Forres Primary Academy

Newsletter #7 Thursday 22nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding half term, I would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued support. Since September, the children have settled brilliantly into their new classes, embracing learning opportunities and demonstrating our school values every day. It has been a pleasure to see so much positive engagement across the school, from excellent learning in classrooms to the many wider opportunities that enrich school life.

This half term has brought plenty to celebrate. We welcomed our school photographer, with children looking exceptionally smart and representing the school beautifully. Parents' Evening provided a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school, and I would like to thank all those who attended and shared such positive feedback. We have also enjoyed seeing children take part in a range of activities, demonstrating resilience, kindness and enthusiasm throughout.

As a school, we continue to strengthen our provision, ensuring that every child is supported to achieve their very best academically, socially and emotionally. I am incredibly proud of the

dedication shown by our staff team, who consistently go above and beyond for our children, often behind the scenes.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half term break. Thank you for your ongoing support and for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.Just a reminder our Instagram is live, please follow, like and share our page! ***@forresprimaryacademy***

Mrs Rebecca Fitts

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DAIRY DATES

Friday 23rd October

INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October Half Term

Monday 2nd November

INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

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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Attendance Focus

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!



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.

Due to the safety and safeguarding of our students, it is imperative that no one enters the classrooms unless specifically invited by a member of staff. This policy helps us maintain a secure environment for all our learners.





HALLOWEEN FUN

FOR EVERYONE

Halloween is all about spooky fun, but for kids with allergies, it can be a bit more complicated. With a few simple tweaks, we can help make sure all the little ghouls and ghosts have a blast.

Here are some easy ways to keep things safe and fun for everyone:

- **Have a variety of treats:** Along with your usual sweets, why not add some allergy-friendly treats or non-food goodies like toys, stickers, or glow sticks?

- **Check those labels:** When picking up sweets, try to look for options with clear labels so parents can quickly spot any allergens. Wrapped treats are great since families can double-check them at home.

- **Keep treats separate:** If you've got allergy-friendly options, pop them in a separate bowl or bag. It's a small step, but it helps make sure everyone can enjoy Halloween safely.

- **Spooky fun beyond sweets:** Halloween is more than just treats! Consider adding some extra fun with spooky decorations, costumes, or games. It's a great way for everyone to get in on the fun without focusing too much on food.

- **Offer choices:** When the trick-or-treaters come by, let them pick between sweets or a fun non-food item. It's a simple way to make sure all the kids leave with something they'll love!

- **Spread awareness:** This is also a great chance to chat with your kids about how some of their friends might have allergies





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TOP TIPS

And if your child has allergies:

- **It's not just about the food:** Build excitement around Halloween toys and dressing up, so it's not just focused on sweets and snacks.
- **Manage expectations:** Explain to your child that whilst many sweets might be okay, not all the treats will be suitable or safe.
- **Encourage good choices:** Ask your child to choose wrapped treats, so you can check the labels and ingredients later at home.
- **Have a secret stash:** Buy your own safe treats to avoid disappointment if there aren't many suitable foods for your child.
- **Be prepared:** You might want to speak to friends and neighbours before you set off to ask if they could have some allergy-friendly treats or non-food treats ready. You could even drop your own safe treats off beforehand.

- **Always carry 2:** Remember to carry wipes and medication

(including two AAIs if prescribed) while you're out and about.

- **Ask the "Switch Witch" to cast a spell!** In other words, when you return home, ask your child to leave the sweets they collected trick-or-treating outside their bedroom door and then exchange them for a toy or allergy-friendly treats by morning. o **Have fun!!**

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Internet Safety

Tablets - UK Safer Internet Centre[1]

Included in this article:

***How to start a conversation with your child about using tablets safely*.**

Top Tips and exploring parental controls.

Forres Spooktacular Challenge



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

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



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