

# Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The ability to read and write has never been more critical. "Adolescents entering the adult world in the 21st century will need to read and write more than at any other time in human history. They will need advanced levels of literacy to perform their jobs, run their households, act as citizens, and conduct their personal lives. They will need literacy to cope with the flood of information they will find everywhere they turn. They will need literacy to feed their imaginations, so they can create the world of the future. In a complex, and sometimes dangerous world, the ability to read can be crucial."

International Reading Association, (Moore et al, 1999, p. 3 as cited by Clark & Rumbold, 2006

Here at Finham we understand the importance of reading and reading for pleasure. We LOVE books. This year please help us to pass on this LOVE of books and reading to your children. Survey after survey cites the benefits of losing yourself in a good book.

Reading for pleasure has educational benefits, supports personal development and has a positive impact on reading including: reading attainment and writing ability

- text comprehension and grammar
- breadth of vocabulary
- positive reading attitudes
- self-confidence as a reader
- pleasure in reading in later life.
- improved general knowledge
- understanding of other cultures.

To help you do this here is a link that can support you sharing books and hearing your child read and home. [www.lovemybooks.co.uk](http://www.lovemybooks.co.uk)

All of us have busy lives but if we can establish a reading habit we will be set up for life. Hearing our children read, sharing and talking about books is one of the most important things we can do as a parent. In fact, in this busy digital world it often provides a calm quiet family time. It is just as important to share books with children as they get older. So Y5 and Y6 should still have books shared and discussed with them at home. You are NEVER too old for a bedtime story! If you are looking for ideas of books to read try these websites.

[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)  
[www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk](http://www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk)

You can also speak to your child's teacher, Mrs Machin or go to your local library. Remember books are free to borrow from there.

Together we can make the difference. Please help us to help your child LOVE reading.

#pass on the reading bug

Have a fabulous weekend.

Kindest regards

Richard Machin  
Headteacher

## **Reading Café**

We will be holding a reading cafe on **THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER @ 3:00 P.M.**

Parents/grandparents/carers are invited into school for that time to simply share a book/s with their child and chat about books.

It is the same week as the Scholastic Book Fair which will be open before and after school from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## **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**. Please use the following link to start the online application process.

[http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/148/school\\_admissions/120/secondary\\_school\\_admissions/3](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/148/school_admissions/120/secondary_school_admissions/3)

If you are unable to apply online, please contact the school office for a paper copy. For more information regarding the Secondary application process, please visit <http://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions>

## **Secondary School Open Days**

For information regarding Secondary School Open Days, please follow this link;

[http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/148/school\\_admissions/120/secondary\\_school\\_admissions/4](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/148/school_admissions/120/secondary_school_admissions/4)

## **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.

## **Data Collection Sheets**

If you haven't already done so, please can you ensure that your child's data collection forms are completed and returned to school as soon as possible. It is important that the information we hold for your child is kept up to date  
Many thanks.

### **DIARY DATES**

**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**