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'Learning and Growing Together'



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Dear Parents,

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Christmas is definitely 'in the air' in school this week with classes practising for their parts in our whole school Christmas Celebration. Nursery children will have plenty of time to rehearse their part when they return next Thursday 3rd December. We have fingers and toes crossed that everyone stays safe and well for our filming week next week, after which we will be compiling the performance onto DVD which will be available for parents to request via the app. We don't want to exclude any family from having a copy of the DVD and are just requesting a suggested voluntary donation to cover our costs. DVDs will be sent home on Wednesday 16th December. We hope families will make this a special evening to sit down together and watch the performance.



Friends of Forefield Infant School

FOFIS will be organising **Santa Day/Christmas Party Day** on Friday 11th December. This is the day that Father Christmas has promised to put into his diary to say 'hello' to the children from the North Pole. As it is also Party Day, the children can come into school in a Christmas jumper. Owing to the current situation, we won't be asking for party food to come in from home, instead we have asked our catering team to put on a 'Christmas Party' at lunch time.



Just a reminder that orders/payment for packs of Christmas cards designed by the children need to be received by Monday 30th November.



Icy Weather Plan

Owing to the current change to drop-off and collection arrangements, we have had to revise our icy weather arrangements. As you will appreciate, our school is a large site with a number of entrances/exits which, since September, we have had to increase to implement one-way systems for everyone's safety. Mr Whitford, our Site Supervisor would have to work through the night to grit all the entrances, exits and playgrounds for everyone's safe arrival in the morning and that is if we have prior warning of adverse weather conditions.



Should the weather be icy, the following revisions to drop-off arrangements will be made:

Nursery - entry will be via the Nursery Playground gate off Sefton View only. Children are to be handed over to a member of staff at the Nursery gate.

Reception - to be handed over to staff at the gate to the Reception Playground, parents and carers entering and leaving using the existing one-way system.

Y1 & Y2 - are to be handed over at the Y1 or Y2 gates

8.40am - Class 4 - Y1 gate and Class 5 - Y2 gate. Children should then line up by entry doors where class teachers will be waiting to escort children into the building.

8.50am - Class 6 - Y1 gate and Class 7 - Y2 gate.

9am - Class 8 - Y1 gate and Class 9 - Y2 gate.

To prevent congestion on the pavements, it is imperative that families stick to class drop-off times, arriving and departing promptly once children have been handed over at the gates.



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

We anticipate that collection arrangements can remain the same as they are currently as we will have time to grit playgrounds and for ice to have melted.

We will notify parents via the app if we need to implement the revised icy weather drop-off arrangements. To ensure that you receive any messages sent out, parents may want to add additional contacts to our school app eg grandparents if they are involved in drop-off and collection. To do this, the main user should go on to the app and select the 'More' tab and select 'addition contacts'. Here you can add up to three additional contacts.

As ever, we will monitor the arrangements to ensure they work as well in practice as they appear to do on paper and make any adjustments to ensure that we can keep everyone as safe as we can. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

End of Term Collection Arrangements

The last day of term for Nursery children is Thursday 17th December. Collection is at normal staggered collection times.

Reception, Y1 & Y2 classes all finish on Friday 18th December after lunch. Collection times will be as follows:

Class 1 - 1.30pm

Class 2 - 1.40pm

Class 3 - 1.50pm

Class 4 & 5 - 1.30pm

Classes 6 & 7 - 1.40pm

Classes 8 & 9 - 1.50pm

Reception & Nursery Intake September 2021

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.

Community Information

From School Nurses...

School Health is aware that the last eight months have been difficult for us all and particularly our children and young people. We have noted a significant rise in contact from parents regarding the emotional health and well-being of their children so we have put together the following list of websites you may find useful:

Health for Kids <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/>

Childline (For parents/carers see NSPCC website) <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Young Minds www.youngminds.org.uk/

Kooth (online counselling for 11-19 year olds) www.kooth.com

CAMHS Crisis Line - open 24 hours a day 7 days a week, parents or young people can phone for advice Tel - 0151 293 3577

If you wish to speak to a member of the school health team please contact them on

Tel 0151 247 6354 or alternatively by email nwbh.princestreet0-19@nhs.net

All Saints with St.Frideswyde Church....

Christingle online All Saints with St Frideswyde are doing a livestream Christingle- with Christmas Carols and the nativity story. Please pick up your Christingle making packs from church and enjoy this traditional start to Christmas on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm in the comfort of your own home. We are expecting some special guests along too.

<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStFrideswydeThorntonAndCrosby/>

Dates for your Diary

December

Thurs 3 rd Dec	Nursery Re-opens
Thurs 10 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 11 th Dec	Santa Day & Christmas Party day (wear a Christmas Jumper)
Wed 16 th Dec	Forefield Christmas Film Premiere
Thurs 17 th Dec	Term ends for Nursery children (normal time)
Fri 18 th Dec	End of Term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 21st DECEMBER - FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2021

January

Mon 4 th Jan	INSET Day - school closed for pupils
Tues 5 th Jan	Return to school

Our last newsletter for this term will be available on Friday 11th December 2020.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher