



## Forefield Community Infant and Nursery School

Forefield Lane, Crosby

Liverpool. L23 9SL

Tel: 0151 924 6235 Fax: 0151 932 1759

Website address: [www.forefieldinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.forefieldinfantschool.co.uk)

email: [admin@forefieldinfant.sefton.school](mailto:admin@forefieldinfant.sefton.school)

Headteacher: Mrs E. Haney

**'Learning & Growing Together'**



24th September 2021

Dear Parents,

### Newsletter No. 2



School is in full swing with all of our Nursery children having joined 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 which is lovely to see. The children are motivated, enthusiastic and engaged in their learning activities and looking forward to the rest of their learning this half-term. Updated Curriculum Maps outlining all the topics to be covered in each subject or area of learning, for each year group this academic year are available on the school's website under each respective year group.



Although we had hoped that remote learning would become a thing of the past, the first few weeks of term have shown us that at the moment, this is unfortunately not the case. Should your child be unable to attend school and is well enough, weekly plans and activities are available on the 'Remote Learning' tab for each year group. Plans are updated weekly, first thing on a Monday morning. Work can be returned via your child's Teams account (these are being set up for new Reception children - details to follow) or via the class selfie email address.



### Meet the Teacher

Just a reminder that Y1 and Y2 teachers have recorded 'Meet the Teacher' sessions which are available to view through your child's Teams account. The videos provide useful information for parents with regard to the curriculum your child will be following, year group expectations and new timetables and routines. Should you have any queries after viewing the videos, please contact your child's class teacher using the class selfie email address. We hope that providing the information in this way, it makes it more accessible to more parents and at your convenience. Should you need the log in details for your child's account, please contact the school office staff who will be only too happy to provide the information for you.



### Parent Workshops

During the Autumn Term, we will be recording other videos for parents to find out more about specific teaching methods and approaches. Our **Reception Team** are compiling an information video to give parents an understanding of **systematic synthetic phonics** as an approach to teaching the children to read and how we use our Phonics Bug and Bug Club Reading scheme to facilitate this. Staff will also provide some 'top tips' to enable parents and carers to reinforce learning at home.



**Mrs Evans and the Nursery Team** will be recording 'Top-tip's for Nursery' Workshop and over the coming weeks, this will be followed by a **Language & Communication Workshop** led by **Mrs Evans and Speech & Language Therapist, Tara Kenyon.**

Later this term, Mr Hall, our Maths Subject Lead and class teachers will also be providing **Maths information videos** too.

We will let you know as soon as the content is available to view.

### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating **Harvest Festival on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.** This year, we would, once again, like to support local families who, more than ever given the challenging circumstances of the last 18 months, may be in need of support through **The Crosby Area Foodbank.** We would



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

ask our families if they could add an extra non-perishable item or two to their shopping lists over the next few weeks which can then be **brought into school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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, squash, instant noodles, rice, instant mash, instant pasta and sauce. Other possible items could include: tinned meat - corned beef, ham, luncheon meat; tinned fish, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, cereals, sugar; soup, pasta, pasta sauces, rice pudding, sponge puddings, custard, tea bags, coffee, jam and toiletries (deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, handsanitiser, wipes, face masks), baby supplies (nappies, baby food, baby wipes), household items (washing up liquid, washing liquid or powder). Please check that any food 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.

Alternatively, families may like to fill a 'goody bag' of treats for some of the elderly members of our local community in local care/nursing homes. We would suggest a gift bag for either a lady or gentleman might include a packet of biscuits, a box of chocolates or packet of sweets, some tissues or handkerchiefs, socks, handcream, magazine, nice soap.

As always, your support is much appreciated.

### **Photographs**

Tempest photographers will be coming into school to take individual photographs of the children on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This year, we will also be offering our popular family photograph session between 5 and 6.30pm in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to have a professional photograph taken of all your family members, mum, dad, children etc. These beautiful portraits would make a fantastic Christmas gift! No need to book, just bring the family along on the night. We will ensure appropriate social distancing measures are in place and would ask parents to ensure that children remain with grown ups at all times.

