

Friday 23rd June 2017

FINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have had a very hot but super week at Finham with lots of positive energy and responses continuing from Friday's Finham Festival. It was so lovely to see so many of you able to come and spend quality time with your children. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and parents that made it possible - we have a unique group of people here at Finham that go above and beyond for this community and we should never take that for granted - I certainly don't and am thankful to be able to work with them everyday.

As you can probably tell by the way in which we hold the festival, it costs us quite a lot to put it all on. I met with the staff and the children before we started on Friday and we all agreed that the money we made in profit would go to support the families in the most difficult of circumstances following the fire at Grenfell Tower. There are many many difficult things happening in our communities at this moment and it is often very difficult to reconcile these difficulties for ourselves - I struggle to make sense of it all.

However, what I am steadfastly clear on is my and all of our responsibility to try and install a different set of values in our children to ensure we all have a brighter future. Children that are open and honest, children that embrace difference, children that are compassionate and do not judge, children that measure success through hard work and the empowerment of others not just themselves, children that build bridges in their communities not walls, children that live a life of Integrity and children that respond to the call for help, whenever and where ever it comes from.

We made £300 profit on Friday - and although it is a humble amount - we are sending it to those who need it more.

Our value this week has been Teamwork -

***'We are just one drop...but together we are an Ocean!'***

We haven't been out on the gate this week as we have been covering in the office with Mrs. Robinson now no longer with us. Mrs. James will be joining us next week so we look forward to welcoming her to the Finham Team.

On Wednesday 5th July the children will be spending the day in their new classes. Year 6 will be off to their secondary schools for the day. Children are to come to school as normal to their current class. We will then have an assembly and the children will meet their new teachers and spend the rest of the day with them. They will come home from their new year group exits. It would be a good opportunity to find out from your children over the coming weeks where they will be collected from or just ask any of the staff so you are prepared on the day.

Every year we mix the children up so that they are not in the same class. We work very carefully to best fit learning groups, not social groups. They will all be together in social times. If your child is anxious about the changes you need to reassure them that it is perfectly normal to be a bit nervous and that there are lots of exciting things planned for them to be looking forward to. If they work hard and do their very best with their learning - everything will be OK! We are preparing them in school with assemblies and PHSE sessions as well as 1-to-1 sessions for children that find change a bit more difficult.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you would like any further information on why we mix up the classes each year - it won't give you any advanced knowledge on who and where but I am happy to explain why.

Have a great weekend and long may this summer weather continue 😊

Kindest regards  
Richard Machin  
Headteacher

### **MAT TEACHER DAY-FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

We have filled our spaces on the activity day in school. Children on the list are to come to school as normal but to the Squirrels entrance where Jane will welcome them. They will need a packed lunch.

### **CU GRADUATION DATE**

CU Graduation Date - We will be writing to children who will be receiving a certificate from Children's University next week, inviting them to the Graduation, 17th July. Hopefully it will be early evening on the 17<sup>th</sup>, but still waiting for confirmation from the venue.

### **BRING A PLANT TO SCHOOL-THANK YOU**

A big thank you to all parents, carers, staff and governors who brought in plants for our 'Bring a Plant to School' Day last Tuesday. We were overwhelmed with the response from all year groups! The children had a great time with their teachers, weeding, planting and watering the raised beds and Reception have done an amazing job of the hanging baskets. It goes to show just what can be done with teamwork and we will definitely be making this an annual event for the future!

Mrs Wilding and Mrs Schofield 🌸

### **BOOK SALE**

Year 3 are holding a book sale during Monday and Tuesday lunchtime in classroom 30 between 12.15-12.45pm, all books are 20p or 50p. Please send your child in with money if they wish to purchase a book.

### **ST MARTINS ECO FAMILY FUN DAY-24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE-11AM-3PM**

Free entry. Events-Table top sales, Beat the Eco Clock, Craft & Colouring tables, Eco Quiz, Emma's Face Painting, Finham Scavenger Hunt, Finham Eco Banner-using recycled materials, Finham Treasure Hunt, Junk Modelling, Making Seed Bombs, Musical Station. Bring a picnic or enjoy bacon batches, hotdogs, veggy option batches to buy, also tea, coffee, squash & cake to buy

### **DATES FOR DIARY**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 assembly-9am

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming lessons-Year 3

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Teacher Training Day