

Shine...

It's a boy! – Congratulations to Mrs Simpson, Mr Simpson and Alice on the safe arrival of Thomas James, who weighed in at a very healthy 8lbs 6oz!

Welcome to Forton School – to Tommy, Rhys and Kiera who joined us this week. I am sure that they are going to be very happy with us, as they have already begun to settle in with us.

The spring term finished in with a buzz of activity at school. The children enjoyed a performance of 'Pinocchio', followed by the STEM egg challenge and completed with the trip to Hothersall Lodge to enjoy some adventures altogether in the great outdoors. Thanks to all the children and staff for representing school so well.

Girl's Basketball at GCA – Evie, Grace, Lily, Georgia, Millie-Jo and Emily showed off their basketball skills this week and secured second place at a small tournament at GCA.



'Forton Fit Friday'
Today was the first Forton Fit Friday wake and shake for children and parents!

Parent's evening last term was very well attended. This support for your child's education is a credit to you all!

Thank you to 'Forton's Angels' -you know who you are.

Thanks also, to those of you who completed the Parent Questionnaire-here are the results

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Parent and Carer Questionnaire Analysis **March 2018** 23 responses

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child likes school	60%	36%			4%
My child is making good progress	50%	42%			8%
Teaching at Forton is good	62%	38%			
I am kept informed about how my child is getting on	30%	62%	8%		
The school gives me information about events and activities	48%	52%			
The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns	28%	48%	8%		8%
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or a complaint	60%	32%	8%		
I find it easy to contact my child's teacher	68%	32%			
Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best	72%	28%			
Most children behave well	44%	44%			12%
Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent	66%	26%			8%
The school provides appropriate homework	40%	44%	4%		4%
My child is not bullied at school	44%	48%	4%		4%
There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable	48%	40%	4%		8%
I feel welcome in the school and am encouraged to take part in school activities and events	52%	32%			16%
The school is led and managed well	54%	42%			4%
Pre School and RECEPTION PARENTS ONLY – The arrangements for my child to settle in to their new class were good	12%		4%		
What would you like us to do better?					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use one method of teaching the basics of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. • I would like the school to encourage academic excellence and for my child to be given work which will stretch them and encourage learning. • Perhaps some social skills sessions, beyond saying what behaviour is expected would help children interact better. 					

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- More homework.
- I wonder if my child is being stretched enough but that said he is very happy.
- Knowing how teaching is done- the maths and phonic sessions were very useful.

- Small school and outdoor environment. Holistic approach to education.
- The family atmosphere and the mixing of age groups.
- The efforts made in extracurricular areas.
- Breakfast/afterschool club is well run and fun.
- Good community feeling and the range of activities available. All the children seem happy and enjoy school.
- Warm friendly, encouraging atmosphere that staff create.]
- The friendly and approachable attitude of the teachers-the right balance of rigidity and informality.
- The class sizes, the facilities and the general 'feel' being encouraged to be involved.
- Fantastically run school. staff always willing to help and listen to concerns.
- A warm family atmosphere where each child feels nurtured and valued.
- Very welcoming and friendly.
- The relationships between older and younger children is fantastic.
- Children are given so much confidence through assembly presentations. They seem so happy, mature and together.
- Increased information about topics and areas of required improvement. A monthly target that could be emailed.
- The teachers are all professional, friendly and approachable.
- The school is like a big family-issues arise and they are dealt with.
- Good range of after school clubs.
- Nice that there are animals in school but my child doesn't say much about them.

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What would you like us to do better as a school?

- Spend more time on the core subjects. Time spent on non-classroom activity may provide for a rounded education and entertainment but we feel they have limited value in the real world.
- Teach programming.
- More regular communications and feedback.
- Clean dinner trays.
- Minor points – more detailed communication and hand towels on the lunch tables.
- Improve communication between parents and preschool.
- More after school activities.
- Communication could be better
- Tell us when sexual education and swimming is planned.
- Inform parents about maternity leave dates

Important Dates For This Half Term...**Tuesday 17th April – Fencing begins (5 weeks)****Monday 30th April – Y4/5 workshop at Dukes Theatre****Tuesday 1st May – Buddhist Monk visit to school****Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May – KS2 SATS****Monday 21st May – 25th May – Sports Week****Friday 25th May – Sports Day****Monday 11th – Friday 15th June – Isle of Man trip for Y6****Wednesday 4th July – FOFS Fun Run****Tuesday 10th July- Woodwind Concert****Thursday 12th July – Whole school trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve****Friday 13th July – Reports to parents****Friday 13th July – FOFS Barbeque****Tuesday 17th July – End of Year Play at 2pm and 6pm****Wednesday 18th July – Summer Ball for KS2****Thursday 19th July – Leavers Assembly at 9am****SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:15**

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<i>Class Shield</i>	<i>Shining and is the Star of the Week!</i>	<i>Shining at a fantastic attitude!</i>
1	Jess Carter for great listening and questioning this week. Well done!	Chloe Dean for being so focused in class. Well done!
2	Tyler Markland for having a positive attitude to trying new things. Well done!	Michael Bainbridge for being so mature this term. Well done!
3	Maisie Walling for having high standards of handwriting in all of your work. Well done!	Sam Armstrong for his never ending enthusiasm. Well done!
4	Rhys Potts for your maturity and great effort at school. Well done!	Tommy Hunter for a great start at Forton. Well done!

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