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Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

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Newsletter No. 5

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed the half-term break. This next half-term leading up to Christmas, is always an extremely busy but very exciting time in school with plenty to look forward to.

Curriculum

New topics are well underway in each year group. Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed 'Spooky Day' on their return after the holiday engaging in lots of very exciting creepy activities! Reception launched their new 'We are Globetrotters' topic this week travelling to lots of exciting destinations without even leaving school! Y1 classes launched their new topic 'We are Scientists' with an exciting day of investigations last week. They will be further exploring a number of scientific concepts over the coming weeks. Y2, meanwhile, will be travelling through time this half-term and have already found about Florence Nightingale and the difference that she made to nursing during the Crimean War. Their time travels will also be taking them further back in time to 1666 and The Great Fire of London which will be brought to life a week on Tuesday through a fabulous drama experience. Further details about this half-term's topic for each year group are available on the school's website, please take a look to find out more.

Handwriting & Colouring Competition

This year we continue to focus on improving letter formation and handwriting, eventually introducing cursive handwriting in Y2. To this end, we held a handwriting competition for Rec, Y1 & Y2 children at the end of last half-term. All the children had tried very hard to form their letters appropriately; remember which letters are tall letters and which letters have tails going below the line; write on the line; remember spaces between words; remember when to use a capital letter and when the letter should be a lower case letter. There was so much to remember and they all did a great job which made judging very tricky! Congratulations to the two winners selected in each class who received a special prize in assembly this week. We will be holding a Christmas themed competition towards the end of term so any practising of colouring or handwriting (ensuring correct letter formation, orientation and positioning on, above or below the line) at home will definitely help! Well done to everyone!

Reading Challenge Presentation Assembly

Congratulations to all those children who received certificates presented from Sefton Schools' Library Service for completing their Reading Challenge over the summer holidays. It was lovely to see so many children obviously enjoying reading and learning so much at the same time - well done to you all!

Parents' Consultation Meetings

Parents' Consultation Meetings will take place next week on Monday 12th November (3.40pm - 6pm) and Thursday 15th November (5 -8pm). This will be an opportunity for you to meet your

child's class teacher, discuss how your son or daughter has settled into his or her new class, the progress that is being made and targets that your child will be working to achieve over the academic year. If you aren't able to make either date, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

On Monday afternoon and Thursday evening, we will have lost property on display for you to check for those stray cardigans, jumpers etc. Please do take a look for any lost items.

Parent Governor Elections

We will be holding elections for two, new Parent Governors in December. If you are interested in standing for election and would like to find out more about being a school governor, some of the Governors will be available at the upcoming Parents' Meetings, next week. Call into the ICT suite for a cup of coffee and a chat. Governors will be available to answer any questions or provide information about their role within school. If you think you may be interested, please drop in, either before or after your appointment with your child's class teacher.

Children in Need

Next Friday, the 16th November, is 'Children in Need' Day. We are very keen to support this worthy cause and invite the children to come to school wearing a spotty item of clothing or accessory with their uniform in return for a small donation.

'Fortnite' video game

Parents may be familiar with the popular, on-line shooter game, Fortnite. We are certainly seeing and hearing about this game in school, especially on the playground at playtimes and lunchtimes with children 'acting out' their versions of this game which has resulted in upset and injuries. The game is aimed at an audience of 12+ owing to its content. In school, we are actively discouraging such play and working to engage children in more traditional playground games which are more age-appropriate. It may be that children are accessing this game themselves or are hearing about it from older siblings. Either way, we feel that it is important that parents are aware of some of the risks associated with children accessing this game and to this end are sending home an information sheet so that parents can see if they are happy for their child to play and if not how to set up parental controls. This information sheet is also available on the school's website. www.common sense media.org is a website which is well worth a visit to give parents real insight into the content of this game and others - we hope you find it useful.

Friends of Forefield Infant School

The lead up to Christmas is always a busy time for FOFIS with a number of events planned for this half-term. If you are able to help out at any of the events (you do need to be DBS cleared - this can be sorted through the school office), please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to school so that FOFIS can contact you as I know your help will be greatly appreciated.

