



# Forefield Community Infant and Nursery School

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'Learning and Growing Together'



11th December 2020

## NEWSLETTER No 7

Dear Parents



What a busy few weeks we've had in school, filming for our whole school Christmas Production (which will be a real treat next Wednesday!); producing and sending our Christmas cards; writing letters to Santa AND receiving a reply courtesy of Elf Mail then finally meeting up with Father Christmas himself, live from his workshop at the North Pole! I think we'll all be ready for a good rest when the Christmas holiday arrives next week!



### Christmas Celebration!

Filming of our whole school Christmas production has now finished. A massive 'thank you' to all the children and the staff who have worked extremely hard learning lines, practising songs and dances (with safety measures in place) to bring a Christmas production to all of our families at the end of term. An extra-big 'thank you' to Mrs Roberts who has co-ordinated and filmed the production and is now doing all the 'behind the scenes' work to compile the DVDs to send out to any family that would like one. A request for a copy can be made via the school's app. We are asking for a suggested voluntary donation of £3 to cover costs. DVDs will be sent home on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December when we hope all of our families will sit down in front of the TV/laptop with the popcorn and enjoy Forefield's Celebration of Christmas Around the World 2020.



### F.O.F.I.S Christmas Events

Our wonderful team of F.O.F.I.S. volunteers has been extremely busy over the last few weeks organising various activities for the children. As always, Santa Day was a big hit with Father Christmas fitting us into his busy schedule and paying us virtual visits throughout the day today. He even sent Mickey Mouse in to school to deliver some early gifts as he has heard how good all the children at Forefield have been. A party lunch and games rounded off a very special day in school.



A big thank you to everyone who has helped with the Christmas card production and Santa letters. Thank you also for supporting the events and helping us to raise nearly £2000 towards our Forest School development and indoor and outdoor Reading areas. That is an amazing total!



### Coverdale Puppet Theatre

The Coverdale Puppet Theatre is a regular visitor to Forefield at this time of year to perform a re-telling of the Christmas Story in their own inimitable style, full of humour and good fun. Unfortunately, they aren't able to visit in person this year, however, we are lucky that they have filmed a performance which I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy watching. This event has been funded for the children through School Fund.



### End of Term Collection Arrangements

There will be no change to our previously publicised end of term dates. The last day of term for Nursery children is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Collection will be at normal, staggered collection times.



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

Reception, Y1 & Y2 classes all finish on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions) by **15<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and parents will be notified of places by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

For families who aren't familiar with Forefield, we will be hosting a virtual parent tour at 6pm on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021. If you know any families who are interested in finding out more about Forefield Nursery or joining us in Reception in September 2021. Please encourage them to contact the school office to book on to the virtual tour.

### **School Contact Over the Christmas Holiday Period**

The Government has released information to schools regarding track and trace expectations over the Christmas holidays. Public Health England has agreed a 6 day window after the final day of teaching in which schools are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing. This will allow enough time for positive Covid 19 cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in an education setting to be traced. Beyond the 6 days, school staff will not be asked to play a role in any contact tracing.

The Department for Education has given schools a choice to move an INSET day to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December which would mean school leaders would be on duty until 23<sup>rd</sup> December. However, as this would be very short notice for parents, school has decided to remain open on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and will therefore be completing the track and trace procedure up to and including Christmas Eve.

For the first 6 days after school closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, if a pupil tests positive for Covid 19, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, you should email school on [admin@forefieldinfant.sefton.school](mailto:admin@forefieldinfant.sefton.school). This email will be checked once a day. Should any children be identified as needing to self-isolate, you will receive a **message from school via the app with the self-isolation dates.**

Where a pupil tests positive for Covid 19, **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours** after being in school, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instruction provided by NHS Test and Trace. **Please advise school via email (address above) before 9am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January if your child is required to self-isolate or is or has been unwell.**

Hopefully none of these procedures will need to be used ... but just in case!

## 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/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/)

Kooth (online counselling for 11-19 year olds) [www.kooth.com](http://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](mailto: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 20

Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Forefield Christmas Production Premiere
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term ends for Nursery children (normal time)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term (see above for arrangements)

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

### January 21

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day - school closed for pupils
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to school
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6pm Virtual tour for prospective parents new to Forefield
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Closing date for Reception applications for Sept 2021</b>

### February

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Closing Date for Nursery applications for Sept 2021</b>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	finish for half-term break at normal time

<b>15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half-term break</b>
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Mon 22nd Feb

Return to school

**This is our last newsletter of 2020. Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. I hope all our families have an enjoyable, albeit a very different festive season and I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year - let's hope 2021 is memorable for all the right reasons.**

Every good wish to you and your family

*E. Haney*

Mrs Elaine Haney  
Headteacher