

# Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New School Year

It has been lovely to welcome back your children after the summer break, full of enthusiasm and raring to learn. We started the week looking at what the children and the teachers would need to pack in their bags and bring to school to make the year really successful. We came up with lots of useful items but decided the most important ones could not always be packed in the bag...

***Our enthusiasm, our work ethic, our values and always having a good book on the go!***

So let us all look forward to an amazing year at Finham where we work really hard, tackle everything we do with enthusiasm and ensure that our values underpin everything we do!

With a good book on the go in mind, we have had a 'Book Week' to really kick start the children's reading and have had lots of fun learning from our different books. We have put recordings of the teachers reading them all on the 'Bedtime Stories' section of FROG, which we will add more to as the year goes on.

The teachers have also been taking 'Shelfies.' That is not a typing error. A 'Shelfie' is a picture taken of you reading your favourite book and posting it on our Book Shelf Display with reasons why you love it. There are some great recommendations on there for the children and we would be delighted if any children would like to send in a 'Shelfie' for our display....because we really do love books!

There is a new area on FROG set up by our Digital Leaders. Their first series of work being shared looks at some of our school's various calculation strategies with videos to help you with your maths at home. It is well worth a visit and a great help to those of us who were shown a very different way of working out many years ago. Again, this area will continue to grow to support the children's learning as the year moves forward.



The children all took part in helping us set up the Daily Mile project this week and we are ready to go each day from next Monday. Moving is the best thing we can do for our health and wellbeing and the attached photo completely captures what the daily mile is all about at Finham. I can think of nothing better than a stroll with my friends.

As always, we are asked, 'What can I do to help my child in school?'

The three things that support children's development in school and to achieve, more than any other measure, proved time and time again as many international studies have shown are:

***A healthy attitude towards food and diet.***

***An active lifestyle.***

***A love of reading....***

All within the shared experience of the family. There is not a lesson or an app for that.

You can follow lots of our learning adventures on twitter @finhamprimary and on our FROG site. All our weekly newsletters can also be found on FROG and the school website @ <http://www.finhamprimary.co.uk/newsletters/>

Have a great weekend and I look forward to more great learning adventures next week.

Kindest regards

Richard Machin  
Headteacher

### **After school clubs Sign up Reminder**

After school clubs are now available for you to book. Please make sure you register your child's interest by filling in the online form under the office section on Frog. Your child's login details will be the same as last year.

### **Lunchtime Activities**

At Finham Primary we are lucky to have CV Life (previously known as Coventry Sports Foundation) come to the school and run lunchtime activities. This school year there will be a few changes with the way lunchtimes are run. We have recruited Mr Atkins as our Extra School Leader who will oversee the school's extra provision including Squirrels before and after school club.

Next week we will be starting separate activities in different parts of both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. We still keep the free play option available to pupils who do not wish to do one of the dedicated activities. In the sports hall we will have a dedicated activity that pupils will need to sign up to on FROG. This half term's activity is Dodgeball in the hall which will run between 12:00 and 12:30 for KS1 and 12:30 until 13:00 for KS2. Places will be limited so please book over the weekend, ready for the session to start Monday lunchtime.

### **Squirrels Club**

There have been a few changes with Squirrels. After many years of service to Squirrels, Paula found a new job in a similar capacity at a different school. We wish Paula all the best with her new role. As mentioned in the lunchtime activities section, we have recruited Mr Atkins to oversee the management of Squirrels before and after school provision.



Parents and pupils that have been part of the school for a long time will know about the schools before and after school provision. For new parents/guardians and pupils, all the information about Squirrels can be found on FROG.

All invoices for parents that booked places for this half term are now on ParentPay. For those that pay via voucher, could you please ensure that payment is made as soon as possible. The deadline for payment is 5th October which is the date the next booking forms will be released on FROG.

### **Medication/Inhalers**

If your child requires medication to be administered at school i.e; inhalers, epi-pens etc, please ensure that the correct medication is available in school and it is in date. Please note that medication can only be administered by staff if it has been prescribed by a GP and must be in its original labelled container and box. A Medical Consent form must also be completed by parents and are available from the school office.

### **Secondary Admissions**

All Year 6 parents should have received their leaflet on how to apply for their child's Secondary school place. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. If you are unable to apply online, please call the school office for a paper copy.

### **Data Collection Sheets**

Children will have come home today with their data collection sheets, please can you ensure all forms are completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks

### **DIARY DATES**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Parents Information Evening, 6:00pm**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September until Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Cycling Proficiency Lessons**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 4 Swimming Lessons**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1 Coventry Transport Museum**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Scholastics Book Fair**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Reception Inspire Workshop, 9am**

