening
Tues 20 th Nov	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Fri 23 rd Nov	9.15am Prospective Parent tour

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 5th October 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E. Haney
Headteacher

