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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the exciting weeks ahead.

It has certainly been a busy start back at Forres Primary Academy, with lots of tours taking place for prospective new families. It has been a real pleasure to showcase our wonderful school and give visitors a glimpse into daily life at Forres.

This week, I also enjoyed joining a learning walk around the school. Our children should be incredibly proud of themselves. Their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour for learning, and enthusiasm in the classroom were evident throughout the school. They are fantastic ambassadors for our school, and I would like to thank them for representing Forres so well.

As we look ahead, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Rammell on Friday 13th November. Mrs Rammell has accepted a position closer to home, and whilst we will be sad to see her leave, we wish her every success and happiness in her new role. I am sure you will join me in

thanking her for her contribution to the Forres community and wishing her all the very best for the future.

At the same time, I am delighted to welcome Miss Jodie Miles, who will be joining our office team from Monday 9th November. We are excited to have her with us and know that she will be a wonderful addition to the Forres family. Please join me in giving her a warm welcome.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another successful and enjoyable half term together.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Just a reminder our Instagram is live, please follow, like and share our page!
@forresprimaryacademy

Mrs Rebecca Fitts

Headteacher

Saturday 21st November

New Starters 2027 Open Day 9.30am-12pm

Wednesday 25th November

Open Classroom 3.15pm-4.45pm

Friday 27th November

Occasional Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Thursday 3rd December

9am and 5pm EYFS Christmas Production

Monday 7th December

9am and 5pm KS1 Christmas Production

Friday 4th December

FOF Christmas Fete 3.30pm-5pm

Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 10th December

EYFS Open Evening 6pm-8pm

Thursday 17th December

9.05am KS2 Family Christmas Carol Assembly - Parents and Carers are welcome to join us!

Friday 18th December

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM

More dates to follow....

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Why we are proud of each class this week...



EYFS: Confidence Class

We are proud of Confidence Class for Hammering nails using real nails and hammers. Everyone was very careful to follow the instructions as well as explain how to keep each other safe during the activity. This activity was also really good for developing hand-eye co-ordination as well as fine and gross motor skills. There were over 100 nails in the pumpkins.

Year 1: Empathy Class

We are proud of Empathy Class for coming back into school, settling well and working very hard throughout the week.

Year 2: Kindness Class

We are proud of Kindness Class for working hard this week in understanding the 'make ten' method for addition.

Year 3/4: Imagination Class

We are proud of Imagination Class for their positive attitude towards concentrating and focus on their learning.

Year 3/4: Innovation Class

We are proud of Innovation Class because the children have worked really hard this week. Especially in PE as we have started our dance unit. The children had fantastic lessons where they created dance moves and listened beautifully.

Year 5: Perseverance Class

We are proud of Perseverance Class for work the children have done in creating their science models to show the order of the planets in our Solar System. Through this project, they have developed their understanding of the planets and their place within our Solar System. The children demonstrated creativity, perseverance and excellent scientific knowledge when designing and constructing their models

Year 6: Determination Class

We are proud of Determination Class for so many things this week. Their amazing concentration during lessons. Their fantastic researching skills when we looked at Greek Gods and their beautiful presentation when putting together a Greek God/Goddess fact sheet

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Celebrating Achievements out of School

Lyla H received a medal for gymnastics, she told the class all about her gymnastics class.

Sewing Club for their persistence and effort in making reversible bags

Tommy H – for achieving the highest score this week on SATS Boot Camp computer revision program.

All my amazing year 6's who participated in building a 3D Model showing the effects of an Earthquake.

Amelia, Evie Rose and Erin – Affinity Gym medals

Syd – Played football for his team

SPORTS LEADER UPDATE

This week they set up games of basketball and Dodgeball at break and lunch and next week there will be more Dodgeball on the playground.

Presentation Champions



EYFS - Confidence - Kemal

Year 1 - Empathy - Sienna R

Year 2 - Kindness - Emmanouil

Year 3/4- Innovation - Sophie G

Year 3/4- Imagination - Zac K

Year 5 - Perseverance - Molly P

Year 6 - Determination - Poppy F Greek God Fact Sheet

Attendance Focus

WHOLE SCHOOL: *94%*

CLASS WINNERS: *Determination Class with 97.9%*

A big thank you to all our families for your continued support with school attendance. Every school day matters, and regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress, build friendships and enjoy all that school has to offer.

As a guide, we encourage children to aim for 95%+ attendance wherever possible. An attendance figure of 90% means missing around 19 days of school across a full 190-day school year, while missing 10% or more is classed by the Department for Education as persistent absence.

Our aim is to work positively with families to remove barriers and support every child to attend school as regularly as possible.

Let's work together to make every school day count!



Safeguarding - Who's who...

At our school, the safety, wellbeing and happiness of every child are at the heart of everything we do. Our Designated Safeguarding Team (DSL's) are here to support children

and families, whether you have a concern about your child, need some advice, or would simply like someone to talk to.

We know that sometimes families may face challenges both in and out of school, and we want to remind you that you do not have to manage these alone. If you have any worries about your child's wellbeing, attendance, emotional health, friendships, online safety, or family circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our safeguarding team.

We are always happy to listen and help signpost you to the right support.Please remember, no concern is too small. Working together is the best way to ensure every child feels safe, supported and able to thrive.

If you would like to speak to a member of the DSL team, please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange this.



Messages from the Office



Please can all parents remember that the staff car park is not to be used by parents without the expressed permission of Mrs Fitts.

Internet Safety

Smart TVs - UK Safer Internet Centre[1]

Included in this article:

How to start a conversation with your child about using Smart TV's safely.

Top Tips and exploring parental controls.

Broxbourne Borough Council: Parking Safely outside Schools Campaign



Every morning and afternoon, the roads around our school become some of the busiest in the area. Children are arriving and leaving on foot, many of them small enough to disappear completely behind a parked car.

[1] https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-tvs

That is why we are supporting Broxbourne Council's campaign to encourage safer parking outside schools.

We know the school run can be stressful and it is easy to think that stopping for a moment on the zig-zags, or pulling half onto the pavement, will not do any harm. But a car parked in the wrong place can stop a child from seeing oncoming traffic, stop a driver from seeing a child and force families with pushchairs and younger siblings out into the road. It only takes a split second for a child to be seriously hurt or worse.

We are asking everyone not to park:

· On the pavement

· On yellow lines

· On the zig-zag markings outside school

· On or within 10 metres of a corner or junction

· Across residents' driveways.

Broxbourne Council has produced a powerful short film showing why this matters so much. Please take a few minutes to watch it: https://youtu.be/Ta56qMaeA0M

You can also hear from people who see the dangers first hand, and watch quick guides showing where and how to park safely, in their full series of videos here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEgriiy0bcDc

PTA




Forres PTA
Christmas Fete
Bottle & Chocolate Tombola Collections
We're collecting bottles and chocolates for the Tombola at the Christmas Fete!
Chocolate
Bottle & Chocolate Tombola
Each class will get an empty car parking space to donate their bottles and chocolates into.
The class with the most bottles and chocolates will get extra playtime!
Please bring your bottle and chocolate donations on Friday 20th November before school.

EYFS Open Days



Thank you to our wonderful families for sharing this via your Social Media platforms, we have already had several requests for tours.

We are proud to be part of the Spiral Partnership Trust[2]



[2] https://www.spiral.herts.sch.uk/