

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have completed the final full week of the academic year, with only 3 days of school year remaining. On Wednesday, there was a buzz around school as children met their new teachers in the morning! It was a really successful morning with lots of cheers when children found out who they were with. Today has also been an eventful day as the children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 took part in their Sports Days.

Many of you will also have received your child's end of year school report today. I have had the pleasure of reading each and every one, and I am immensely proud of the achievements of each and every child at our school.

There are some staffing changes that I would like to share with you at this point of the year. We are saying 'au revoir' to Miss Spencer from Year 1, who is leaving us to start her teaching training in September. We know that she will be an amazing teacher when she has qualified. We will also bid adieu to Miss Knowles who leaves us at the end of this year. We would like to thank Miss Knowles for all of her hard work and wish her all the very best in her new job. Miss Barson has done a stellar job of completing her teacher training this year, and joins the Finham family in Year 2. We are very excited about this and know that she will be brilliant! In more exciting news, Mrs Wardzynski will not be back in September as she will be starting her maternity leave and preparing for her new arrival! We wish Mrs Wardzynski and her family all the very best and look forward to seeing Baby Ski when they arrive!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year, with home learning, fund raising and just bearing with us whilst we navigated our way through an incredibly challenging year. We couldn't have done this without you, so thank you! Our hard work together has meant that children have been really successful in their end of year assessments and achieved really good results! We have had a real focus on reading this year, and the fruits of this labour has also been reflected in the children's results which is wonderful.

Amongst all of these reasons to be cheerful and celebrate, it is unfortunate that across school we have had to close some year groups. It feels particularly disheartening that we are having to do this, at this point of the year. As always your children's safety and that of you and your families has always been our priority and we have to act upon advice given by Public Health.

Next week, we will be saying a fond farewell to our Year 6 children who we shall really miss but will be taking the incredibly important next step in their exciting journey of life. We are not ending the year as we had planned but be assured that we are making the best of the situation that we are in.

I wish you all a safe weekend,

Mrs Bracken

FINHAM PTA

The Finham PTA would like to thank everyone for supporting us this year, we haven't managed to do the events we normally do, but we appreciate everyone's support with all the small activities we have offered throughout the year. Huge Thanks to all parents, carers & grandparents that have offered their time to help organise activities this year. We are really looking forward to next year and hope many more parents will join the PTA to continue to raise funds and support the school.

Don't forget the sunflower competition has some great prizes, upload your pictures on the PTA section on Frog and we look forward to handing out the prizes in September

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

As we approach the end of the school year, we need to make sure all borrowed school library books are returned to school so they can be marked off the system. We appreciate that with the current situation the children haven't been visiting the school library, but there are a number of books still outstanding since the first lockdown. Could we ask all parents to have a look at home and see if you have any school library books, including SLS books which will have a white SLS label on the spine, and return them to the office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL BAGS

Please could we ask that children do not bring large school bags into school as we do not have the space in the corridors, thank you for your co-operation.

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK ART MAKING SURVEY

We are trying to find out the views of Coventry people (and those in areas local to Coventry) about making in the arts. Did we make more in lockdown? Have we continued since? What sorts of making? Why does it matter? Should it be part of a school education? Please let us know your views by filling in this survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VnrCwCq7e3>

2021 SQUIRRELS CLUB – SEPTEMBER 2021

Booking forms for Squirrels Club have been sent out by Mr Atkins. At the moment, we will be following the latest guidance which could change come September. Please fill out the forms stating the year your child will be going into in September, so that we can figure out how many children require Squirrels Club from September. If you have any question, please email r.atkins@finhamprimary.co.uk

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS – CURRENT YEAR 2

From September 2021 your child will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals. The School Meals will cost £2.10 a day, £10.50 a week. If you wish your child to stop School Meals please email admin@finhamprimary.co.uk to let us know. If this could be done before the end of term. If we do not hear you may be charged for meals in September.

EXCEPTIONAL LEAVE

If you are taking your child out of school for a holiday, please could you ensure that you complete an Exceptional Leave in Term Time Request Form in advance of the holiday. Please collect from the school office. Many thanks.

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.

LEAVERS

If your child is leaving Finham Primary School at the end of this academic year, please could you send an email to admin@finhamprimary.co.uk giving details of the school your child will be attending in September 2021. This does not apply to Year 6.

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

19th July – Year 6 - Go Ape Trip

