

# Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has seen the start of Christmas festivities at Finham. I have had the delight of seeing some angels, sheep, a donkey, some shepherds, wise men and various other different characters making their way into the hall and bringing smiles to everyone's faces. The children in Reception and Year 1 have started their rehearsals for the Christmas play and it certainly promises to be a treat for us all.

# **CHRISTMAS ART DAY**

Today we have also had a lot of fun and frolics in our classes as it was Christmas Art Day across school. The children certainly had a lot of fun taking part in the different activities!

## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 we would like the children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. Please could the children bring in £1 as a donation. The money raised will go to the charity, 'Save the Children'.

# **#OUR COV HEREOS**

It was brought to our attention this week, that one of our pupils, Evie in Year 6, won an award for her kindness! At the height of lockdown, Evie created heart-shaped magnets and keyrings that she sold for a small fee, raising £208 for the Children's Air Ambulance. More than 100 people were nominated by friends and neighbours, and Evie was one of the final 21 people who won an award. Well done Evie, we are very proud of you!

Wishing you all a safe weekend,

Mrs Bracken

## **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!

# **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Well done to 2T for 100% attendance this week. Congratulations

## **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

## **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 <a href="https://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a> 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.

## **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

During next week, children are being asked to bring in donations of chocolate (any size & individual bars), which will be made into hampers. Please could we have all the donations of chocolate in by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The Community Champions will then create hampers and goodie bags. Raffle tickets will be available in school Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Raffles will be drawn on Friday 18th December!

## **DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 8th December – Bike ability - 6B Wednesday 9th December – Year 4 Swimming

