

Friday 14th July 2017

FINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Your children should have come home with their reports today. Please take time to read them carefully and celebrate their achievements this weekend - I really enjoy reading them and they are a wonderful reflection on how your children are doing. If you need to pop in and see the teachers about any aspect of the report, please do. There has been a technical issue with the PE reports and random swimming targets have appeared on children's reports all across the school from Year 1 to Year 6. The assessment system that we use have tried to rectify this and we are not sure why it is happening. Everything else is right but I wasn't prepared to wait indefinitely for a technical solution when we'd promised to send them home today.

I have also attached the schools performance outcomes so you can see how we are doing compared to local and national trends.

Can I take this opportunity to thank the team of children from Year 6 that organised the school disco, from the DJ's, the stock ordering team, the setting up teams to the children who stayed behind to clean up - they were amazing! It is the last event of the year that the children organised and they have put in a sterling effort throughout. From their amazing bonfire night, all the discos, cake sales, charity events, running the school for the day to the Finham Festival, they have shown great values, entrepreneurship and commitment to their school and community. I do not know of any other school where the children move up to secondary school with a CV like that! Each year we ask Year 6 what legacy they want to leave behind. We've had art installations, songs and international links in the past. What is particularly great this year and testimony to the 'citizens' they have become, is that they wanted to make enough money to leave for the children of Finham to use next year. Over the course of the year, when all things have gone out and in and the books have been balanced - the Year 6 team are leaving a pot of money for the children across the school to have enrichment resources for things above and beyond our normal curriculum provision next year.

Thank you doesn't seem quite enough.

Have a great weekend and remember, we are only as good as the positive difference we make to others - Year 6 taught me that!

Kindest regards

Richard Machin
Headteacher

Please be reminded that the last day of term is Tuesday 25th July!

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE RISE

Please note that the cost of a school meal will rise from £2.00 to £2.10 from September 2017.

SCHOOL MEALS – KS1 (Reception classes, Year 1 & 2) UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is currently in Year 2 and has a school meal provided, please be aware that their entitlement to Universal Infant Free School Meals will cease at the end of this term. If you wish to stop school meals for your child, please come to the office to complete a form otherwise we will continue to book meals for your child. The autumn term menu has already been sent home with your child/children.

YEAR 5 HOMEWORK

On **Thursday 19th July at 3:30 pm**, Year 5 are putting on a homework exhibition in the hall to share the research they have been doing on counties and cultures around the world. If you fancy around the world adventure to get into the mood for summer, or just want to be blown away by their homework, please pop in and have a look.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS PRODUCTION

The Year 6 Leavers Production will take place on **Monday 24th July, 6:00pm until 7:30pm**. Parents will receive a formal invitation from the children next week. Year 6 children will also be having a leavers assembly during the day on the last day of term, however can we stress this **is not** a parent event.

DATES FOR DIARY

Wednesday 19th July – Nursery and Reception trip to Umberslade Farm Park – leaving school at 9:15am until 3:30pm

Wednesday 19th July – Year 3 Swimming lesson

Monday 24th July – Year 6 Leavers Production – 6:00pm until 7:30pm