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'Learning & Growing Together'



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Dear Parents,

Newsletter No. 2



School is now in full swing with all of our Nursery children joining us and Reception children now in school full-time. Along with all of the other children our new Forefield friends are all settling in really well. The children are motivated, enthusiastic and engaged in their learning activities and looking forward to the rest of their topic this half-term. Updated Curriculum Maps outlining all the topics to be covered in each year group this academic year will be available on the school's website under each respective year groups very shortly.



Meet the Teacher

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our Y1 & Y2 virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. 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

During the Autumn Term, we will be offering opportunities for parents to find out more about specific teaching methods and approaches. Our **Reception** Team will be offering on-line **Phonics Workshops** on Tuesday 13th October and the session will be repeated on Thursday 22nd October. This will be an opportunity to find out how children are taught 'phonics' in school with tips to reinforce learning at home. A **Phonics Workshop** will also be offered to **Y1 & Y2** parents after the half-term break. **Mrs Evans and the Nursery Team** will be leading a **'Top-tip's for Nursery' Workshop** over the coming weeks followed by a **Language & Communication Workshop** led by **Mrs Evans and Speech & Language Therapist, Tara Kenyon**. Further details and invitations to join workshops will be sent via the school app.



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



Harvest Festival

School will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 16th October. This year, we would, once again, like to support local families who, more than ever given the tricky circumstances that we are facing, may be in need of support 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 Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October. Your kind gifts can be left for a few days and then displayed in the hall ready for our Harvest celebration on the Friday.

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



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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 Monday 12th October. Unfortunately, it won't be possible to hold our family session in the evening as we would normally do owing to the COVID19 situation.

Drop-off & Collection

A really big thank you to you all for all your support in ensuring our staggered arrangements and on-way systems at drop-off and collection times are operating smoothly.

Thank you to everyone too for your support in protecting yourself and one another by wearing a face covering on the playground. As our area is currently deemed to be a high risk area this has never been more important and I would appreciate everyone's co-operation in complying with the request to wear a face covering unless exempt from doing so.

In support of social distancing, please ensure that anyone collecting or dropping-off children stands on the marked spots on the playground and that all children remain with their grown-up at all times. Thank you.

Communication with Class Teachers

As class teachers are unable to speak to parents and carers on the playground at drop-off or collection, if you do need to convey an important message to the class teacher, please either telephone the school office or email the admin email address - details at the top of the newsletter. Office Staff will ensure that class teachers receive the message as promptly as possible.

If your message is not urgent then please use the class selfie email addresses on Year Group newsletters. Class teachers will respond to any messages as quickly as they can given that they are teaching all day and have a reduced lunchtime owing to the staggered arrangements in place during the school day. Your understanding is much appreciated.

Parking

At the start of the new academic year, could I respectfully ask parents when dropping off/collecting children to park safely and with courtesy for our neighbours and other road users. Local residents along with a number of parents, regularly express their concern over double parking, a hazard to other road users and also to pedestrians (especially little ones!); parking on both double yellow lines and zig-zags; obstruction of driveways (**actually parking on driveways!!**) and parking on pavements - particularly around the Moor Park entrance on Trevor Drive. A reminder too that the carpark for residents of Brownmoor Close is a private carpark and is not for the use of parents and carers when dropping off or collecting children. I do appreciate that it is the blatant disregard of a small minority of parents and I have advised local residents especially to contact the police with registration numbers should problems continue. Many thanks to the vast majority of our parents and carers your co-operation and support in ensuring the safety of all our children and families and respect for our neighbours.

Reception & Nursery Intake September 2021

During the Autumn Term we would normally be holding regular tours of school for any parent or carer interested in finding out more about Forefield (either Nursery and/or Reception) for their child. At the current time, unfortunately we are unable to offer this. We will keep this under review and hope that we may possibly be able to offer some tours after school hours later in the term. In the meantime, if you do know of anyone considering Forefield for their child, please do encourage them to take a look at our website, the curriculum and year group pages to get a feel for what school has to offer. Just a reminder — all applications for Reception places in September 2021 must be submitted on line to www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions by 15th January 2021 which is the final closing date.

Nursery intake - For admission to the Nursery in September 2021, applications must be submitted by noon on Friday 5th February 2021 and parents will be notified of places by Friday 19th March 2021. 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

October

Mon 12 th Oct	School Photographs
Tues 13 th Oct	Reception Parents' Virtual Phonics Workshop
Fri 16 th Oct	Harvest Festival - Foodbank donations welcomed
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Reception Parents' Virtual Phonics Workshop

HALF TERM MONDAY 26th OCTOBER - FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 9th October 2020.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher