

# Newsletter

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that we are creeping steadily towards half term – it feels like only seconds ago that we welcomed all of our lovely children back to school. The children at Finham have been absolutely brilliant at adhering to the new school rules related to Covid, getting to know their new teachers and working incredibly hard in class, whilst sanitising their hands like professionals! I am so very proud of them.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you all, for your amazing cooperation with the rules we currently have around school. Waiting with your children before school, minimising visits to the site (including the office) and, wearing a mask is all helping the fight against COVID, so, thank you!

Sadly, this half term, we do have to say goodbye to some dear members of staff who have been an integral part of the Finham family.

Mrs Elliman will be retiring from Finham Primary School after many years as a lunchtime supervisor, we wish to thank her for all the hard work she has put in in all weathers to look after your children at lunch time.

Mrs Schofield is also leaving us to move with her family to live in Devon. She has been a wonderful asset to the school and we shall miss her greatly.

Just a reminder that parents evening next week is virtual! The appointments last for 10 minutes from your start time. You must press start at the beginning, after ten minutes the appointment will end. This service has been recommended to us from other schools and we hope it will run smoothly.

Thank you so much for all your immense generosity with the Harvest contributions! It took us quite a few journeys to load all the food into the foodbank van as there were so many boxes! This will make a huge difference to so many families during these challenging times.

Autumn is now in full swing, so do have a wonderful weekend with your children, taking time to collect conkers and just enjoying the beautiful colours that this season brings.

Please remember the last day of half term for children is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Sarah Bracken

## **WET WEATHER**

During the school day children are outside in rain showers and cold for much longer periods during breaks and lunchtimes. Schools are encouraged to get children outside in all weathers and to do outdoor PE in most weathers. Nursery & reception children play outside in the cold and rain. Children go to Forest School in all weathers including cold and rain. Rain is part of our British weather. It is a scientific fact that we don't catch colds or coughs from rain or cold weather. A cold or infection is caused by a virus, which is not influenced by rain. Wet hair, or being wet, will not increase your chances of becoming ill with an upper respiratory condition. It is bacteria and viruses, not the weather, that cause infections such as the common cold, influenza (the flu), or pneumonia. Please ensure your child has suitable shoes and a coat for this weather.

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Finham Primary is a very diverse school with children coming from a very wide range of backgrounds in terms of ethnicity, languages, religions etc. We are very proud of this diversity and our school represents the Coventry that we all live and work in. Schools have a crucial role in educating and nurturing within all children a pride in their heritage. One of the ways in which we can support this is by recommending high-quality fiction so that children can find themselves in books and stories as well as use story to learn about the experiences and lives of others. As part of Black History Month, we are asking parents to make a donation of a book or books so that we can extend our EYFS and Infant book corners and also our KS2 reading challenge to more fully represent the rich diversity of our school community. If you are able to support us and the children to broaden our reading offer to the children, we would really appreciate donations of books across the month of October. We are happy to receive multiple copies of each book. If you know of a good book that reflects your own family heritage we would welcome that. Please do help us to enlarge and enrich our reading material for our children and make it more representative of our global community. Please send any donations of books for the attention of the Headteacher – making clear which family have donated the books. We will then ensure a book plate is put inside the book to show that it was donated by you during Black History Month 2020. We will be extremely grateful for your donations. Thank you.

## **CLICKVIEW – WHAT THE DESIGNERS SAY....**

“ClickView is the leading video content resource for primary schools, secondary schools and further education settings. Access visually stunning, curriculum-aligned video content and teacher resources, plus contextual on-demand TV, your own video library and interactive question layers for formative assessment. Trusted by over 4,000 schools and colleges, we put world-class video content for effective teaching and learning at the fingertips of educators and students.”

We are using ClickView at Finham Primary to enhance our teaching and support home learning. Every child from Years 1-6 has been issued with a login and password. Your class teachers will send links when ClickView resources are being used. Please feel free to log in and have a look at some of the resources available.

## **COVID 19**

Latest Government COVID-19 information <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please can I thank everyone who is working really hard to follow all the restrictions that are in place. I know how difficult it is but as a school we really appreciate everything that our community is doing to make Finham Primary a safer place.

## **RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2021**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 you are now able to apply on-line at [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for your child's Reception place for September 2021. If you have problems applying on-line please contact the school office for a paper copy. The deadline for making your application is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If you require a leaflet explaining how to apply please contact the school office.

## **SECONDARY APPLICATION FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN**

The deadline for applying for your child's Secondary Application is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Secondary Admissions are now taking applications over the telephone please contact them on 024 7697 5445. Apply on-line [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or if you wish to make a paper application please contact the school office. If you live outside of Coventry you will need to make your application to your local authority.

## **BLUE COAT VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING**

Blue Coat School are having a virtual Open Evening for Year 6 (or even Year 5) parents/carers. Please follow the link below;

<https://bluecoatschool.com/virtual-open-evening/>

If you have any queries regarding applications for Blue Coat School, please contact Julie Curtis on 02476 223542.

**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - 6M – Bike Ability  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 3.30-6.30pm - Parent's Evening-Virtual  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Year 4 – Swimming  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Inspire Workshop – Year 4 (via Frog)  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 4-7pm - Parents Evening- Virtual  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Teacher Day

