

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, the children have been working really hard in school this week. There has been a buzz around school as they have enjoyed different elements of their learning, it's been great to see. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been adhering to the children's different school start and end times, in all the different weather conditions that we have experienced this week. It has been hugely appreciated.

CHRISTMAS ART DAY

It is hard to believe that December is here already! Next Friday, the children will be taking part in many different Christmas art activities in preparation for our Christmas celebrations. I do have a request. Please could you send in with your children, some plastic bags that you no longer need? These will be used for an art project across school on the day. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

I have had some queries from parents about whether children are allowed to bring Christmas cards into school. As this year we are facing extraordinary circumstances, if your child wishes to send a Christmas card, please could they write just one card for the whole class? These cards can then be kept and displayed in the classroom for the whole class to see and it means that no cards are taken home.

READING

Well done to all the families who have made a real concerted effort to read together in the evenings or at the weekends. In our busy lives, making the time to do this can be quite a challenge – but it can also be the most rewarding and memorable part of the day. At school, we are beginning to see real growth and progress with those children who are spending extra time reading to a grown-up at home. Please do keep this up as it does make such a difference.

Incredible to believe but there are only 3 weeks left until the end of term. Whatever you choose to do, do wrap up warm and have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Stay safe,

Mrs Bracken

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are having a Christmas jumper day on Friday 11th December to raise money for Save the Children, please send your child in wearing a Christmas jumper and £1 donation in a named envelope. Many thanks

MORNING GATES

Please can we remind everyone that the gate opening times for year groups are;

Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5 – 8.45am

Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6 – 9.00am

Children need to arrive at their allocated times as the gates will then be locked ready for the following bubbles of children entering the school.

READING

You may have read in the news recently, about Marcus Rashford making a real attempt to promote reading across the country. Before we even knew the news about Marcus Rashford, we at Finham had already been racking our brains about how to get more children reading throughout the week. What we are really looking for, is children of all ages to spend at least 10 minutes, 3 times a week, reading to a grown up at home. As mentioned last week, even though children may be fluent readers, they will still need help with understanding what they have read. This is where we need your support. Once you have heard your child read, please do put a comment in their reading diaries about their understanding of the text and perhaps some new words that they picked up along the way. Our teachers are at the ready with their raffle tickets, wondering which children will win the first tickets! Please do check their reading diaries for the reading 'Question of the Week' too!

POPPY APPEAL

We would like to thank each and every one of you that contributed to the sale of poppy goods earlier this month. We managed to raise a whopping £695.82, the Royal British Legion are overwhelmed by the amount we raised for them. Thank you again.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Well done to class 2B and 5F for 100% attendance this week.

MILK CRATES

Early Years and Foundation stage are looking for donations of milk crates, if anybody has any please could they be brought to the school office. Many thanks

REMINDER - CHRISTMAS DINNER – 17TH DECEMBER

A reminder that the deadline for notifying the school office if you wish your child to have a Christmas dinner is today, **Friday 27th November**. If you have not yet booked, please could you email admin@finhamprimary.co.uk with your child's choice by **4.30 today**. Years 3 – 6 and full time Nursery must pay £2.10 for this Christmas meal and this must be paid in advance via Parentpay. Many thanks. School Office.

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.

FINHAM PRIMARY COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Thank you for all the donations for Diwali Day, we raised close to £300! We have several fundraising events in December.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

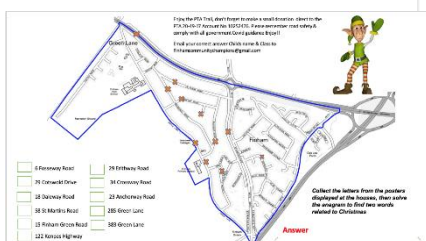
During next week, children are being asked to bring in donations of chocolate, which will be made into hampers. Please could we have all the donations of chocolate in by Friday 11th December. The Community Champions will then create hampers and goodie bags. Raffle tickets will be available in school Monday 14th – Thursday 17th December. Raffles will be drawn on Friday 18th December!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TRAIL

We are also launching the Community Christmas Trail (see attached), great fun and will keep families active in December. We are hoping people will make a donation and submit their answers to be in for winning a prize. The trail will start on 1st December. The poster with the X is an example of what's in the windows of the homes in Finham.

Donations for Community Trail to be sent to:
Finham Community Champions,
sort code - 20-49-17,
account number – 10252476.

Money being raised so far is being spent on bikes for Nursery and Reception and Mr Benbow is preparing the courtyard ready to create a Kitchen Garden.



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 1st December – Bikeability - 6B

Wednesday 2nd December – Year 4 Swimming

