

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have now completed 2 weeks in school, I wanted to say thank you and share with you how wonderful it is to have all of the children back and seeing them settled so brilliantly into school. I would like to extend a Finham warm welcome to all the new Nursery and Reception children and families who have started with us this academic year. The children are really enjoying getting to know their new teachers and are responding well to the requirements of extra hand-washing, sanitising and the staggered arrivals, drop offs, playtimes and lunchtimes that we have put in place to maximise safety.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the drop off and pick up at the start of this year and the arrangements we all have to follow.

We have had a confirmed case of COVID – 19 in school but have worked closely with Public Health England to ensure school is as safe as it can possibly be. We are getting regular updates from the DFE and Coventry City Council, and are continuing to hold regular Health and Safety meetings updating the school risk assessment as the need arrives.

I imagine that over the next few weeks, there may be further tweaks to come as guidelines change – so please bear with us and keep an eye out for any text messages and emails that you may receive from school. Thank you in advance for your understanding as we try to make this work for everybody and have the children's safety at the forefront of our minds.

We are also asking for your further help and consideration with the following 4 actions:

1. Parents are so keen to drop off and collect their children on time that they are arriving up to 15 minutes before their allocated time. Please do not arrive before your allocated time.
2. In parts the footpaths are narrow, so please keep to the edges of the paths and 'drop and go'. Members of the public also need to use these footpaths.
3. Always wait either side of the crossing rather than in front of it and cross your child over the road rather than calling them across.
4. A number of parents are concerned about social distancing at the school entrance and exit points. Please can we ask that you do not remain at school exits socialising, as we need to have as much space as possible for later drop offs and collections.

I have some fantastic news to share with you. Mrs Wardzynski and Mrs Mann have both given birth to beautiful baby boys. We would all like to congratulate them and can't wait for them to come into school to meet their Finham family.

Thank you very much indeed for your ongoing co-operation. Kind regards,

Sarah Bracken

Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21st September – Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 21st September – 6B Cycling Proficiency

Please don't leave your most precious valuables, your children, alone in the car.

It has come to our attention that young children are being left in the car unattended during drop off and collection. Leaving children unattended in a car can be dangerous and poses many risks. Young children can become very anxious and distressed when left alone. The safety of children should always be of top concern. Children in cars are vulnerable to injury and the risks are just not worth it.

NUTS IN SCHOOL

Please could we remind all parents that we are a **nut free school**, so no food containing nuts should be brought in to school. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

SCHOOL MEALS

If you would like your child to start or finish school meals, please could you make sure that the school office is informed by no later than Friday mornings, ready for the following week.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – FOOD BANK COLLECTION

For this year's Harvest Festival, we are collecting donations for The Coventry Food Bank. Children can bring their item to their classroom for displaying until the items are taken to the foodbank. Please could these be in by Friday 1st October. We have included a list of items that the Foodbank are currently requesting.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- BISCUITS
- CHOCOLATE
- UHT LONG LIFE MILK
- PACKETS OF MASH
- SNACKS EG; CEREAL BARS, CRISPS
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED POTATOES

COFFEE

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- BEANS
- PASTA
- CEREAL

SOUP

FINHAM PARK SCHOOL OPEN EVENING – WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2021– 6pm-8pm

Finham Park are having an open evening for parents of children in Year 6. All sections of the school will be open and departments will be putting on exhibitions, displays and sample lessons. There will be three talks in the sports hall, the sessions will run as follows;

- 6.00pm for parents of pupils at Stivichall and Grange Farm Primary Schools
- 6.40pm for parents of pupils at Finham, Howes, and Manor Park Primary Schools
- 7.20pm for parents of pupils at Earlsdon and other Primary Schools

Please ensure you attend the correct time for your presentation, and arrive at least 10 minutes in advance to ensure places are available.

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/

If you would like to book your child(ren) into Squirrels Club, please email Mr Atkins

(r.atkins@finhamprimary.co.uk) to be sent the booking forms.

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.

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.