### **Drop-off & Collection**

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

Could I please ask that parents and carers arrive promptly i.e. **not too early** for gate opening time to reduce queues on the pavements surrounding school and especially on Trevor Drive where the pavement is narrow. We would also advise parents to keep children next to them and by the railings when waiting for the gate to open, rather than road side for obvious safety reasons. If parents are using the Trevor Drive pavement as children and parents are waiting for the gate to open, it would make sense to use the opposite pavement on Trevor Drive to avoid adding to any congestion and having to step into the road. **Only one grown up** please to accompany children onto the playgrounds to keep numbers to a minimum and to again minimise congestion.

Y1 grownups, once children have been handed over to the class teacher and are walking into school, please could you make your way out of the playground as quickly as possible so that we can enable Y2 children and grownups to come on to the playground at 8.50am and prevent long queues forming on the pavement. Y2 parents, please don't arrive too early to

drop-off so as to minimise congestion on the Trevor Drive pavement, especially as Y1 parents exit the playground.

Should there be a change in collection arrangements for your child, please do contact the school office either by phone or email to inform us.

### **Communication with Class Teachers**

As class teachers are unable to speak to parents and carers on the playground at drop-off or collection whilst monitoring the safety of the children, 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.

### **Reporting Absence**

**Please telephone the school office** if your child is too unwell to attend school. At the current time especially, we have to provide daily reports on attendance/absence to the DfE so it is important that our admin. staff have all the correct information.

### **Your child should not attend school if they:**

- have **symptoms** (a high temperature; a new continuous cough or a loss or change to sense of taste or smell) of COVID 19.

If your child has any of these symptoms or is generally feeling unwell, I would urge parents to do a 'tickle test' on their children using an LFT test or a more reliable PCR test especially if your child has any of the above symptoms or runny nose, headaches, upset tummy, vomiting, diarrhoea all of which have been reported as symptoms by parents of children in school who have recently tested positive. Testing the children will help to ensure that any infection can be quickly controlled and transmission limited.

We have really appreciated the co-operation, understanding and support of parents (and children!) of Class 7 who have greatly assisted in limiting the onward transmission of the recent outbreak in class and wider school. It is lovely to see the children now starting to return to school fit and well.

### **Free School Meals**

Just a reminder that although all children in the Infants are entitled to a free school meal, parents can still apply for 'free school meals' which children will then be entitled to receive until they leave the Junior School at the end of Y6. This is different to and should not be confused with, the daily free meal that all infant children are entitled to. Applying is really straightforward and Miss Edwards in the school office is more than happy to provide more information or a form to complete if you think that you might be eligible. A successful application means that school secures additional funding which is used to fund extra-curricular activities for your child, trips and visits, snack and Toast Club and additional support and resources.

You can check eligibility by following the following link or please do contact Miss Edwards on 0151 924 6235.

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals.aspx>

### **Parking**

Could I, once again, 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 (one neighbour reported having to wait 15 minutes last week before they could leave their property for an appointment as a driver had parked inconsiderately across their driveway) 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 again 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 2022**

During the Autumn Term we will be holding 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, we are able to offer some after school tours or a virtual tour which does give parents a very good idea of day-to-day life at Forefield. 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 and to contact the school office to book a place on an after school tour or to leave contact details for the virtual tour.

**Just a reminder — all applications for Reception places in September 2022 must be submitted on line to [www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions) by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 which is the final closing date.**

**Nursery intake** - For admission to the Nursery in September 2022, **applications must be submitted by noon on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022** and parents will be notified of places by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. 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.

### **Morrisons Supermarket - 'It's Good to Grow' scheme**

If any of our families shop in Morrisons they currently have a scheme for shoppers to donate 'Grow Tokens' which nominated schools can exchange for gardening equipment. One token is collected for every £10 spent in store or on-line between 6<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> October. To take part, if parents, carers, extended family and friends join My Morrisons today either via the website [www.MyMorrisons.com](http://www.MyMorrisons.com) or by downloading the app, nominate Forefield Community Infant & Nursery school and start collecting - we would be thrilled to receive any vouchers. Many thanks for your support.

### **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 staggered between 11.35am and 1.35pm. 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: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Dates for your diary**

**September**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 3.45/4pm tours for prospective parents

**October**

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.45/4pm tours for prospective parents

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest festival

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Oct School photographs and family photographs 5-6.30pm  
5.15pm prospective parent tour

**HALF TERM MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**November**

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Children in Need day

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 4-7pm Virtual Parents' Meetings

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 4-7pm Virtual Parents' Meetings

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Yours sincerely

*E. Haney*  
Headteacher

