

Newsletter

Dearest Parents,

We have had an amazing last week of this half term. It never ceases to amaze me how many things we do in a week at school and how many times we are amazed by the hard work and talents of the children and staff in the school. As we go to have our break, we start to prepare for the next term, which is all about the challenges we have set ourselves and the 'Finham Challenge.'

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

As you know, Mr Fitzhugh is taking on his cycling challenge on the 16th June to inspire the children to take on theirs. The team with him will not only be supporting him but taking on their own personal challenges to make it possible – being the support team can be just as big a challenge as they work together to try and achieve their goals.

Here at school we also believe in challenging ourselves, so, when the Coventry Half Marathon was cancelled, we looked at how we could include that into what we were doing at school and decided to do our very own 'Coventry Half Marathon' but with a special Finham Twist! (I've always said children have the best ideas!) During the week leading up to Mr Fitzhugh's challenge 11th-15th June, we will be having a challenge week in school culminating in a "Challenge Day" on the 15th June.

The children will take part in 13 challenges devised from a variety of areas of the curriculum. There will be math's, reading, writing, and art challenges as well as a few sporting ones. The challenges have been devised by class teachers, outside agencies and the School Governors but most importantly, the children.

The aim is for children to push themselves and see what they can really achieve when set a challenge, whether it be individually or as part of a team. We will definitely have to work together to make it possible.

The children have received a challenge sponsor form to record their challenges and a celebratory 'Coventry Half Marathon Medal' when they have achieved all 13 and completed our very own Half Marathon of Challenges. (See attached - please come to the office if you need more.)

Mr. Fitzhugh is raising money for charity (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/conor-fitzhugh1>) however, we are asking the children for sponsorship to raise money to support reading at Finham Primary School and further enrich our library and our 'Real Books' work. Of course any donation to any of these makes a massive difference. Mr. Fitzhugh has set himself a target of £3000 for Charity and is well on his way to achieving it and we as a school £5000 for our Reading Project. If every child in school completed 13 challenges and managed to get £1 for each one then we would smash our targets and really could make a difference that would benefit us all. 460 children x 13 = 5980 challenges - that's a lot of challenges!

Attached is the sponsor form. Please return it to school on the 15th of June to be stamped when all the challenges have been completed.

Thank you in advance for all your support as we take on our challenges in what will hopefully be another 'awesome' Finham opportunity for your children.

Kindest regards

Richard Machin
Headteacher

The Last Emailed Newsletter

This is the last newsletter we will be mailing to parents. The newsletters will be available on the website and on FROG so you have a single point of access to them all. Save the attached link and you have access to all the information current and historic. This way we can ensure that there are no technical problems with our systems that mean we think we've contacted you and we haven't, because there has been problems with mail accounts etc etc. It also ensures that we comply with the new data protection rules around permissions and security.

<http://www.finhamprimary.co.uk/newsletters/>

Staffing Update

Over the last half of the summer term we will be welcoming back Mrs. Wilding, Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Williams after being off for a long period of time and Mrs. Hobman from her Maternity Leave.

Can I take this opportunity to thank the staff that have gone the extra mile to ensure that the children have had a continued positive 'Finham Experience' whilst they have been away.

Whole School Class Photo's & Year 6 Leavers Pack

The whole school will be having their Class photos taken on the first day back after half term, **Monday 4th June**. Year 6 will also be having their individual and Year Group photographs taken for their Leavers Packs on the same day.

Sports Day – New Date

The new date for this year's Sports Day is **Wednesday 27th June**. Parents are welcome to join their children for a picnic lunch at 12:30pm, followed by activities which will begin at 1:30pm.

MATSL Short Story Competition

MAT student leaders recently launched a short story competition to raise money for local libraries. 5 stories will be chosen from each school and will have their work published in a book to be sold across the MAT schools. All entries must be between 500 and 1000 words and will need to be typed up. Please return your entry to Miss Beale by **Monday 4th June**.

300 Book Target

Please donate any unwanted books (for children or adults) to school to help us achieve our 300 book target. The books will then be donated to local hospices. Please can all books be in a good condition and handed into the office by **Friday 8th June**.

DIARY DATES

Monday 4th June – Whole School Class Photo's
Monday 4th June – Year 6 Individual/Leavers Pack Photo's
Wednesday 6th June – Friday 8th June – Year 6, Pembrokeshire Trip
Tuesday 12th June – Year 3 Assembly
Wednesday 13th June – Year 2, Warwick Castle Trip
Tuesday 19th June – Year 1 Assembly
Wednesday 27th June – Sports Day
Wednesday 18th July – Parent Open Evening
Tuesday 24th July – Year 6 Leavers Evening
Wednesday 25th July – Last Day of Term