

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this week, it has been lovely to see the children continuing to reconnect with their friends and classmates in the September sunshine as they settle back in to the more familiar routines of school life. We have seen some fabulously active learning taking place across the classes this week.

Many thanks to parents and carers for another successful week using the new drop off and pick up routines: your promptness and punctuality at gate times really has helped ensure that all children have a calm, safe entry and exit into school so thank you to all involved; we do appreciate it. To further ensure the continued safety and well-being of all at these busy times of day please can I reiterate the importance of driving with due care and consideration around the school at these busy times.

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.

EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY

There is an additional Bank Holiday in 2022 to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. We have had it confirmed by the DfE that this will mean one less teaching day for schools in the academic year 2021/22. The actual Bank Holiday date (3rd June 2022) is in the school half-term so therefore we have been told to choose an appropriate day, elsewhere in the school calendar, to take off for this additional Bank Holiday. I can confirm that the extra day for Finham Primary will be taken on Friday 22nd July 2022.

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder please to all parents to ensure that school uniform is named so that if lost we can attempt to get it back to the right child. Parents cannot come on to the school site to look in lost property. We would encourage parents to support their child to look after their belongings. The school will always do our best to look for lost items however the school is not responsible for lost items on the school site.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Entitlement to Free School Meals are processed as part of Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support claims by the Benefits Service. Free School Meals are a statutory benefit. Applying for a free school meal could raise up to an extra £1320 per annum for six years for your child's school (funded by central government). This can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for school (and is still paid to the school even if your entitlement ceases).

All children in Reception to Year 2 automatically receive a free school meal. However, if your family also meets the eligibility criteria to enable a free school meal to be awarded (see attached), it is important to make an application in order that your child's school can receive this pupil premium.

It takes less than two minutes to apply and submit your application.

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals/2

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 28th September – Year 4 Swimming

Tuesday 28th September – Year 6 History Off the Page Visit

Friday 1st October – 6B Cycling Proficiency

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 by 31st October, 2021.

RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you are now able to apply on-line at 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 15th January 2022. If you require a leaflet explaining how to apply please contact the school office.

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

TINNED VEGETABLES

RICE

COOKING SAUCES

PUDDINGS

MORRISONS ITS GOOD TO GROW TOKENS

For every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get One Grow Token, we can redeem these for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. If you collect any of these tokens, please send them in to school.

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.

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.

FAMILY LEARNING, COVENTRY ADULT EDUCATION SERVICE

Family Learning is part of Coventry City Council and we provide workshops and courses for Coventry parents/carers. This term we have three downloadable online courses if you have children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3.

- English in the Primary School
- Maths in the Primary School

These two courses tell you more about what our children learn at school and how you can help at home.

- Positive Family Foundations

This course tells you about how children develop, and looks at practical examples around raising well-behaved, happy, safe, and secure children.

Where: An online course to watch wherever and whenever suits you (each video is approx. 30 min long)

When: Week beginning 27/9/21, for 10 weeks

How: Enrol by searching for 'Family Learning' on our website

To find out more contact:

kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk or 024 76978730

steve.withers@coventry.gov.uk or 024 7697 1301

Autumn Fun - Family Learning courses for parents of children aged 2 -5

These free sessions are for parents/carers with children aged between 2 and 5.

We will:

- Use stories and songs to bring learning to life
- Share resources with you and your child to enjoy during and after the sessions
- Share ideas which will help you to support your child's development
- Address any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child's learning and development

Where:

- Woodside Family Hub –Tuesday –9.30 –11.30from 2ndNovember 2021
- Aspire Family Hub –Tuesday–1.00 –3.00from 2ndNovember 2021
- Harmony Family Hub –Wednesday –1.00 –3.00from 3rdNovember 2021
- Moat Family Hub –Thursday –9.30 –11.30from 4thNovember 2021
- Families for All –Thursday –1.00 –3.00from 30thSeptember 2021
- Pathways Family Hub –Thursday –1.00 –3.00from 4thNovember 2021
- Mosaic Family Hub –Friday –9.30 –11.30from 1stOctober 2021
- **How:** Enrol by searching for 'Family Learning' on the Adult Education website
- <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted>
- To find out more contact:
- kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk or 024 7697 8730
- steve.withers@coventry.gov.uk or 024 7697 1301

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.