FOFIS' first event for the festive season is our very popular **Family Bingo Evening** on Friday 30th November, tickets available soon. Father Christmas has promised that he will fit time into his busy schedule to call into Forefield on Santa Day on Friday 7th December. The last event of the festive season will be Rockin' Robin Discos for the

children on Tuesday 18th December. Separate letters will be sent home soon with more details including how to purchase tickets. Money raised from these various activities will go towards FOFIS' current project: developing the Quiet Area, on the Trevor Drive Playground - especially equipping the Play Lodge with 'quieter' activities to be used during the lunchtime break.

We very much look forward to seeing you at some of these and other events that will be taking place over the festive season.

Shoe Box Full of Love

After very successful appeals over the last two years, we would like to support the local charity initiative 'Shoe Box Full of Love' this Christmas. This is an initiative in its fifth year and which aims to provide gifts of 'love and kindness' to homeless and vulnerable people of Merseyside who are sometimes overlooked during the festive season. If your family would like to participate, you could fill a shoebox or a gift bag with gifts of 'life's little essentials' for adult males and females, teenagers, children, veterans or homeless dogs.

Boxes should be wrapped but not sealed so that they can be checked for safety -in this respect, gift bags are ideal. The charity organisers ask if boxes or bags could be labelled for suitability (gender, age range) which will ensure gifts are circulated to the appropriate recipients. Below are some suggestions for boxes/bags:

Adult male- card, hat, gloves, scarf, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, shampoo, conditioner, socks, boxers, sweets, chocolate, nail clippers, hand sanitizer, moisturiser

Adult female- card, hat, gloves, scarf, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, shampoo, conditioner, socks, underwear, sweets, chocolate, nail clippers, hand sanitizer, moisturiser, feminine hygiene products, cosmetics.

Teenage male- card, toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, soap, magazine, sweets, chocolate, books, comics, socks, underwear, shampoo, conditioner, school shirts

Teenage female- card, toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, soap, magazine, sweets, chocolate, books, comics, socks, underwear, shampoo, conditioner, cosmetics, feminine hygiene products, school shirts

Children- card, toys, comics, selection pack, hat, gloves, scarf, pyjamas, slippers

Babies- baby shampoo, bath wash, talc, bibs, baby grows, baby toys, gloves, hat, baby blanket

Dogs - Dog food, treats, blankets

Please do not include any medication, alcohol or anything illegal. If your family would like to put together some gifts, please send the labelled box/bag into school week beginning the 26th November after which they will be taken to be sorted, checked and distributed. Further information can be found on their Facebook page

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

November

Mon 12 th Nov	3.45-6pm Parents' Evening
Tues 13 th Nov	9.15am Prospective Parent Tour
Thurs 15 th Nov	5-8pm Parents' Evening
Fri 16 th Nov	Children in Need
Tues 20 th Nov	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Fri 23 rd Nov	9.15am Prospective Parent tour
Mon 26 th Nov	MUFTI Day - chocolate donations
Fri 30 th Nov	6.30pm FOFIS Christmas Bingo

December

Mon 3 rd Dec	1.30pm Prospective Parent tour
Tues 4 th Dec	Y2 visit to Unity Theatre
Fri 7 th Dec	Santa Day
Tues 11 th Dec	2pm Rec Christmas Production
Wed 12 th Dec	2pm Y1 Christmas Production
Thurs 13 th Dec	2pm Y2 Christmas Production
Fri 14 th Dec	11am & 2.45pm Nursery Christmas Concerts
Tues 18 th Dec	FOFIS Christmas Discos
Wed 19 th Dec	Coverdale Puppet Shows Christmas Party Day with Mr Trix
Thurs 20 th Dec	Last day for Nursery
Fri 21 st Dec	1.50pm end of term

Mon 24th Dec to Tues 8th Jan - Christmas holiday

January 2018

Mon 7 th Jan	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Tues 8 th Jan	Children return to school

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 23rd November 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E. Haney
Headteacher

FOFIS Helpers

I am able to offer the following help:

- Making prize hampers for the Bingo Night (Mon 26th Nov am/pm)
- Helping out at Family Bingo Night (Fri 30th Nov 6.30pm) e.g serving refreshments or selling tickets
- supervising the children at the Rockin' Robin Discos Tues 18th Dec 4.30-5.30
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Or any other offer of help _____

Name _____ Child's Name _____

Class _____

Contact tel. no. _____

Thank you so much - we will be in touch!

TEAM FOFIS