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Dear Parents,

Newsletter No. 3

Some lovely news to share with everyone today.... Many congratulations to Mr & Mrs Gilroy on the birth of baby Harry who arrived safely this morning. Mum, Dad and big brother George are all thrilled to welcome their new addition. We send our love and best wishes to them all.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to all those parents and carers who were able to attend one of the **Nursery Workshops** this week. We hope you found Mrs Evans' top tips for supporting your child to get the most out of their year in Nursery, useful.

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 which is the approach used to teach the children to read and to write. Staff will explain the terminology that we use and share with you tips to help you to reinforce the children's learning at home.

Invitations to attend one of these workshops will be sent out via the school's app.

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 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. I know that some parents will be disappointed that we are unable to offer this, however, having spoken to the photographer we are hoping that we may be able to do a family session in the Spring Term.

As Monday is PE day for Y1 classes, please send the children in to school in shorts/jogging bottoms with normal school uniform on top. As the photographs capture the children from the waist up, you should have the normal lovely school photograph and the children should also be comfortable during PE.

Parents' Consultation Meetings

Parents' Consultation Meetings will take place on Monday 9th November (4pm - 7pm), Tuesday 10th November (Nursery only) and Thursday 12th November (4 -7pm). Owing to the current situation, we are planning to hold these meetings virtually via Microsoft Teams. Nearer the time, we will be opening up our electronic booking system for parents to book a 10 minute appointment with their child's class teacher. 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. We will send more details after the half-term break.

Personal, Social & Health Education & Relationships, Sex & Health Education

Further to the parental consultation conducted during the Summer Term, Mrs Gilroy, and our staff team have reviewed and developed our PSHE & RSHE curricula and associated policies. Mrs Gilroy has also worked closely with Mr Croot, PSHE Lead in Forefield Junior School to ensure that the both the PSHE and RSHE curricula are progressive from Early Years through to the end of KS2. Infant School curriculum maps and policies are all available on the school's website on the curriculum and year group tabs for parents to refer to. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself whilst Mrs Gilroy is on maternity leave.

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 if national guidelines and local restrictions allow. 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 22nd Oct Reception Parents' Virtual Phonics Workshop

HALF TERM MONDAY 26th OCTOBER - FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER

November

Mon 9th Nov Virtual Parents' Consultation Meetings 4-7pm

Tues 10th Nov Nursery Virtual Parent Meetings

Thurs 12th Nov Virtual Parents' Consultation Meetings 4-7pm

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 23rd October 2020.

Thank you everyone for your continued support during these tricky times. We really do appreciate it.

Yours sincerely

E. Haney

Mrs E. Haney
Headteacher