

# Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have had an amazing week at school, the highlight for me being the 2 wonderful music assemblies we were treated to on Tuesday and Wednesday. We have so many children taking up music lessons and their talents and enthusiasm really shone through. A massive thanks needs to go to Mrs Thompson who has worked really hard over the year to get the children to where they are. We are very lucky to have someone with such a breadth of musical knowledge and talents and her infectious enthusiasm for music has meant that we go into next year with 100 children taking lessons.

***'Keep playing, keep practising, keep performing....you never know where it will take you.'***

I hope you have all now received the children's reports and had the opportunity to come in and see the teachers if you needed to discuss them. Thank you for returning the parents questionnaires - they are really important for us to support us moving forward and making Finham the best it can possibly be. We've had a few more come in this morning so I am going to wait until Monday before I collate them as the more we have the better. If you haven't had the opportunity, I encourage you to fill them in and return them on Monday.

We look forward to the final 3 days of the year and all the wonderful celebrations, productions, proms and achievements that come with our Year 6 team before we say our goodbyes and they move on to secondary school. As I said to the children - it's a happy/excited/sad time. We are so happy and proud of what they have achieved, excited to see them take on their new challenges and adventures and really sad to say goodbye. We've had some of these wonderful children with us for 8 years and we really will miss them.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Kindest regards

Richard Machin

## **School Diary Dates**

For your information, the school diary dates for next academic year are now on Frog and on the school website.

## **Summer Reading Challenge 2018**

Please find information attached or follow the link below to find out about this year's summer reading challenge. It would be great for children to sign up to the challenge and enjoy plenty of reading over the Summer.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

## **Year 6 Leavers Production**

The Year 6 Leavers Production will take place on Tuesday 24th July, 6:00pm until 7:30pm. All Year 6 parents should have received a formal invitation, made by their child with all the details enclosed.

## Encrypted Emails

A number of parents have contacted us recently regarding difficulties in opening emails received from school. This is due to the new GDPR law, where emails containing sensitive information are now required to be encrypted. There is a process to follow which will enable you to open and read the email, this only has to be done once and future encrypted emails are then easily read. If you are having difficulties please follow this link for instructions <http://finhampark.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Office365-Email-Decryption-Instructions.pdf> , alternatively you may contact [icttechnicians@finhampark.co.uk](mailto:icttechnicians@finhampark.co.uk) or call 02476 840840 for further help.

## Internet Safety

As we approach the summer holidays, I'm sure most children will have access to a variety of technology. It is still very important to make sure your children are using technology safely and responsibly. Over the holiday can you please follow 5 simple rules to keep them safe.

- Ask the children to be in the same room as an adult when using it.
- To set a limit to how much they are using technology, each day.
- To take an interest in their games and know what happens in each one.
- Tell the children that you are there to listen if they have any issues or worries.
- Remind your child that any message they send should not be hurtful or something they would not be happy to share with Mr Machin.

The latest computer game trend is called Fortnite. Some of you may be unaware of its content or potential risks, which can be easily reduced. I've attached a website link so you can have a better understanding of the game.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

## Lost Property

We have accumulated a large amount of items in lost property. Please come and have a look through if you think your child has any missing belongings. Any unclaimed items will be cleared away and recycled on the last day of term.

## Missing Baseball Cap

One of our Year 3 children has lost a Wimbledon Baseball Cap, it is white with large blue tennis balls and the Wimbledon logo on it. The cap has been missing for a couple weeks now, it was hoped that it may eventually turn up, but unfortunately it hasn't appeared. Please can you check at home in case it has been mixed up with your child's belongings and accidentally taken home. Many thanks

## Space Academy Holiday Club – St. Martin's Church

Taking place **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August** at St. Martin's Church, Green Lane, Finham, 9:30am -12:00pm. Please book a place for your child(ren) ASAP. Email [sandra\\_c\\_taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:sandra_c_taylor@btinternet.com) for more information.

### DIARY DATES

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Evening  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term

