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Dear Parents,



The weeks leading up to Christmas are a very special time in school and preparations for festive events are now well under way. I am sure that you are looking forward to attending your child's Christmas production in the coming weeks and I very much look forward to seeing children and families at the various Christmas activities that are planned between now and the end of term - see below for more information.



Parents' Consultation Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend our parents' meetings last week. I hope you found the meetings a useful opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into his or her new class; the progress he or she is making and targets for the next half-term. If you weren't able to make an appointment last week, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.



Children in Need

Thank you for your generous support on Children in Need day, last Friday. There were lots of spots and dots on every possible item of clothing from socks to scarves and from headbands to jumpers. Our Nursery children also joined in the fun dressing up in spots and holding a Cake Sale which in itself raised a fantastic £130.41. In total we raised £423.41 - well done everyone!



Friends of Forefield Infant School

FOFIS Committee members are now busy planning forthcoming Christmas events starting next week with our very popular **Family Bingo Evening**. So popular, tickets sold out within a day! We will be holding a Mufti-day in school on Monday when children may wear their own clothes to school in return for a donation of chocolate which will be made into hamper prizes for Friday's Bingo night - I am hoping Mrs Evans pulls my numbers out of the bag!!!!

Father Christmas has promised that he will fit time into his busy schedule to call into Forefield on **Santa Day** on Friday 7th December. For families new to Forefield, this is a special day when the children may come into school in their own clothes, visit Santa and maybe hand deliver any letters that they may have written to the great man himself! 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 over coming weeks with more details including how to purchase tickets. Money raised from these various activities will go towards FOFIS' current project: funding the new projector and sound system that we have had installed in the school hall and which we hope will really enhance forthcoming, year group Christmas productions this year.

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



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

Christmas Productions

I am sure you are very much looking forward to watching your child in their year group Christmas Production. As I am sure you will appreciate, capacity is limited for health and safety reasons. Two tickets per child will be distributed shortly. Please ensure that you bring your ticket with you to present on entry. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate younger siblings in the audience to ensure that all the children who are working so hard to learn lines and songs are not distracted. We do offer a limited number of places for under 5s at a Crèche run by teaching assistants and parent volunteers who are all DBS checked, this ensures that we can provide quality care, and remain within appropriate adult to child ratios.

Letters to book a place at the crèche will be distributed shortly and should be returned to Miss Dawes who will confirm the allocation of a place. As I am sure you will understand, staff will be unable to provide care on the day of the performance if a place has not been pre-booked.

Shoe Box/Gift Bags Full of Love

Thank you to those families who have already sent in shoeboxes and bags filled with lovely gifts which I know will be very much appreciated by grateful recipients. If you would also like to support the local charity initiative 'Shoe Box Full of Love', please send in a shoebox or a gift bag with gifts of 'life's little essentials' for adult males and females, teenagers, children, veterans or homeless dogs by next **Wednesday 28th November**.

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. Suggestions for boxes or bags can be found on previous newsletters or by following the link to the charity's Facebook page. Please do not include any medication, alcohol or anything illegal.

Safety on the Playground

As playgrounds become busy first thing in the morning, please could parents and carers ensure that bikes and scooters are dismantled and footballs are put away as accidents are occurring. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Just to inform parents that owing to a person taking a short-cut across the school field at lunchtime yesterday, the children were brought inside for the last part of the lunchtime break. This was a precautionary measure and enabled school to test out procedures at this time of the school day which worked extremely well.

We are pleased to report that in addition to securing a significant sum of money to build and refurbish toilets in school, we have secured a further £50,000 of funding in order to replace railings around the perimeter of the field which will be higher than the existing railings and which should prevent a repeat occurrence. All of this work is due to commence early in the new year.

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 26th Nov MUFTI Day - chocolate donations
Fri 30th Nov 6.30pm FOFIS Christmas Bingo

December

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

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

January 2018

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

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 7th December 2018.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher