



Forest Park Primary School

December 2019

At Forest Park we...



Years 1 and 2 Christmas Concert

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Christmas concerts. It was fantastic to have so many families joining in with our festivities. Well done to all the children for their amazing acting and singing. A very seasonal end to the term!



Tickets designed by Gabriella and Mohamed - Year 2

Poppy Appeal 2019

We raised an amazing £352.71 for the Poppy Appeal. Forest Park raised the largest amount of money of all the schools in Stoke on Trent! Thank you so much for your support.





The Stars of the Week did a brilliant job of choosing the tree this year.

They were beautifully behaved and everyone enjoyed their trip out to Jacksons Nursery (and the hot chocolate!)



Thank you to all of the parents who came to help us decorate our Reception and Nursery classrooms for Christmas, we had a great time and our classrooms look super!



Music

Well done to all of the children who performed in our Key Stage 2 choir concert at the Victoria Hall. You sang beautifully and did our school proud. Well done.

Songbirds

Well done to all of our super Songbirds. You performed brilliantly in the concert at the Victoria Hall and represented our school beautifully.



Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying week was a great success! The children took part in various activities, highlighting this years theme of '**Change Starts with us**'. Children and adults wore odd socks on the Tuesday, raising awareness of our own individuality and celebrating our uniqueness.

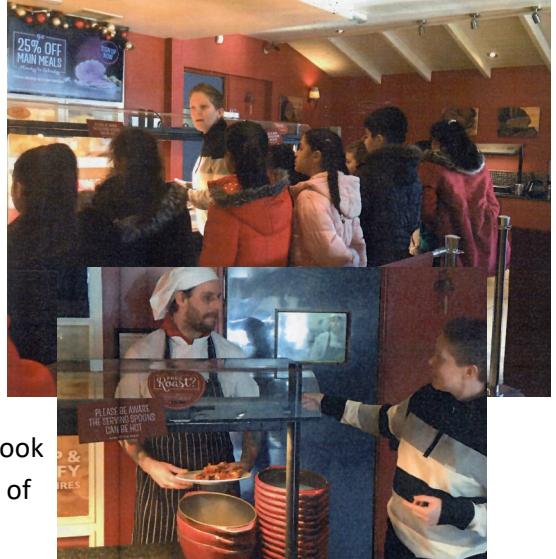
Each class had a bag of kindness in which the children wrote down when someone had been really kind to them. Various examples were shared in our celebration assembly at the end of the week, which was lovely and showed clearly what kind and caring children we have in our school. We also learnt our own Seven Stars Anti Bullying song, which the children loved and we sang as a school in assembly.

Careers trips and guest speakers

A group of year 5 and 6 budding singers and performers interviewed Mrs Watkinson to find out about the life of a singer/actor.



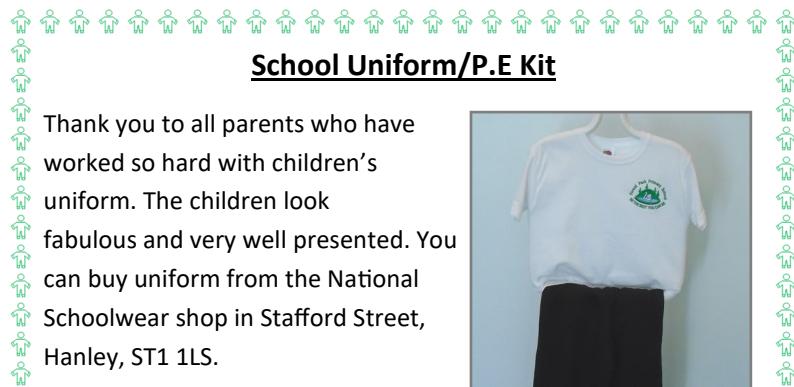
Aspiring chefs, party planners and restaurant managers visited the Toby Carvery Restaurant to interview Amber the manager. They had a look around and asked lots of questions!



Year 4 have enjoyed designing and producing their own pastry product using shortcrust pastry. They loved learning the skill of rubbing the butter into the flour, and each made their own tasty filling after tasting products already on the market.



<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>	
Poppies	86.62%	
Foxgloves	91.09%	
Buttercups	89.04%	
Clovers	91.40%	
Butterflies	96.44 %	
Ladybirds	94.61 %	
Robins	94.26 %	
Bumblebees	94.86 %	
Owls	96.67 %	
Foxes	94.72 %	
Kestrels	93.95 %	
Swans	95.93 %	
Dragonflies	97.00%	
Swallows	96.94 %	
Hedgehogs	96.33 %	
Kingfishers	95.00 %	


School Uniform/P.E Kit

Thank you to all parents who have worked so hard with children's uniform. The children look fabulous and very well presented. You can buy uniform from the National Schoolwear shop in Stafford Street, Hanley, ST1 1LS.



Please make sure that every item of uniform and P.E. kit is labelled, including shoes and P.E. bags with your child's name and class.

P.E. kit is black jogging bottoms and white T-shirt

Hair Accessories—Please no JoJo bows or fancy hair accessories in school, just plain hair bands. Also headscarves must adhere to school uniform policy of black or white only. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our school operates a NO DEBT policy and we ask that you PAY IN ADVANCE for all school dinners, breakfast club and trips. Please ensure that you have paid your child's dinner money and all other debts BEFORE the end of term. Any unpaid debts will be sent to debt recovery.

A BIG thank you to parents that do pay on time.

Whole school attendance from 5th November 2019 – 17th December 2019 is 94.20%, lets do better! 😊

Please support our attendance policy by ensuring your children come to school on time.

If you have a child born between 1st Sept 2016—31st Aug 2017 **Nursery Admissions** for 2020 online opened on Monday 2nd December 2019. A paper copy of the application form will be available from the school office in January 2020. Closing date Friday 31 January 2020.

Reception Admissions for 2020 online opened on Friday 1st November 2019. A paper copy of the application form is available from the school office now. Closing date Wednesday 15 January 2020.

Notes from the Governors

As we come to the end of a very busy term, it's lovely to see all the festive celebrations taking place around the school. It's also pleasing to see the interior and exterior of the school looking good now that all the building work has been completed.

At our full governing board meeting in November we were very pleased to receive detailed reports about the progress being made towards the targets in the School Improvement Plan. Behaviour continues to be excellent across the school and our Family Support Team is working closely with pupils and parents to stress the need for regular attendance. Our subject leaders provided feedback on the planning and training taking place with staff to embed our new curriculum. Link governors are looking forward to coming into school to meet with subject leaders next term to see first hand the work that's taking place.



Gill Howell
Chair of
Governors

Finally, on behalf of all the governors, I'd like to wish you all a very happy Christmas break. We all look forward to the New Year ahead.

Visits and Visitors

Year 4 have visited the **New Vic Theatre** where they have watched the live production of **The Prince and the Pauper**. The children were beautifully behaved and the show was enjoyed by all! **Scholastic Book Fair** — Thank you to all the families who supported us with the book fair, **we have raised £209.04**. As this was a 100% commission fair we have been able to choose lots of exciting new books for the school and class libraries. **Year 6** visited **The Potteries museum** to take part in a science workshop all about bacteria. This helped with their science learning about microbes and how they grow. We learnt about how medicines are grown using ceramics made in Stoke on Trent and had a go at creating our own clay bacteria. **Reception** children had a great time at **Hoo Farm**. Thank you for supporting our trip by getting your children to school early and providing lovely warm clothes. As our children have said, "it was the best day ever!" Well done to all of the children who performed in our **Key Stage 2 choir concert** at the **Victoria Hall**. You sang beautifully and did our school proud. Well done. This half term, **year 5** have enjoyed researching the **Victorian period** in History. Their research inspired their D.T project which was to make Victorian scones. The children really enjoyed designing their traditional Victorian scones and followed a recipe well to create them. They worked really hard and created some very tasty scones. We then had an afternoon of sharing and tasting our creations. **Year 3** took part in a **Design Technology day** where we made healthy wraps. The children learnt how to cut fruit and vegetables safely. The **Year 1** children had a fantastic day at **Telford Winter Wonderland**. They enjoyed going on a range of rides and even got to meet Santa! Their behaviour was excellent and the staff were very proud of you all. Well done Year 1!. **Year 3** visited the Regent Theatre and saw **Cinderella**. **The Little Library Van** visited **Nursery and Reception** and **year 2** visited **Hanley library**. **Year 2** also visited the **World of Wedgwood** and the **Snowdome!** The **Year 1 and 2** Christmas Concert went really well, thank you parents for coming and showing your support. Years 3–6 had Christmas Songs around the tree, thank you parents for coming to watch.

You can find our calendar of upcoming visits and events at www.forestpark.org.uk,
click on the 'calendar' link in the top menu.

