

# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term and for your children another new year at Finham Primary. Let us hope that we can get through this academic year with minimum disruption. The children have been brilliant, they all found their new classrooms at the start of the first day and settled well. The school is a very happy place, as Mr Fitzhugh and I walk around visiting all of the classrooms and playgrounds, we can see how well everyone has settled. We are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead and what we hope will be a more normal school year.

The start of any new academic year is always important for your children. There is always excitement, anxiety and some apprehension about what their new teacher will be like and about what the expectations of the New Year will be. As well as hard work and effort, we are sure we will have a year that will be full of fun together. Last year despite the virus and the unusual year we had, there was still a great deal to be very proud of:

- Continued good attendance data. Thank you for your support.
- Our special days – our curriculum days
- Our lockdown for Key Worker children in the Spring term.
- Our online learning offer during spring lockdown.
- The ongoing pastoral work the school did throughout the year.
- Our Finham Primary staff, who adapted quickly to new ways of working, kept in touch with parents via phone calls and children via Frog during the spring lockdown.
- The way we managed to keep school as normal as we possibly could while still maintaining hygiene, bubbles and playground zones
- Our office staff who worked so hard and kept everything organised and efficient
- Our team of TAs who support children in class and in groups, cover classes when needed.
- Our school governors who still managed to meet for scheduled meetings and learning walks in order to help with monitoring the work of the school despite the unusual circumstances.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday.

Sarah Bracken

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 Swimming  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 6B Cycling Proficiency

## YEAR 6 CYCLING PROFICIENCY

6B will be starting their cycling proficiency on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember to send the children in with their bike, a helmet and in suitable clothing for outdoor activities.

## FINHAM PTA

Hello from the Finham Primary PTA! We are a newly established PTA looking for new members. Whether you want to help out at events, have a specific role or just see what we do. Please join us!

## SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

It's been brilliant seeing so many photos of your sunflowers, this is the last call for anymore entries please, upload on to frog to the 'PTA at Finham Primary' site.

## **PTA AGM**

We are looking to host a zoom AGM in the next week and are looking for people to fill some roles such as the accounts/bank along with people who can just help by sharing what we are doing and encouraging others to participate in our events. You may just want to attend the meeting to hear what we are up to or suggest ideas. Look forward to seeing some of you On THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 8pm.

Topic: Finham PTA

Time: Sep 16, 2021 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87607149196?pwd=MDhNdzZxMVNXWG1VcFVNV3BnY2JlZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 0714 9196

Passcode: 420656

## **SQUIRRELS CLUB (WRAPAROUND PROVISION)**

Squirrels Club at Finham Primary offers wraparound provision before school and afterschool. Before school open at 7:45 until 9:00 costing £3.50 per pupil, per day. Afterschool provision runs from 15:15 until 17:30 and costs £7.00 per child, per day (siblings are discounted at £6.40).

If you would like to find out more information please check the following link

- [http://www.finhamprimary.co.uk/squirrels\\_club/](http://www.finhamprimary.co.uk/squirrels_club/)

If you would like to book your child(ren) into Squirrels Club, please email Mr Atkins ([r.atkins@finhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:r.atkins@finhamprimary.co.uk)) to be sent the booking forms.

## **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.

## **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**

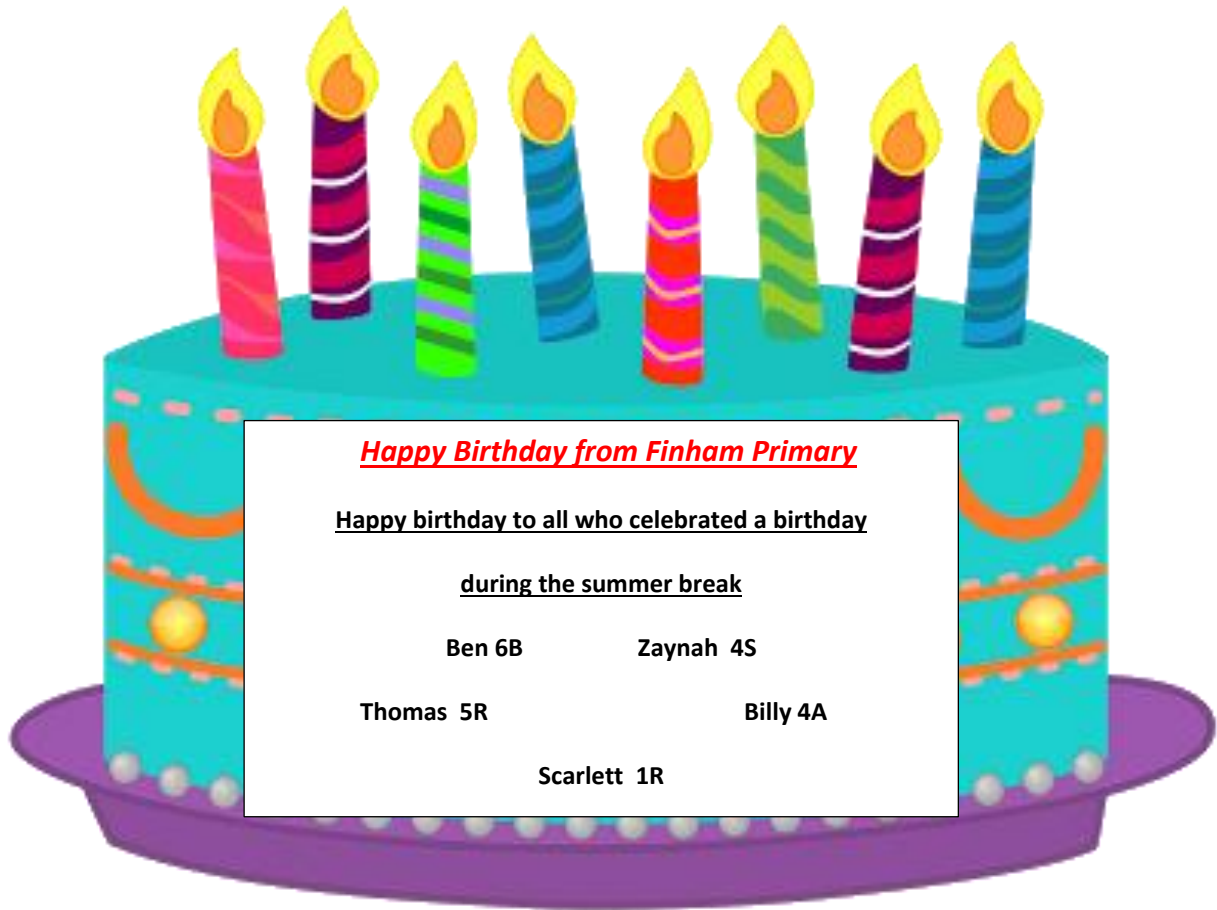
A reminder that if you do have question or a query about school, emails should be sent to [admin@finhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@finhamprimary.co.uk) Please do not email teachers directly. Thank you.

## **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***

**Happy birthday to all who celebrated a birthday**

**during the summer break**

**Ben 6B**

**Zaynah 4S**

**Thomas 5R**

**Billy 4A**

**Scarlett 1R**