

# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the third week of the lockdown and everybody both at home and at school has been working incredibly hard. I am sure that you will agree with me, when I would like to thank all the staff who have gone the extra mile both at home and in school in these incredibly challenging circumstances.

Thank you so much to all of the families who took the time to complete our Home Learning Questionnaire. As a school, we recognise that this is a difficult time for everyone, but we really want to work in partnership with all of our Finham families to try and make home learning as positive as possible.

We have been looking at all of the responses received and will feed back to you in more detail in next week's newsletter. It was overwhelmingly positive and very heartening to hear all the things that we as a school are getting right. We are looking at amending some ways of working and will let you know these as part of the feedback. They have been shared with staff, who have really appreciated reading them- Thank you

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be continuing to make phone calls home to the children who are working at home, just to say hello and check in with them. It has been lovely to see the broad smiles on everyone's faces as they have managed to speak to the children in their class. We just want you to know that even though you are working from home, you are very much missed and are still an integral part of the Finham family.

This week, I was alarmed to read an article this week about children's use of the Internet in the last year. The article explained that there has been a 75% increase in cases of children sharing or uploading inappropriate content online. This statistic was for children between the ages of 11 and 13. On that note, whilst children may be spending more time on the internet currently, I would like to suggest that families have a look at the following link:  
[https:// www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/) This website has lots of excellent information about how to use the internet safely.

**Hearts for Homes - We are doing a whole school community project to spread some cheer to elderly people in local care homes who may be lonely and can't see their families. We are going to be sending some hearts to them for Valentine's Day. We need the children to write a lovely cheery message in a heart or write a poem or draw a lovely picture in the heart. If they write a message – we ask them to do it neatly and check their spelling. They can do some patterns, designs or small pictures with their message. Please post these back on Frog or email [admin@finhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@finhamprimary.co.uk) so we can download them and print them off. Please ask your child to complete their heart by Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. It would be lovely if as many children as possible could participate so we can send a bundle of hearts to some of the care homes in the local area.**

Finally, to ensure that children are able to continue reading books that are at the correct level, we have subscribed to Collins e-books. Over the coming week, you will be emailed your children's username and password that will enable you to access digital reading books that your child's class teacher will have assigned for them. Please bear with us as teachers will be frantically assigning books as quickly as they possibly can.

Wishing you all a safe weekend,  
Mrs Bracken

PS. I'm going for GOLD on Mr Tickle's challenge.

### **PE Challenge from Mr Tickle**

Mr Tickle has set a PE challenge for next week, please see attached information. Good luck

### **SCHOOL OFFICE**

Due to Covid there are limited office staff in school at present, please understand that we cannot always answer the phone, please leave a message and we will get back to you. Many thanks

### **THE SPEEDY BEAR**

We would like to thank The Speedy Bear company for donating laptops to school. If you have any old or spare laptops please visit his website to look at donating them to school <https://www.thespeedybear.com/>. Many thanks.

### **NURSERY APPLICATIONS**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 your child is eligible to come to Finham Primary's Nursery from September 2021. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021. Please complete a Nursery Application form which is on our website or contact the school office for a paper copy.

### **CHILD ILLNESS/CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

Please notify the school if your child is ill or there are any changes in your personal circumstances (ie bereavement) and they are unable to complete the Home Learning. We do not expect your child to do home learning if they are poorly. Many thanks.

### **FROG CHECK IN**

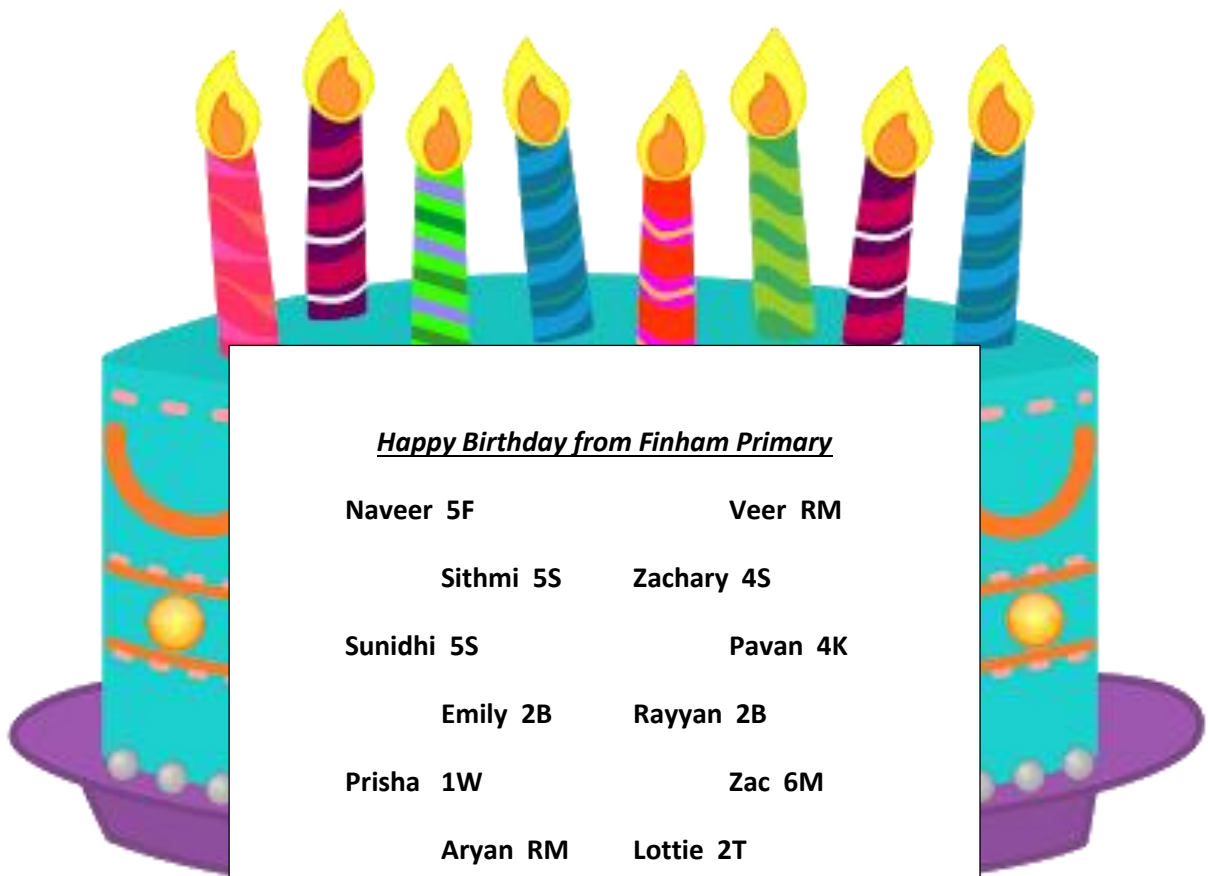
Please can we remind you to get your child to complete the 'Check In' forms on their Frog pages. Thank you

### **COVID SYMPTOMS**

#### **What are the symptoms of coronavirus?**

One, or more, of the following:

- High temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss of change to smell or taste – meaning not being able to smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal



**Happy Birthday from Finham Primary**

Naveer 5F	Veer RM
Sithmi 5S	Zachary 4S
Sunidhi 5S	Pavan 4K
Emily 2B	Rayyan 2B
Prisha 1W	Zac 6M
Aryan RM	Lottie 2T
Edward RM	