

# Newsletter

## DIARY DATES

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Year 4 Inspire Workshop on FROG

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 4 Swimming

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 6B Cycling Proficiency

Dear All,

As we approach the end of our first half-term, we are thankful that we have so much to celebrate. October has brought a fair amount of rain, but your children brighten our days and we are really proud of them all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work this half term. They have worked tirelessly to ensure your children receive amazing opportunities. I would like to thank Mrs Sargent who has worked in the office and for a number of weeks single-handedly. I'm glad to say Mrs Lloyd will be back with us after half term. Although she has not been in school since before the summer holiday she has been in touch and is looking forward to returning.

Yesterday KS2 had a visit from Anne Harrison (arranged by Mr Savage), it was wonderful to hear such an inspirational speaker and we look forward to many more visits from her.

S Bracken  
Headteacher

## **When should my child self-isolate or miss school?**

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household should book a PCR test.
- If a member of your household tests positive, your child will need to have a PCR test and take a lateral flow test everyday until the results come back.
- If the result of the PCR test is positive, they need to self-isolate at home.
- If the result of the PCR test comes back negative your child can return to school.
- Please could parents/carers wear masks when dropping off and picking up children from the school gates.
- It is recommended that children take lateral flow tests at least twice weekly – this will identify any asymptomatic cases.

Like many other Coventry Schools, at Finham Primary we feel that although this may be tricky for parents, we will be following this guidance. We hope that this measure suggested by Coventry Public Health will help our whole school community feel safer and it should help to reduce the likelihood of widespread cases of COVID across the school. If a child in a particular class tests positive – the whole class will be advised to have a PCR test.

We appreciate your co-operation with this in order to help protect our Finham Primary community as much as we can.

## **POPPY MERCHANDISE**

When we come back after the half term we will be selling poppy Merchandise in school. Items will range from 50p for poppy's and smaller items, up to £1.50 for slap bands. If you would like your child/children to purchase any of these items, please send them in with some money.

## **EARLY YEARS OPEN MORNING AT FINHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Early Years open morning- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please call the school to book an appointment on 024 76415425.

## **FINHAM PTA**

Don't forget if you have paid your £1 entry for the pumpkin trail taking place at the front of school on 1<sup>st</sup> November, to bring along your carved pumpkins and then come back after dark to see them all lit up.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to 4S for 100% attendance.

## **SQUID GAME**

The television series, Squid Game has become the most watched show on Netflix over the past two months. The success and popularity of the show has been far reaching and widely publicised online and in the media.

For those who have not seen the show, it is a Netflix series about a group of people who compete in a series of children's playground games in order to take home a cash prize but leads to a fight for survival. The show is aimed at adults and is not suitable for children for many reasons, mainly the violence.

Members of staff have noticed that some children have been referencing the show. Children have been copying the game, 'Red Light, Green Light' in the playground. As a result, the children will have discussed with their teachers this week about identifying appropriate content, what to do when they see something which upsets them and how to react when they feel upset or notice the inappropriate content. These are all areas already covered within our E-Safety curriculum in school.

There are a number of reasons for how a child may have heard about the content of the show.

- Hearing about the show on the radio or watching it at home.
- YouTube influencers sharing content about the show on their supposedly child friendly channels.
- Adverts promoting the show online which are linked to channels which children may watch.
- Online games such as Roblox which have recreated the show using cartoon style characters. The site is rated PEGI 7+ but states it contains mild violence but no blood. This seems to be the most popular reason why children have heard about the show.

Please be aware of what your child is watching online. If you are uncomfortable with them accessing that platform or viewing the content, then please have the conversation with your child about why that is. You can also ask the children to be in the same room as you as they use the devices to have an idea about what they are viewing. Making children aware they can speak to you about what they see online is important too.

## **SECONDARY APPLICATION FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN**

The deadline for applying for your child's secondary school place is approaching. If you have not done so yet, you can apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions) by 31st October, 2021, or you can contact admissions directly on 02476 975445.

## **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.

## **DOL Y MOCH**

Please be reminded that the deadline for payments and consent forms for Dol y Moch is 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## **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.

## **PARENTING SMART (Place2Be)**

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says 'I hate you!'
- Cultural identity: who am I?

The Parenting Smart website can found here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

## **Clocks back! Dark nights ahead**

We'll soon be setting the clocks back an hour and summer-time will end. The resources below will help remind children about road safety and keeping safe in the dark.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First – Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Be Bright, Be Seen Poster [https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be\\_Bright\\_Be\\_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf](https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be_Bright_Be_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf)

Keeping Children Safe in the Dark <https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark/>

Dark Nights <https://www.childcare.co.uk/information/dark-nights-children-safety>

Be Bright Be Seen <https://brightkidz.co.uk/initiatives/be-bright-be-seen/>

