

Newsletter

Dear All,

As we come to the end of our fourth week in school, I am really pleased to say that the focus on building relationships, pastoral care and wellbeing has been really beneficial for the children. It is wonderful to see aspects of school life that we have all missed so much, re-emerging and flourishing.

It has been great to see the children taking part in PE lessons with such great enthusiasm. Our children coming into school wearing their PE kits, has worked really well, and this is now another of our new routines. With the change in the weather, it does feel like autumn has truly arrived, please make sure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school each day.

Another positive this week is that the wasps have now gone from outside the main gate. This means that the children in Years 1 and 2 can now start using the main gate at the beginning of the school day and at home time, from Monday. Please do use this gate with caution as the wasps may still be around on warmer days. They have been feeding on the wonderful ancient hedgerows that line the outside of the school grounds. Please do not let your children run in and out of the hedgerows as this may disturb the biodiversity in there.

Some parents and local residents have raised concerns about so many parents standing close together at the start and the end of the day without face coverings, on the street. I am sure that you understand, I am not at liberty to enforce parents wearing face coverings outside the school gates. I cannot enforce this because the space outside the school is out of my jurisdiction as a Headteacher and it is a public space. The government has not enforced the wearing of a face covering outside in a public place. However, we would advise parents to wear masks when bringing and picking children up from school.

When on the school site itself we would now like anybody walking through the school gates to wear a face covering. This for the protection of yourself and others - especially as the number of cases of Covid-19 are nationally rising quite quickly. Picking and dropping children off can be very stressful, particularly for grandparents who are more at risk. It is essential that we are all doing our best to limit the virus circulation. Thank you for your support with this.

Your children's safety is always our priority and I do have concerns about traffic outside school. As a result, I have been in touch with Coventry City Council, the Parish Council, Local Governing Body and the Police regarding the parking outside school and the speed at which some cars drive down Green Lane. The police have loaned us some new signs and will be patrolling whenever possible. The City Council will also be sending a car to record parking outside school, which may result in the issuing of fines. For the safety of the children entering and exiting school, please can I remind you not to park on the double yellow lines or the white zig zags outside school.

Have a lovely weekend,
Sarah Bracken

QUERIES AND INFORMATION

If any parents have any questions, queries or require information please do not email the class teacher directly please can you email admin@finhamprimary.co.uk where we will deal with your query. The teachers are unable to answer these emails. Many thanks.

SELF ISOLATING FROM SCHOOL

If your child is self isolating from school due to Covid 19 symptoms, Home Learning will be available on Frog but not until 24 hours after you have informed us your child is off school. If your child is in KS1 there is general work to be done on Frog and KS2 pupils there is work to be done on Century. Many thanks

NUTS IN SCHOOL

Please could we ask that you do not put nuts in your child's lunch boxes, we are a no nuts school. Many thanks.

START AND FINISH TIMES

Please could we ask that children arrival on at their allocated start and finish time, times have been staggered so the bubbles are arriving and leaving school separately. If you are late arriving or picking up this can have a knock on effect with the other bubbles arriving or leaving after your child's bubble. Also, please could we ask when parking around school you are mindful how you park your vehicle. Many thanks for your cooperation.

SECONDARY APPLICATION FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

You should by now have received a leaflet on how to apply for your child's Secondary School place. Please apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions by 31st October 2020.

If you experience any problems in submitting your application please contact the school office as we have some paper copies.

PRINCETHORPE OPEN DAY FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Invitation to Open Day – Sunday 5 October 2020 – 10.00am to 3.00pm

We thought our Open Day might be of interest to some of your families in Year 6. The Open Day, taking place on Sunday 4 October, will be split into three hour-long sessions. Each session will open with a Welcome Address by our Headmaster, Ed Hester and then visitors will follow a tour route around key school locations.

Should you have questions regarding the Open Day or the entrance examinations, which for September 2021 entry will take place on Saturday 23 January 2021, please contact Miss Helen Morgan or Mrs Catherine Rogers who make up the Admissions Team.

Registrar	Assistant Registrar	Admissions Administrator
Mrs Vanessa Rooney	Miss Helen Morgan	Mrs Catherine Rogers
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Working hours: 08.30-17.00	Working hours: 08.30-13.30	Working hours: 09.30-17.30

'READING IS MAGIC FESTIVAL'

Here at Finham we know how much we love books! Next week is an opportunity to hear from and engage with lots of children's authors and illustrators.

So, come with us on a journey and step into a world of creativity with the **'Reading is Magic Festival'**.

Six days of free, inclusive and engaging digital events for schools and families featuring lots of children's authors and illustrators.

It runs from 27th September until 2nd October.

Follow the link to find out more and to enter the world of stories!

<https://www.readingismagicfestival.com>



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6th October - 6M – Bike Ability

Wednesday 7th October - Year 4 – Swimming

Wednesday 7th October – Inspire Workshop – Year 2 (via Frog)

