

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

FINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have had a really positive week and it has been great to see all the children settled into their learning for the year.

I had a wonderful lesson with the children in Year 3, they were being history investigators, looking at the clues to work out what might have happened.

Of course reading was a key skill that goes without saying, however, the real learning was in the children's ability to question, predict, discuss, collaborate and to justify their thoughts so they could come to their own conclusions.

***Learning does not exist in the answers, it exists in the route to find them.***

As we found out in Year 6 – we need to be WD40. We need to have the resilience to learn to fail and keep adapting and keep trying. It clearly didn't work 39 times before!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Richard Machin  
Headteacher

**Music Lessons**

Mrs. Thompson has now got all the music replies and the times in and finalized the timetable. Next week she will be starting to match children to instruments so if the children who are bringing their own can do so on Tuesday next week, we can check they are good to go.

**Pedestrian Access**

We do not lock the main car park gate as we need emergency vehicle access, however, we do try to keep the gate shut. Please use the pedestrian access into school and not come through the car park. If someone has left the gate open, please have the integrity to still not go through. As we say at Finham, integrity is the hardest value, it is doing the right thing, even when no one is looking.

**Engage! Values**

It was with great pride I shared the Engage! Values video with Primary, Secondary and Special School heads this week. The team at Finham have given up a huge amount of their time to support and develop and make this possible and ALL the children in Coventry are very lucky to have such dedicated individuals who go above and beyond to help write, plan, adapt, train and support this happening from the getting it off the ground to the finished product. It has taken us 3 years but it is well worth the wait. The finished programme is being delivered in Year 4 this term and as you know, we have been developing the 5 core values for quite some time.

<http://engagecoventry.com/>

**FROG**

The switch has happened. We need to ensure everyone can get on for it to have full impact so if you have any login issues, contact the teacher and we'll get them sorted.

### **Jeans for Jeans Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Children are welcome to come to school wearing anything denim for Jeans for Jeans Day next Friday. In return, please may we ask for a voluntary donation of £1.

### **Lost school jumper and coat**

One of our Year 1 children has lost a named school jumper. Please can everyone check their children's jumpers in case it has been taken home by mistake. Also one of our Year 3 children have lost a named navy blue parker coat with a fur hood. Again, please can you check that your child hasn't accidentally come home with the wrong coat. Thank you.

### **Lost Property**

We have accumulated a large amount of lost property in school – which is currently being stored at the clinic end of the school (next to Mrs Duffy's room). We will hold onto this until next Friday, after which any unclaimed property will be donated to charity. Please come and have a look if your child is missing any property.

### **Diary Dates**

27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Reception Inspire Workshop @ 9am

28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Year 4 Sleepover

29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – MacMillan Coffee Morning – information to follow