

Friday 21st July 2017

FINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I have attached the outcomes of the Parents Questionnaire. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill it in and it is great to read and use to celebrate and improve what we do. I have summarised some of the comments to give you a general flavour of what was said.

I have, however, left out 2 of the responses that cited their concern about us charging £2 for water at the school disco. I thank the parents that took time to contact the school directly to ask about this as we were able to respond but I feel that I need to respond in the newsletter to clarify this as it is clearly a concern, enough to put on a questionnaire.

The school did not charge £2 for a bottle of Water. There was a variety of drinks and sweets, from Capri-Sun to Bottled Water (50p to £1) Water is also free at school from the fountains, that, never run out as they are connected to the mains.

I have always had a clear personal protocol for using social media that has stood me in good stead as a teacher, headteacher and a parent.

1 - I only ever use it to empower or celebrate people.

2 - I never use it to find out information.

Overtime, the bombardment of opinion and constant reliance on being included through instant connection has eroded our perception of what is real. Just because it is easier to join a group discussion, does it mean you should? Is the anxiety it then causes offset by the instantness of it or would we be better served taking time to send an e-mail, speaking to or phoning the school to have our concerns properly addressed.

<https://youtu.be/3E7hkPZ-HTk>



Quit social media | Dr. Cal Newport | TEDxTysons

youtu.be

'Deep work' will make you better at what you do. You will achieve more in less time. And feel the sense of true fulfillment that comes from the mastery of a ...

I say to the staff and children here,

'If you spend your time creating storms, don't be surprised when it rains.'

Please use social media wisely, it will, overtime, erode you if you don't.

Have a great weekend.

Richard Machin
Headteacher

Summer Reading Challenge - Please find attached the information about the summer reading. It would be great to hear about all the books you have been reading in September 😊

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

YEAR 6 LEAVERS PRODUCTION

The Year 6 Leavers Production will take place on **Monday 24th July, 6:00pm until 7:30pm**. All Year 6 parents should have received a formal invitation this week with all details enclosed.

MISSING ANORAK

One of our Year 5 pupil's has lost a black Adidas anorak, possibly aged 11-12. Please can we ask parents to check school bags etc. in case it has been mixed up and accidentally taken home.

YOGA AT FINHAM PRIMARY

How would you like to feel better about yourself and your body? Get fit and tone up? Or just be able to relax more....? If so, come to Yoga with Jackie Tweedie - it's every Tuesday evening during term time at Finham Primary School from 7pm-8.30pm. Cost is £8 per lesson (paid termly) with first trial session @ £4. Please contact Jackie on 07962 272909 or email her on jackie@jackietweedie.com/yoga for more information. Classes start back on Tuesday 12th September.

DATES FOR DIARY

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Tuesday 25th July – Last day of term.