

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have almost come to the end of this half term! Next week is a 4-day week for the children, as Friday is a teacher training day. After that, the children do have a well-earned week off for half term. During this period, if your child does show any symptoms of COVID, please do take them for a COVID test, and please do email me to keep me informed of the situation at s.bracken@finhamprimary.co.uk

NEXT HALF TERM

During the last half-term of the school year, we would normally be running events that parents could join in and attend. However, although there has been a lot of talk on the news and in the media about the relaxation of rules – we are working in partnership with the Coventry local authority. As we are following their rules that have been put in place to protect our local community, we are not envisaging that we will be able to invite parents into school for events such as Sports Day. We do look forward to welcoming you all back into school for these types of events when it is safe to do so.

THE BIG ASK

This is a message from the Children's Commissioner for England:

As you may know, last month I launched the largest survey ever of children in England, "The Big Ask". The views and experiences children share with us through "The Big Ask" will help us to shape our forthcoming Childhood Commission, which will set out plans for how we make sure children are at the heart of rebuilding after the pandemic.

I am very pleased to say that hundreds of schools have taken part and that thousands of children across the country have already completed the survey. I am particularly keen to hear from more primary school children and would be very grateful if you could encourage as many of your students to take part as possible at thebigask.uk.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to complete the questionnaire with your children, so that they put across their point of view to explain how they feel at the moment. The questions do generate some really interesting discussions, so I do advise you to take a look purely from that perspective.

Please do have a lovely weekend and take good care of yourselves.

Mrs Bracken

COVID-19

It is wonderful that so many people across Britain are being vaccinated which has reduced the strain on the NHS. However, we still do need to be vigilant with COVID-19 symptoms to ensure that we do not pass the virus on. If your child does present with COVID-19 symptoms, please do keep your child off school, let us know and then follow the government guidelines about getting your child tested. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

SCHOOL AND PE UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see that the majority of school are wearing the correct uniform to school for both PE days and non-PE days. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are beginning to phase the red jumpers and cardigans out. When you do purchase new uniform, please do buy navy blue jumpers and cardigans.

EMAILS

A reminder that if you do have question or a query about school, emails should be sent to admin@finhamprimary.co.uk Please do not email teachers directly. Thank you.

BAKE OFF

The Smart School Council are hosting a Bake Off to raise money for the PTA. It shall be hosted on **Monday 24th May**. Entry free costs 50p and if you are willing to see your food you will sell them for £1, the money will go towards the PTA. You can bake many things featuring individual cakes, sweets, biscuits, bread and savoury treats. Or anything you can think of, however there is a NO NUT POLICY so any bakes featuring nuts will not be accepted. There will be a prize which is currently unconfirmed. Thank you for your time.

COVID SYMPTONS

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.

DIARY DATES

Friday 28th May – Teacher Day

