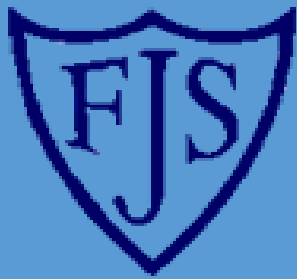


# FOREFIELD MATTERS

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

First of all, many thanks for your continued support and patience throughout this term. You will know from the news that schools have faced tremendous challenges with attendance and staff absence in recent weeks and whilst we have not been exempt from these issues, hopefully we have managed to keep things as 'normal' as possible for the children. Seeing the children dressed for the festive season and party ready has put a huge smile on our faces and brought us lots of Christmas cheer! They have been amazing and I'm sure we are all looking forward to the holidays and hopefully spending time with loved ones.

All schools have been asked to update their 'contingency plans' in time for the New Year, which is why we have asked you to help us with our 'Children of Critical Workers' register. The government's priority is to keep schools open, but there is concern that staff absence/isolation and the shortage of supply teachers will bring further challenges in 2022. However, many of our staff have now received their third (booster) vaccine, as well as their flu immunisation, which will be our main defence.

This week our Year 3 pupils enjoyed their visit (across the road) to church, as part of their RE topic and teachers are looking forward to planning more trips, clubs and activities next term. 4L and 5P will start their swimming lessons in January; if you haven't already returned the permission slips, please do so!

Forefield's new Reading Ambassadors have been announced. The competition for this prestigious position was extremely high and Mr Croot had his work cut out when making his final decisions. Fortunately, help was close to hand! The teachers in each year group were more than happy to help Mr Croot pick two lucky winners from each class. This means, that in total, we now have 24 extremely keen and enthusiastic ambassadors to champion reading throughout the school. Thank you SO much to EVERYONE who took the opportunity of submitting a letter to Mr Croot with the hope of being chosen. You should be so PROUD of yourselves! Congratulations to the following children: Charlotte, Summer, Emilia, Arabella, George & Samuel (Y3). Oliver, Harry, George, Matilda, Jackson & Oliver (Y4). Nancy, Libby, Joseph, Eleanor, Clea & Nanci (Y5). Lacey, Emily, Pippa, Miles, Savisha & Faye (Y6).

Finally, another 'Thank You' on behalf of everyone for the very generous gifts we have received in school – they are much appreciated! None of this is easy and we are all doing our best to stay safe and show kindness. Have a lovely Christmas!

Remember: We close at 2:00pm on Tuesday and re-open on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.