

Friday 24th March 2017

FINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have had a fabulous time this week looking at 'Integrity' and started the week with the most amazing story when Mrs. Bracken took an assembly on 'The Emperor and the Seeds.'

<https://youtu.be/q2hacyUO6Z4>

Honesty is the best policy!

I also hope you had the opportunity to watch the wonderful documentary on Nelly. An inspiring person that is a role model for us all. The team at Finham are humbled by her determination and positivity and we all aspire to make such a positive difference in our own lives and for others. Thank you all for supporting us support Nelly.

<http://www.channel5.com/show/the-snake-skin-woman-extraordinary-people/>

Thank you for the jokes today and supporting Comic Relief. My favourite has to be:

'Have you heard about the magic tractor?

It turned into a field!' 😊

Have a fabulous weekend.

Richard Machin
Headteacher

LOST PROPERTY

A child has lost two pairs of size 5 black leather shoes, one pair has Velcro and the other pair are laces. If these are found please return them to the school, many thanks

STYVECHALE GRANGE PRE-SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

Styvechale Grange Pre-School – are holding their Summer Fete at St James Church, Knoll Drive, CV3 5BT on Saturday 24th June 2017 11:00 – 16:00

If you would like to purchase a table please contact Jacqui for more information jacquidrudge@hotmail.com

DATES FOR DIARY

Tuesday 28th March – Eye Tests-Reception

Tuesday 28th March – Leasowes Nursery – Afternoon Nursery

Wednesday 29th March – Morning of Music-Stivichale Primary – Year 4

Wednesday 29th March – Leasowes Nursery – Morning Nursery

Wednesday 29th March – School Disco – 3.30pm-5.00pm – KS1 / 5.00pm-6.30pm – KS2

Friday 31st March – Children University, Parents Welcome - 2.30pm

A MESSAGE FROM TERRY ARNETT 'CHAIR OF GOVERNORS'

Please can I take the opportunity to introduce myself formally in my recent change of role to the 'Chair of Governors' here at Finham Primary School, after a restructure of the governance of the school in our growing position within the Multi Academy Trust. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Amrik Bhabra for his guidance and work to ensure that Finham is in such a strong position as I take over and I hope I can continue to work closely with Mr Machin and the wider team to continue Finham on its successful journey.

Many of you will know me and have seen me around the school as a parent and existing governor and following my recent retirement, I am looking forward to getting more involved in the school and wider community to really make a difference now and in the future.

I feel it important to explain the role of the Governors as many of you may not actually know what the volunteers, who are elected, actually do. Assisted by a definition, by the National Governors Association, we are described as 'Critical friends' of the school. The day to day running of a school is the responsibility of the Head teacher and his or her staff.

I have outlined below the roles and responsibilities of the Governing body to help you understand our position within the structure of Finham and the Multi-Academy Trust.

What do governors do?

School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. Governors appoint the Head teacher and deputy head teacher. In some schools the site is owned by the governing board. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for finance in schools, and it is governors who work with the Head teacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources.

Each individual governor is a member of a governing board, which is established in law as a corporate body. Individual governors may not act independently of the rest of the governing board; decisions are the joint responsibility of the governing board.

The role of the governing board is a strategic one, its key functions are to:

- Set the aims and objectives for the school
- Set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- Set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
- Monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- Be a source of challenge and support to the Head teacher (a critical friend)
- The Head teacher is responsible for the internal organisation, management and control of the school and the implementation of the strategic framework established by the governing board.

I hope this short communication is of help and would stress that myself and my colleagues on the Governing body are here to represent you and support and uphold the policies of the school.

Your first point of contact will always be the class teacher or the Head teacher, Mr Machin and his leadership team, Mrs Bracken, Deputy Head teacher, and Mrs Wilding, Assistant Head teacher, who are there to support you and have the delegated responsibility of running the school.

Should you wish to contact me I would urge you to contact the school admin office, who can direct you.

Thank you
Terry Arnett
Chair of Governors