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Dear Parents,



I hope all of our families enjoyed the spring break, especially the lovely warm weather that we were lucky enough to have. Now that school is back in full swing, we have a very busy term ahead of us.



Parents' Evenings

We will be holding parents' meetings to review children's progress and how they have settled back in to school, celebrate achievements and discuss next steps for learning on Monday 26th and Thursday 29th April. Nursery parents will also be able to book appointments on Tuesday 27th April.

Appointments can be booked using the on-line booking system on the school app. If you experience any difficulties with booking, please contact Miss Edwards or Mrs Gregory in the school office and they will be only too happy to help.

Meetings with class teachers will be virtual via Microsoft Teams (Reception, Y1 & Y2) and via Zoom for Nursery parents. Prior to meetings, parents will receive a copy of targets for the coming term and some samples of work which teachers will refer to.



Memorial Garden



A big thank you to the family of former Forefield pupil Halle O'Brien for the lovely make-over of our memorial garden located just by the Reception entrance to school on Forefield Lane. Sadly, Halle contracted Meningitis two years ago whilst at University and unfortunately was unable to recover from the infection. Halle's family have set up a charity in her memory and family and friends have recently added some really lovely touches to our garden where we remember former pupils and colleagues who are sadly no longer with us. Please do have a look at the lovely painted animals and bunting decorating the railings; the mini-beast hotel which has some really lovely messages carved into it with special touches which enable us to remember the special person that Halle was; the rainbow heart; bird feeders and new plants which all really brighten this special area in the school grounds and amazingly are nearly all created using recycled and repurposed materials. We extend our many thanks to Halle's family for really adding so much positivity to this special area of school.



Michael's Day

On Friday 7th May we will be holding a Mufti Day to honour and commemorate the life of Forefield pupil, Michael Neophytou who would have been celebrating his 21st birthday on this day. Sadly, Michael died as a result of a tragic accident whilst playing in his own garden in October 2007. On this special day every year, we hold an assembly and ask the children to bring a donation into school in return for wearing their own clothes. This year, after discussion with Michael's family who are still very much part of the Forefield family, we would really like the children to come in to school wearing something yellow if they can as Michael was a big fan of SpongeBob Square Pants.

The money raised through your kind donations will be split between school (used to



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purchase new books for our 'Outdoor Library' project) and Alder Hey Children's Hospital. In 2019, the money raised enabled us to purchase tools and equipment for our Forest School development which so many of our children have thoroughly enjoyed using. Please help us to remember Michael by supporting this special day.

Summer Uniform

Now we have returned to school after the spring break and the weather is getting warmer, children can wear the summer uniform should they so wish. Royal blue or white polo shirts may be worn with shorts or a skirt or pinafore. Alternatively, blue checked dress summer dresses may be worn with a royal blue cardigan. (**Nursery children** - please see the Nursery Newsletter for summer uniform). On PE days (please see Year Group Newsletters for specific days) children should continue to come to school in their PE kits. To maintain our high standards, all uniform should be worn with sensible black shoes or sandals, not training shoes. Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name so that items that wander can be returned to their rightful owner! Thank you for your support in this matter.

Again, to maintain our high standards and in-line with our Uniform Policy, please could we ask for parental support in keeping tattoos, nail varnish and other fashion accessories including hair accessories for weekends. Our Uniform Policy is readily available on the school's website should you wish to refer to it. Thank you for your support.

Admissions

Parents of **children due to start in Reception in September 2021** should all now have received offers of school places. For those children due to start at Forefield in September we will be in touch shortly with regard to transition arrangements over the coming term to ensure a smooth start come the Autumn Term.

For children due to start Nursery in September 2021, parents should already have received letters of welcome and details of places offered. Again, we will be in touch with all the details of arrangements that will be in place to ensure that smooth start to Nursery for your little one.

Further details will be sent to parents via the school app which we use as our main means of communication with parents and carers. For families new to Forefield, you will be sent a link to enable you to download the app and I would encourage you to do this as soon as possible to ensure that you don't miss any important letters or forms. If you experience any problems with the app, please contact the school office and Miss Edwards will be only too happy to help.

We will still be accepting applications for Nursery for next academic year as long as places remain available. If you would like an application form or to arrange a virtual tour of Nursery/school, once again, please contact Miss Edwards.

Home-testing for Families of school-aged children

Parents can now access home testing kits for adults and or children in households with school-aged children should they wish to make use of these. They can be ordered online or collected at testing stations. Further information and guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Supply Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We are currently seeking to recruit:

Supply Lunchtime Supervisors who may be available at short notice for occasional work providing welfare support during the lunchtime period. Our Lunchtime Supervisors work as a team, securing the safety, welfare and good conduct of children during the mid-day break.

Main duties include: supervision of pupils in the dining room; supervision of pupils in playground areas; administering basic First Aid, comforting and cleaning children as necessary; ancillary associated duties eg. cleaning up spillages, ensuring clean tables; promotion of good pupil behaviour dealing with conflicts and incidents promptly in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Lunchtimes are currently staggered between 11.45am and 1.15pm, in-line with the school's COVID-19 risk assessments and associated operational plan. There may be variations in the times required between 1 and 1 1/2 hours over the lunchtime period. The current rate of pay is £9.50 per hour.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, please call in at the School Office where Mrs Gregory or Miss Edwards will be able to provide more information, job descriptions and application forms.

Due to the nature of work the above post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and relevant care/safeguarding legislation and appointment will only be confirmed if a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure is obtained from the Disclosure & Barring Service.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 27th April 2021

Dates for Your Diary

April 2021

Mon 26 th April	4-7pm Virtual Parent Consultation meetings
Tues 27 th April	Nursery Parent Consultation meetings
Thurs 29 th April	4-7pm Virtual Parent Consultation meetings

May 2021

Mon 3 rd May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Fri 7 th May	Michael Day - Mufti Day
Thurs 13 th May	6pm Virtual Parent tour

31st May to 7th June Half-term break

June 2021

Tues 8 th June	School Closed - INSET Day
Wed 9 th June	9.30am, 2pm, 6pm New to Nursery Parents' Meeting
Thurs 10 th June	9.30am, 2pm, 6pm New to Reception Parents' Meeting
Tues 15 th June	6pm Virtual Parent tour

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 7th May 2021.

Yours sincerely

E. Haney
Headteacher