

# Newsletter

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Swimming

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – 6B Cycling Proficiency

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Inspire Workshop on FROG

Dear All,

It's been another great week at Finham Primary School. Your children have been fantastic, really showing this week's value – Enjoyment. Some children had the opportunity to meet Siobhan Fitzpatrick, a Paralympian. She really enjoyed her visit and commented on how brilliant the children at Finham Primary are.

The weather is beginning to change so please remind your child to bring a warm coat with them to school each day.

**Harvest Celebration** – Thank you so much for your Harvest contributions this week. The children have been learning about Coventry Foodbank and how they distribute the donations. Your generosity goes a long way and is always greatly appreciated. We will continue to accept donations at the beginning of next week until the Foodbank staff come and collect the donations.

Mrs Bracken

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

If your child takes part in an extra-curricular activity, please bring suitable clothing and footwear for them to get changed in to. If your child has PE on the same day, they can wear their school PE kit.

## SECONDARY APPLICATION FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

You should by now have received a leaflet on how to apply for your child's Secondary School place. Please apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions) by 31st October, 2021.

If you experience any problems in submitting your application please contact the school office as we have some paper copies.

## RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 you are now able to apply on-line at [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for your child's Reception place for September 2022. If you have problems applying on-line please contact the school office for a paper copy. The deadline for making your application is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. If you require a leaflet explaining how to apply please contact the school office.

## LATENESS

There are increasing amounts of children arriving late at the beginning of the school day. Please can you ensure your child/children arrive at their Year group arrival time, as arriving late can have a big impact on their learning. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## **RECEPTION PLEA FOR SOCKS**

If you have any unwanted clean socks-any size, colour, pattern, please bring them in to school. Preferably pairs so we can use them for a math's activity.

## **E-SAFETY**

Understanding how to stay safe online is a matter we hold with great importance at Finham Primary School. It is an issue revisited whenever we use technology throughout the year. To try and keep children supported and safe at home, there are some actions you can take to protect children from potential dangers online.

- **Make sure you have checked that the security settings are turned on.** This includes every device you have access to (computers, mobile devices, game consoles). The key ones are - they can't chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public?
- **Auto-Settings should be turned off.** If children have access to websites which contain video features then make sure the auto-play option is disabled. Many videos start off with a suitable video but it can be linked to less suitable content.
- **Make sure your children show you their apps, games and phones.** This will allow you to check whether they are playing games which are age appropriate or not. Age ratings are listed on games and in the app store. These age ratings are important as they are potentially not equipped to deal with the issues raised in the games. Reviews left online are another good way to check their suitability.
- **Children need to realise they have responsibilities while online.** When behind a screen some people forget to speak to each other with the same respect. A good way to work this out is, if a child would not be comfortable in sharing their activity or comments with their headteacher then they should not be sharing it.
- **Technology should be used in a communal space.** When children watch videos online or play games it is a good idea for them to be in the same room as an adult. This way the content can be monitored without being invasive.
- **There are many free parental apps to help keep your children safe online.** If you search online for 'apps to keep children safe online' you will be able to choose the service which suits your needs. This is not something you must have but it is an option.
- **Make sure they know they can speak to you about any issues they face.** Children are instructed to talk to an adult if they are unsure what to do or if they are made to feel uncomfortable with anything they have seen online. By making them aware they can come to you with these issues it can increase the chance that they will approach you if they have a problem.

## **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**

***Adonis 5S    Albie 5S    Jaydeep 6T***

***Omar 4S    Omar 5R***

***Lauren 2AB    Jaskirat 3L    Mujtaba 2B***