STARS OF THE WEEK—AUTUMN 2

Kingfishers— Lucas, Hareema, Sumayyah, Abdul-Ahad, Esmat, Inaya, Safah

Hedgehogs — Kazin, Hani, Madia, Amelia, Faisal, Ayaan, Sara

Dragonflies — Isha, Uzair, Mohammad, Ameera, Lary, Las, Riadul

Swallows— Nana, Skandar, Gabriela, Omiyah, Kacey, Habiba, Moosa

Swans — Haster, Meliton, Fariha, Mahnoor, Lena, Amna, Arsh

Kestrels — Anthony, Aaira, Sarah, Anika, Mehthab, Hammadul

Owls — Nevaeh, Aqsa, Amy, Oumie, Meli, Leyton, Marwah

Foxes — Hamida, Muraad, Riley, Tiana, Amira, Helin, Zima

Robins — Hajra, Amad, Atiyah, Madihah, Fatema, Khadija, Danyar

Bumblebees — Alayna, Zaynab, Abdullah, Khadija, Ismaeel, Laiba, Hazel

Butterflies — Luca, Anaya, Isaac, Samir, Diman, Amaan, Umrah

Ladybirds — Noor, Arman, Momina, Ianis, Fatima, Lodan

Clovers — Muhammad, Arham, Alayna, Adil, Abubaker, Sulieman

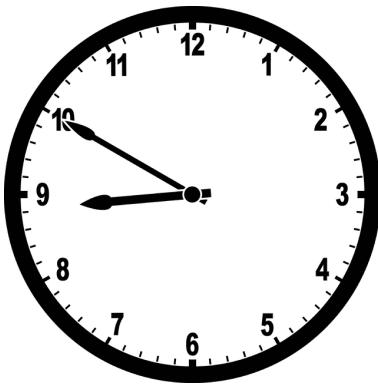
Buttercups— Darius, Aws, Jack, Lucas, Ayan, Petronella

Foxgloves—Lena, Omar, Arilon, Ania, Karim, Francesco

Poppies—Rayhaan, Cindy, Aaiza, Raheem, Wajeezah, Ayaan, Daryoush

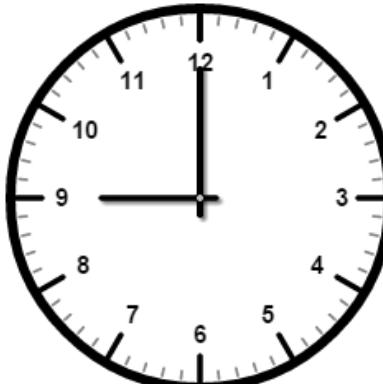
Attendance & Punctuality

School Times



School OPENS at 8.50AM

Come for a free bagel



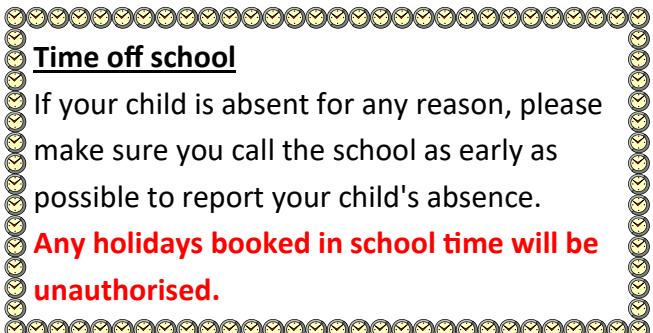
School gates CLOSE at 9AM PROMPT

Don't be late!



School FINISHES at 3.15PM

Collect your children promptly!



Late Collection of Children

The governors have agreed a **Late Collection Policy** which will start from 4th November 2019. **Parents will be charged for persistent late collection of children.** Please make sure you read the policy on the school website or get a copy from the school office.

Please update the school with office any changes of address/phone numbers as we send texts frequently.

Changes to penalty notices for absence from school

The City Council has reviewed the code of conduct and made changes to the previous guidance.

From Jan 1st 2019 any period of unauthorised leave may result in a penalty notice fine. A

penalty notice may be payable of £60 or £120 fine. If convicted you may be fined up to £1000.

- A request for absence has to be submitted to school at least 4 weeks in advance of the proposed leave.
 - A meeting will then be arranged to discuss the reason for the request.
 - The Head Teacher will then either authorise or not authorise this request. You will be informed of this by letter.



Where possible please arrange any routine medical appointments such as dentist and opticians outside of the school day or in the school holidays.