

# Newsletter

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Bike Ability-Year 6

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming Lessons – Year 4

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1 Inspire Workshop – 9am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Flu Vaccinations-Reception-Year 6

Scholastic Book Fair-Monday to Thursday 8.30am-8.45am and 3.30pm-4pm

Dear All,

It's been another amazing week at Finham Primary. It is always lovely to see how enthusiastic the children are towards their learning. It's been business as usual and I am so impressed with how the children have all settled into their new classes. I've been particularly impressed by our new children in Nursery and Reception who have been unusually brave as they adapt to their new surroundings. I have enjoyed my chats with the children as I've completed my walks around school. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who have been really patient waiting at the start and end of each day while teachers and staff get to know you all.

## LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

It has been exciting to walk around every class in Key Stage 1 and see the children with their new teachers. The children in Year One have settled in brilliantly due to the hard work of Miss Bugeja and Mrs Williams. They have been reading Owl Babies and their impression of an owl's voice was captivating. The Tiger who Came to Tea is one of my favourite children's books so I am pleased to see that the children have been writing about why the tiger did come to tea. They also managed to write sentences about an underwater scene punctuating them correctly. In Year 2 the children have been studying Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers which managed to link with their Geography topic. I am pleased that they all know where the North and South Pole is on a map of the world as well as understand that the equator is not an actual line drawn around the world. The writing the children have produced is fantastic and I have seen it all around the school. The children have been improving their place value knowledge for numbers up to 100.

The transition from Year 2 to Year 3 is a challenging one and I have been impressed at how well the children are beginning to settle into the new routines and expectations. The history topic for this half term is Ancient Egypt and the children thoroughly enjoyed their entry day, particularly the real mummy that appeared in the hall! They have also taken place value outside and created a human place value chart.

Well done to all of the children for working so hard over the last two weeks.

## NEW PARENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM – WEDU-'REACH MORE PARENTS'

From Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we will no longer be sending emails/texts through Schoolcomms/Gateway. All parents have been emailed a log in and registration details for the new 'Reach More Parents', please ensure you have set yourself up on the new system by next Friday, we would not want you to miss any important emails or texts. If you have problems setting yourself, please come to the school office.

## COATS

As we all know the weather is starting to change and the sunny days are soon to be behind us!

Please could you ensure you are sending your child into school each day with a coat to ensure they can go out at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

## SECONDARY APPLICATION

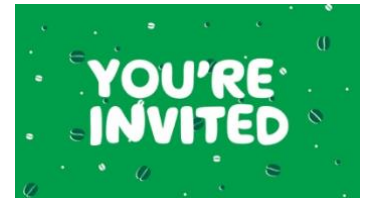
Year 6 children should have brought home a leaflet regarding applying for your Secondary School place for September 2024. You need to apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions) The deadline for applying is 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you could ensure that you put three choices of Secondary school on your application. If you have problems applying online, we have a small number of paper copies at the school office.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Finham Primary will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September to support the fantastic work that Macmillan do. We are asking for donations of cakes to be brought in to school on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. Please label any homemade cakes with a list of ingredients and remember that we are a nut-free school.

Children will then have the opportunity to buy a cake on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, so please send your child with a donation, if you would like them to buy a cake.

We are also inviting you to come and join us! Coffee and cakes will be for sale in the school hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: 8.30am-9.30am and 3.30pm-4.30pm. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible, supporting such a worthy cause!



### **SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS**

Sidney Stringer Academy – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – 5:30pm,

Blue Coat CofE School – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – 6pm-8pm

Finham Park Secondary School – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – 6pm-8pm

Bablake School – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – 9:30am – 12:30pm

### **UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Just to clarify that Universal Free School Meals are from Reception through to the end of Year 2. Children currently in Year 2 will be charged for school meals from when they move into Year 3. If you wish your child to stop school meals, please collect a Red Stop form from the office to notify us. Unfortunately, if you don't inform us, you may be charged. If you wish your child to continue the school meals are £2.40 a day, £12 a week.

### **EXCEPTIONAL LEAVE**

It is important that parents complete Exceptional Leave forms at least 2 weeks before the dates your child is absent. This is so we have enough time to process the absence and come back to you regarding the request. Also, it allows us to notify your child's teacher so they are aware in advance. You can complete an Exceptional Leave Form on the Reach More Parents App.

### **MIND – HATS ON FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, to recognise World Mental Health Day, we will be taking part in Coventry and Warwickshire's 'Hats on for Mental Health 2023.' The children are invited to wear a hat or head gear on that day, along with their normal school uniform, for a donation of £1.



### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

NNAM-98.8% RM-95%

NNPM-86.2% RL-90.7%

1W – 96.8% 4L-98.7%

1B – 98.4% 4J-100%

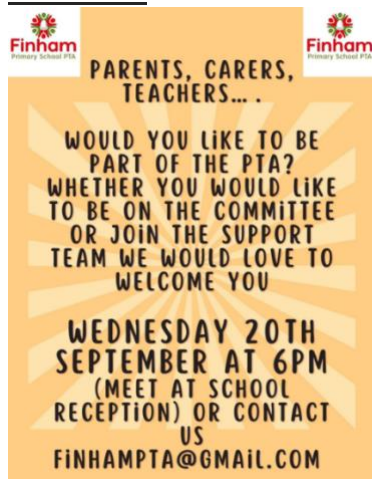
2S-100% 5B-98.4%

2B-95.5% 5R-98.1%

3W-98.6% 6T-94%

3S-99.3% 6R – 98.7%

## PTA NEWS!



Finham Primary School PTA

PARENTS, CARERS,  
TEACHERS...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE  
PART OF THE PTA?  
WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE  
TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE  
OR JOIN THE SUPPORT  
TEAM WE WOULD LOVE TO  
WELCOME YOU

WEDNESDAY 20TH  
SEPTEMBER AT 6PM  
(MEET AT SCHOOL  
RECEPTION) OR CONTACT  
US  
FINHAMPTA@GMAIL.COM

### PE DAYS – Please ensure your child wears the correct PE uniform on the correct day.

Monday Year 1 – Ball Skills

Year 2 – Ball Skills

Year 4 – Gymnastics

Tuesday Year 3 – Gymnastics

Year 4 – Swimming

Year 5 – Gymnastics

Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency

Wednesday

Year 5 – Invasion Games

Year 6 – Gymnastics

Thursday

Year 1 – Gymnastics

Year 3 – Invasion Games

Friday

Year 2 – Gymnastics

### **Please can children wear their PE kit to school on PE days (except Reception)**

1. Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo
2. Plain navy blue or black shorts
3. Plain navy blue or black joggers
4. Plain navy blue or black leggings
5. White Socks
6. Black trainers/pumps (that fit well)
7. Plain navy jumper
8. Navy Hoodie with Finham Primary logo

### **PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**

### **PLEASE CAN CHILDREN NOT WEAR LOGOED SPORTS WEAR**

