

Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Finham Primary for what is going to be an(other) tremendous year for the community of our school. If children continue the way they have started I am very confident we will have an amazing year.

New children, new staff, new spaces

Whilst the last newsletter of last year highlighted how some pupils were moving on, it is natural to feel **excited about welcoming those who are new to our school**. First of all, I would like to welcome any families who are reading a Finham Primary's newsletter for the first time - the majority of you will be parents of our youngest children but we also welcome a number of other families in other year groups too. We also welcome some new members of the staff team and, as I have said before, I am VERY excited about the team we now have in place- the children are sure to have a great year. Lots of fun learning is being planned!

The **changes to the school site that we had planned for the summer have ALL been successful too**. As you can imagine, the summer break allows more extensive works to be carried out and the school really now looks **wonderful** throughout.

We are trying out new security measures on the front door. We have a new post box, a notice board and letter holders arriving very soon to help with the congestion in the entrance. Please bear with us until the system is fully operational.

Communication is a key part of any school and I am proud of what Finham does in respect of this. Your child's **home/school diary is vital** as this will enable you to maintain a dialogue with your child's teacher. If something is a little more 'important' you are able to see your teacher before or after school. Please do recognise, though, that such moments of the day can be quite busy and, more often than not, arranging a specific meeting may be easier- feel free to arrange them via the school office and/ or the teacher. As Head teacher, I will continue to be accessible as much as possible so do look out for me at the start and end of each day. For information about news and the running of the school, check the Frog and the school website first- I predict the answer to most queries will **be there...**

SCHOOL CROSSING

Please could we ask parents to be vigilant and take care when driving outside school in particular on the crossing. An incident happened yesterday where a pupil was hit by a car on the crossing.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY – YEAR 6

Year 6 will be starting their Cycling Proficiency Course on Tuesday 10th September through to Tuesday 15th October, please ensure you have completed the consent form and returned it to the school office. To participate, all children require a working bicycle and helmet. These will need to be brought into school each week on a Tuesday. If you do not have access to any of this equipment, please contact your child's Year 6 class teacher.

SWIMMING LESSONS – YEAR 4

Year 4 will be starting their swimming lessons on Wednesday 11th September through to Wednesday 18th December. The children will require a swimming costume, **not** a bikini or tankini / short trunks, and a towel. All long hair needs to be tied back and **no jewellery can be worn**. If your child wears a religious bracelet they will need to cover it with a sweatband or remove for swimming. Please ensure their swimming kit is brought into school every Wednesday.

COVENTRY BLAZE

The Elite League season begins for an exciting new-look Coventry Blaze Ice Hockey team this Sunday.

As part of their Sport in the Community programme, they are inviting pupils and staff of our school to their first two home games of the season for a very special discounted per-game price of:

£10 for adults and £6 for under-16's

The usual price is £18 for adults and £10 for under-16's so this is a great opportunity to enjoy live sport, and the unique "family friendly" Blaze ice hockey experience.

The fixtures that you can choose to use this offer for are as follows:

Sunday 8th September vs. Sheffield Steelers (5.30pm)

Saturday 14th September vs. Fife Flyers (7pm)

Both games will be at the Skydome Arena, Croft Rd, Coventry CV1 3AZ.

To book tickets, all you need to do is:

Email: coventryblazehockey@gmail.com – say which game/s you would like to go to – how many adult and under-16 tickets you would like and quote the name of our school.

Tickets will be collected and paid for on the night of the game.

This offer is limited in circulation and not transferable.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10th September – Year 6 Parents Evening – 5.30pm