

Newsletter

Dear All,

It's the final week of an industrious half term, and in many ways it has flown by, although I am sure we all need a break! Well done, everyone! We'd like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for their support in these unusual times. We are very proud of all the children who have had a brilliant half term and have been throwing themselves into all the learning on offer at our school. I would like to give a special mention and a huge well done to the children in Year 4, who have made so much progress with their swimming this half term.

Thank you, to everyone who has adapted to having a virtual parents evening. I have heard many positive comments about it. I have personally missed chatting to parents in reception while they have waited for their appointment. Next half term I will try and be on different gates in the morning and afternoons so that I am able to talk to more people.

We hope you all have a well-deserved break. Have a wonderful half term.

Sarah Bracken.

Please be reminded that tomorrow is a teacher day, and school will re-open on Monday 2nd November. All school diary dates for the whole year are on FROG (however these are subject to change).

STAFF E-MAILS

Please can you only use individual class teachers emails for home school learning. If you need to get in touch please contact school via the admin@finhamprimary.co.uk email.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

IF you are going to buy new school uniform over half term, please could you ensure you follow Finham Primary's School uniform policy

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year we have signed up to take part in a 'Run Pudsey' event to help to raise money for the BBC Children in Need charity.

The challenge is for children to run 5K over the 2 weeks after half term, so by Friday 13th November. This will be done in school.

All you need to do is to sign up your child on the link at the bottom of the page by Friday 30th October.

Entry is £5 which includes a medal and a donation to BBC Children in Need.

<https://register.donr.com/runpudseyschools>

DIWALI

We are having a Diwali Celebration Day on Friday 13th November. Children can come into school in Diwali Celebration clothes or brightly coloured clothes. Children will still be going outside and taking part in creative activities so please **do not** send them in their best clothes.

POPPY APPEAL

After half term we will be selling a variety of poppy goods at break times. They will be taken to the children's classrooms at break time for them to be able to buy.

The suggested donation prices are;

- Zip Pull – 50p
- Reflector – 50p
- Silicon Wristband - £1.00
- Snap Band - £1.50

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOKS

Thank you to all those families who have brought in a book to celebrate Black History Month. If you would still like to donate a book to celebrate your own heritage please do so.

PTA

On Monday 2nd November 2020 at 8.15pm, our PTA will be holding a zoom meeting. If anyone is interested in joining the meeting and being involved in the PTA, please email wajackson@cvlife.co.uk.

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 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you are now able to apply on-line at 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 15th 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 31st 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 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.

ONE VOICE COVENTRY

PDA and Strategies to Help One Voice Coventry, Parent Carer Forum and Entrust Care Partnership are delighted to be hosting this training event suitable for parents, grandparents and carers of children, young people or adults with PDA and related needs. Wednesday 11th November 2020 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Free Online Workshop Leonie Berry, founder of SEND Supported, is a skilled and very experienced teacher. She is leading the workshop which will explore the following:

- * PDA Awareness
- * Understand how PDA impacts on daily life and learning
- * Strategies for supporting your child or young person
- * To register an interest, have a chat or for more information please contact:

Lynne Barton: lynnebarton@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk

Tel : 07712 326273

In response to parental requests, One Voice Coventry, Parent Carer Forum and Entrust Care Partnership are delighted to be hosting this training event for parents and carers of children or young people with additional or specific needs or disabilities. This online session will be relaxed and informative with time for participants' questions. Friday 20th November 2020 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Free Online Workshop Ann Huc, an experienced Occupational Therapist from Links Therapy will give you:

- An understanding of sensory processing and how it can affect all areas of life
- A greater understanding of how to spot when your child is having difficulties coping with their sensory world
- Practical strategies for helping to develop a sensory rich environment or help your child feel better about their environment.

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DIARY DATES

Friday 23rd October – Teacher Day

