

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week and have been focusing on our value of 'Respect!' The Children have been really great over the last 6 months working alongside all the building work that has been going on and shown a fantastic amount of respect in how they have conducted themselves. It must have been very frustrating at times and we have been limited in what we have been able to do, having to change and cancel a lot of our traditional and exciting projects. I have great respect for everyone's patience. The scaffolding came down this week and Mr. James, Mrs Bracken and myself did a very detailed snagging list on Wednesday - a great day to test the roof during a storm! There are a few finishing off jobs to do then over half term we can deep clean and do a full water system flush so that our heating and roofing are completely signed off and Finham can start to get back to its vibrant self again.

Another area where I have total respect in is in the children that have put themselves forward to represent us all on the MAT Student Council. Miss. Beale and I were humbled by their applications and they will be introduced to the children in Monday's Assembly. I always hold great respect for anyone who puts themselves forward for the service and help of others.

I am writing this week's newsletter on the train to London, where I have the great privilege of showcasing what we do at Finham and across the MAT at BETT 2018. Mr. Davoudian and I have helped to pioneer a new operating system for education with FROG. We had the honour of showcasing our ideas last June at an international conference and have turned it into a reality. FROG as a company have worked to support us make this happen and today I share it with everyone.

We are very lucky to have such talented staff at Finham and it is always an honour and a privilege to work with them to help to transform the education for your children so that they thrive and become the amazing grown-ups they aspire to be.

'A winner is a dreamer that never gives up!'

Nelson Mandela

Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards

Richard Machin
Head Teacher

HOMEWORK CLUB

Mrs Lines will be running Homework Club every Tuesday after school from 3:30pm – 4:15pm, starting from **Tuesday 6th February**. This is a free club open to all year groups. Children will need to come to club with either their homework set by their own teacher or their reading book. If you would like your child to attend then please contact the school office. Places are available on a first come, first serve basis, for a maximum of 20 children.



SQUIRRELS CLUB - TEACHER TRAINING DAY

We are offering our children fun days again for the teacher training day on Friday 16th February. 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 if you would like a space, please let us know by Friday 2nd February. A text will then be sent to confirm places nearer the time.

DINNER MONEY

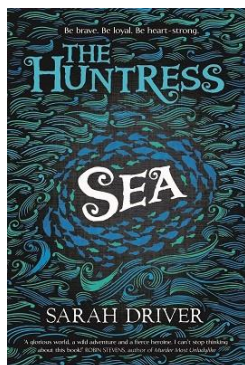
Please could you ensure that you pay £10.50 by Monday of each week to cover the week's meals? If your child is absent, there will be no charge for the meal. Our preferred method of payment is ParentPay as it is easier to refund if your child stops having a school meal. If this is a problem we will accept cash or cheques made payable to Finham Park MAT. Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Sea by Sarah Driver

Part of 'The Huntress' trilogy

If you love a good adventure, then this is a book for you. It will take you places you never thought you'd go, you'll admire Mouse and her bravery and you won't be able to put it down!

Ever since Ma died, Mouse has looked after her little brother, Sparrow, dreaming of her destiny as captain of the Huntress. But now Da's missing, Sparrow is in danger, and a deathly cold is creeping across Trianukka...



NURSERY APPLICATIONS

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 – 31st August 2015 you are eligible to apply for a Nursery place at Finham Primary. The deadline for applications is 31st January 2018. Please collect an application form from the school office. We will then contact you by the end of March 2018 to let you know what place your child has been offered.

DIARY DATES

Monday 29th January – Reception Hearing Tests
Tuesday 30th January – Year 2 Inspire Workshop, 9:00am
Wednesday 7th February – Year 3 Inspire Workshop, 9:00am
Tuesday 13th February – Year 2 Assembly, 9:00am
Wednesday 14th February – Year 6 Inspire Workshop, 9:00am
Friday 16th February – Teacher Training Day
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February – Half Term
Monday 26th February – Year 6 Trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Tuesday 27th February – Parents Evening, 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Wednesday 28th February – Parents Evening, 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 28th February – Year 4 Inspire Workshop at 9:00am

