

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

FINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We've had a very busy week in school and have been looking at the value 'Respect!' There has been lots of amazing examples across the school and I'd like to draw your attention to our 'FROG Values' page where we post the values certificates each week. It is always great to spend 5 minutes to reinforce these with your children and ask them about why their class has received the comments.

The Children in Need totals are in and I am delighted to say that the choir raised £500 at the Airport and we raised £497 in pennies. Thank you to Mrs. Lloyd and her amazing office team who counted them all up - it took them a while but it was definitely worth it 😊

A reminder that registration for the children each morning is between 8:45 and 8:55 am. Getting to the gate for 8:55 am is not getting registered. We have a digital register system and it closes at 8:55 am. If your children are not in class for this time, they will be marked as late. We are using the digital registers so there is no ambiguity as to on-time or late.

You will see that we are having the final touches to our roofing works done and the team are adding the facias. Thank you for your patience and flexibility whilst this has been happening. It will definitely be worth it and we are already benefitting from a cosy school.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to our week looking at Integrity - doing the right thing, even when no-one is looking.

Kindest regards

Richard Machin  
Headteacher

**CHRISTMAS BOOK FLOOD**

After the huge success of last year's Book Flood, we are going to have this magical time with the children again this year. Attached are the details of the Book Flood. Also, if you are ever thinking about what to read next or a good recommendation, the following link is brilliant. We really do love books at Finham.

😊 <https://www.booksfortopics.com/key-stage-book-lists>

**FINHAM FESTIVE FIREWORK FESTIVAL – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 4pm to 6pm**

Tickets will be onsite next week with our Year 6 event organisers in reception ready to sell them. Because we are planning it differently this year we will be deciding on whether we can go ahead with this event based on ticket sales by 3:30 pm on Friday 1st December as will be finalising the Firework Order that evening. There will obviously be a full refund if we haven't enough people wanting to come.

Ticket prices will be £5 per adult and £3 per child or a family ticket will be £12.50 (2 adults & children or 1 adult & 3 children).

**CHRISTMAS ART DAY**

We are having our Christmas Art day next Friday. Please can children come to school in non-uniform, Christmas jumpers are optional but we cannot guarantee the children won't get messy as they will be making lots of arty creations. In return for not wearing uniform we are asking for a £1 donation per child, which will go towards supporting the Charity, Zoe's Place Hospice in Coventry.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Please be advised that the deadline for ordering a Christmas dinner for your child is **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Can you please make sure you have returned your slip, as orders received after this date will not be accepted. If your child usually has school dinners, we are asking that you to still complete a slip so that the correct number of dinners are ordered. Letters are available from the school office if you are unable to print a copy.

### **SQUIRRELS CLUB - TEACHER TRAINING DAY'S**

We are offering our children fun days again for the teacher training days, they will take place on **Thursday 21st December 2017 and Monday 8th January 2018**. The cost will be £25.00 and we will open at 9:00 am until 3:30 pm. Children will need to bring their own packed lunch. We can take 30 children and we will run on a first come first served basis. Please either let the office know or email [squirrelsclub@finhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:squirrelsclub@finhamprimary.co.uk) if you would like a space by **Wednesday 29th November**. I will then send a text to confirm places nearer the time.

### **FINHAM LIBRARY NEW OPENING TIMES**

We have been notified of Finham Library's new opening times as of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, which are; Monday: 10:30am to 5:00pm, Tuesday: 10:00am to 6:00pm, Thursday: 10:00am to 5:30pm, Friday 10:00 to 2:00pm and Saturday: 9:30am to 12:30pm. Also Rhyme time will take place on Thursday mornings, 10:30am to 11:00am and from January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 Story time will take place on Monday's 2:45pm to 3:10pm.

### **PRIMARY ADMISSIONS**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 you can apply to [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions). Nursery parents will have received a leaflet on how to apply for their Primary School place. The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. If you experience problems on-line the school office has a small amount of paper copies

### **DIARY DATES**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4, Warwick Arts Centre Christmas Lecture

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Art Day

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1, 2 and 3 Belgrade Theatre Trip

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6, Coventry Cathedral Trip

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Assembly at 9:00am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December AM & PM – Nursery Christmas Production, info to follow

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 & Reception Christmas Production at 2:00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 & Reception Production at 10:30am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Warwick Arts Centre Snow Mouse Trip

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Teacher Training Day