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'We A.S.P.I.R.E to Learn and Grow Together'



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Dear Parents,



I hope all our families enjoyed the half-term break as much as was possible with the weather that we had and have also kept safe and well.

Children's Mental Health Week - Dress to Express

What an end to last half-term! It was super to see everyone, both children and staff, participating in our special 'Dress to Express' day which was an opportunity for self-expression and to celebrate a diverse range of emotions. The aim was to provide a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community. Further to your very kind donations, we were able to send £247.42 to 'Place 2 Be' which is a charity that aims to improve children's mental health.



Fun Food Chef

On Monday 7th February, we welcomed the Fun Food Chef into school to work with our Y1 classes. Our hall was transformed into a large kitchen and the children became chefs for the day and helped to create some African themed dishes linked to the children's learning for the half-term in Geography, DT, Art and English. The children thoroughly enjoy the day - especially the tasting! Hopefully the children told you all about it when they came home.



Inspiring Children of Today to be Champions of Tomorrow

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Olympic gymnast, Danny Purvis and pro-scooter rider, Jamie Hull in to school next Monday. I'm sure they will both inspire the children talking (and hopefully demonstrating) their talents but also sharing the hard work, perseverance, determination and resilience that it has taken to master their skills.



Danny and Jamie will be supporting the children with their own physical challenges during the course of the morning and encouraging them to develop their own 'Growth Mindsets'. You never know, we may have some budding Olympians of the future here at Forefield right now! **To ensure the children get the most out of the session, please could all children in Y1 and Y2 wear their PE kits to school on Monday.**



Thank you so much for your very generous sponsorship which has both paid for the session that all the children will experience with the athletes and will also enable us to further enhance our PE and sports equipment for the benefit of all of the children. We will share the final total as soon as this is available. Mr Sayer, our PE Lead will be meeting with our Y2 PE Ambassadors to decide how best to spend the money raised. Many thanks once again.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day and the enjoyment of reading on Thursday 3rd March. Teachers have planned some exciting activities and I know many of the children have already been busy designing masks and costumes. Please see individual Year Group Newsletters for information and more details regarding costumes/activities for your child.



School Nurse Drop-in

Our new school nurse, Stacie Riddell will be holding a 'drop-in' at school on Tuesday 1st March at 8.45am. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to pop in and discuss any worries or niggles with regard to their child's health and well-being. If you would like to chat to Stacie, please pop in to school via the main entrance.

Parents' Meetings

We will be holding mid-year parents' meetings on Monday 14th March (virtual) and Wednesday 17th March 4-7pm (face-to-face). We appreciate that everyone's circumstances are different so are hoping to accommodate everyone's needs by offering one meeting as a virtual meeting via Teams (Zoom for Nursery) and one meeting as a face-to-face meeting. All meetings will be 10 minutes to ensure teachers have capacity to meet with all parents/carers of the children in their class.

Parents will be able to book an appointment via the app - more details to follow.

Y1 Class Assemblies

We very much hope that we will be able to invite parents of our Y1 children in to school near the end of term to join us for a class assembly. This will be the first time the children will have performed for a 'live' audience so I'm sure, they will be very excited to share this term's learning with their respective grown-ups.

We will obviously be conducting a risk assessment nearer the time as we all know how quickly circumstances can change but hope to be able to invite two parents or carers for each child to share this special occasion. Dates/times are as follows:

Tues 22 nd Mar	2.45pm Class 4 Assembly
Thurs 24 th Mar	2.45pm Class 5 Assembly
Fri 25 th Mar	2.45pm Class 6 Assembly

We hope you can make it.

5G Mast

As you may well have seen in The Champion during the half-term holiday, plans have been submitted to install a 5G mast and associated cabinets on the pavement, at the end of the school field, directly opposite the shops.

Unfortunately, we were made aware of the proposal just before the half-term break and had a very tight deadline to meet to share our comments/objections with the company submitting plans for the installation.

As the article in The Champion stated, as a school, we are particularly concerned about the impact of the mast and cabinets on the safety of the children (and other pedestrians) utilising the pavements which are particularly congested at school drop-off and pick-up times. We are concerned that additional obstructions on the pavement could cause families to have to step out or be forced onto a very busy road with the obvious potential consequences that just do not bear thinking about.

We are sure there must be alternative, more suitable locations for such technology to be installed.

We know that many parents and local residents are also equally concerned and may wish to view the plans in detail using the following link:

[Simple Search \(sefton.gov.uk\)](#) and then put DC/2022/00295, select make a comment and from here you can make a comment/object to the proposal.

Covid-19

This week has seen the Government bring-to-an-end the legal obligation to self-isolate if infected with Covid-19. It is hoped that everyone will still continue to do this out of a sense of moral duty (as the Prime Minister said, 'we hope the great British public will do the right thing') to prevent heightened rates of transmission, especially in schools, where we know from experience, infection can spread very quickly.

If your child becomes unwell, we ask that you test using a lateral flow test and if your child is positive, they isolate for at least 5 days, testing again on days 5 & 6 and only returning to school when two consecutive, negative, test results taken 24 hours apart are obtained. If on Day 10, they are still testing positive but don't have a temperature, advice is that they may return to school. Thank you on behalf of all staff and other families for your support in following this guidance.

Water Bottles/Book Bags

Please could we ask that children **do not** carry their water bottles in book bags. We are finding a number of bottles are leaking and ruining both reading books and reading diaries; both of which are costly for both parents and school to keep replacing. Many thanks for your support with this.

Reception & Nursery Intake September 2022

The closing date for applications for admission to Reception in September 2022 was the 15th January. If your child is due to start Reception next academic year and you have not submitted an application form, please contact Miss Edwards in the school's office or Sefton's Admissions Section on 0151 934 3590 who will be able to help you. Just a reminder that the closing date for Nursery applications for children to start in September 2022 was Friday 4th February 2022 with allocation of places being made on Friday 18th March 2022. Late applications are accepted and will be considered further to the first offer of places.

If you would like an application form for a place for your child or to arrange a tour of Nursery/school, once again, please contact Miss Edwards.

Family Literacy & Numeracy Support at Southport College

Southport College are offering free, fun programmes of literacy and numeracy support/Group Games sessions for children aged 4 to 16 years (with a parent or carer). Programmes are after school, 4-6pm for 6-8 weeks (on a Tuesday or Wednesday depending on the programme). Places are limited so if this is something that you would be interested in for your child, please use the following link to find out more:

<https://www.southport.ac.uk/adultlearners/subjects-and-courses/fun-family-courses>

Dates for Your Diary

February

Mon 28th Feb Dan Purvis, Olympic Gymnast and Jamie Hull, pro-scooter rider to visit school, sponsored fitness event

March

Wed 2nd Mar 4pm Prospective Parent tour

Thurs 3rd Mar World Book Day

Thurs 10th Mar Animals Takeover visit Reception classes

Mon 14th Mar 4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings (virtual)

Wed 16th Mar 4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings (Face-to-face)

Fri 18th Mar notification of Nursery places for entry Sept 2022
Tues 22nd Mar 2.45pm Class 4 Assembly
Thurs 24th Mar 2.45pm Class 5 Assembly
Fri 25th Mar 2.45pm Class 6 Assembly
Wed 30th Mar Y2 visit to The Maritime Museum & The World Museum
Thurs 31st Mar End of Term for Nursery children

April

Fri 1st April 1.45/1.50pm End of Term

4th to 18th April 2022 Easter Holiday

Tues 19th April Children return to school

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 11th March 2022. In the meantime, do stay safe and take care everyone.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Haney
Headteacher