

Newsletter

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th September – Bike Ability-Year 6

Tuesday 12th September – Swimming Lessons-Year 4

Thursday 14th September – 5.30pm Year 6 Parents evening

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great summer break. The term started for staff on Monday 4th September, where we spent the day focusing on our priorities for this academic year and celebrating the successes from the previous year. We also spent time focusing on safeguarding, behaviour and personal development.

Lots of work has been completed in school during the summer break to ensure all children have the best possible setting for them to learn and flourish. The new website is almost complete, it is a huge upgrade on the previous site - we aim to launch it by half term.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new parents and children at Finham Primary School. I'm sure you will have a fantastic time here. If you have any questions or queries, we are always happy to answer them.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Bracken

Attendance will be a continued focus this year as we have a 96% target to achieve. A big thank you to the majority of parents/carers who make sure their children attend regularly! Your efforts, working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work. It will enable your child to:

- Access the lessons needed to achieve their expected grades
- Maintain friendships and develop new ones
- Have access to social and sporting events offered by the school
- Explore potential careers
- Develop work habits such as good punctuality which are essential to thrive in the world of employment

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9	2	50 lessons
90%	19	4	100 lessons
85%	29	6	150 lessons

Upper Phase Newsletter

It has been fantastic to see the children coming into school with such enthusiasm for the new school year. Walking around the Upper Phase, the children greeted each other and adults with smiles and showed their Finham values. The children have quickly settled into their new classes and have done a great job at picking up the new expectations and routines. The first few weeks are all about setting themselves up for a great year and they have certainly made an excellent start. The teachers are in the process of putting the Parent Information Sheets together for the new school year so look out for these on each of the Year group's Frog pages so you can find out what they will be covering over the Autumn term.

Online Safety

As we begin a new school year you may wish to remind yourselves or learn a bit more about how to be proactive against possible dangers your child may come up against as they get older. On our Frog page, we have supporting resources that you may find useful. You can find the document by clicking on the following steps – Finham’s Frog site – Office – Supporting Finham Families – Online Safety – Parent Help Sheets – Online Challenges Advice.

Statistics show that 95% of 8- to 12-year-olds own their own smart devices and 87% have their own social media accounts despite apps imposing higher age restrictions. Age restrictions continue to be reviewed and changed so please keep up to date with rising age restrictions. The useful uploaded documents aim to support parents with conversations they can have with their children, about dealing with online dangers. It may also help you understand the motivation behind why children can be drawn into hoaxes and online challenges.

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 September when they move into Year 3. If you wish your child to stop school meals in September, please collect a Red Stop form from the office to notify us by Friday, 21st July 2023. 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.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

1W – 96.8%	4L-95%
1B – 96.4%	4J-96.8%
2S-97.5%	5B-96.1%
2B-96.6%	5R-96.1%
3W-93.1%	6T-96.3%
3S-93.1%	6R – 97.9%

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

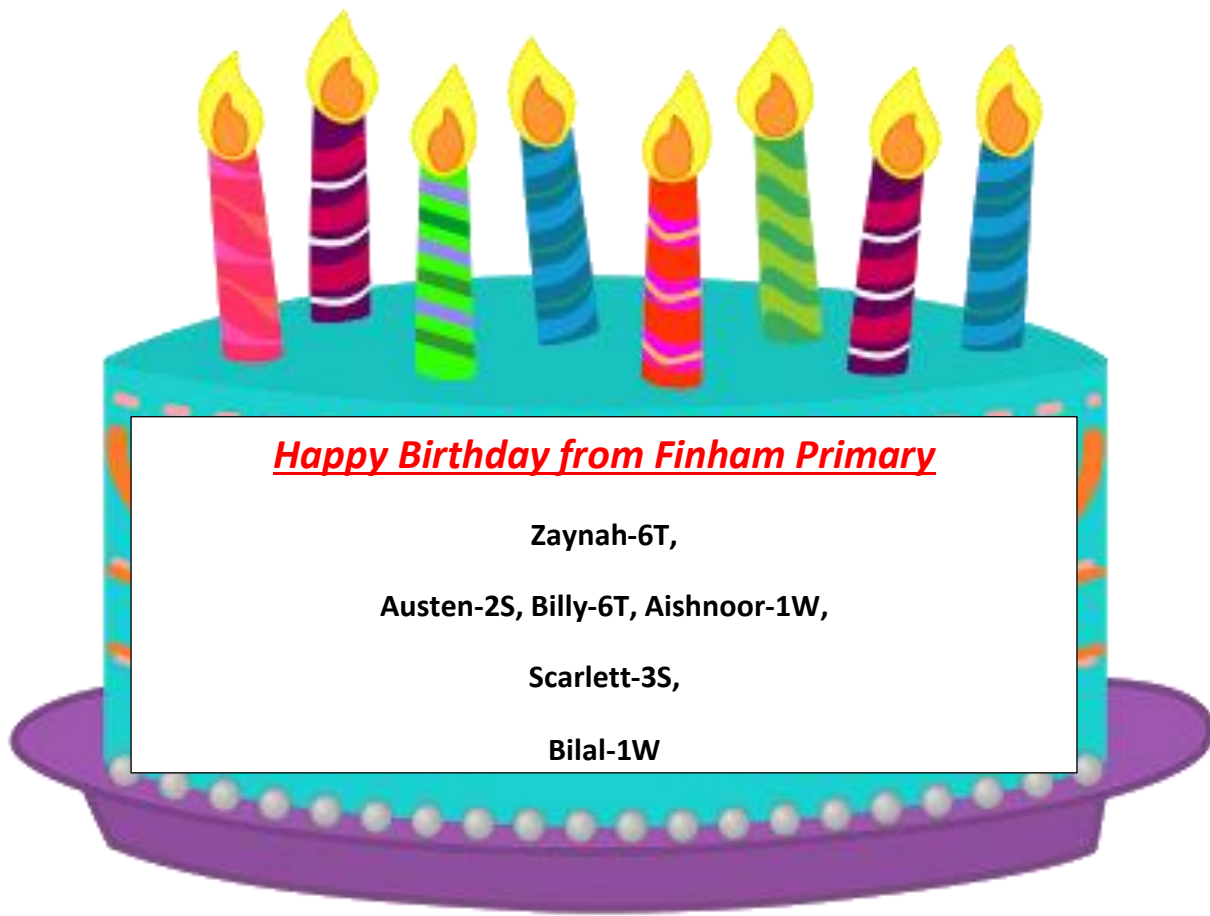
Monday	Year 1 – Ball Skills Year 2 – Ball Skills Year 4 – Gymnastics
Tuesday	Year 3 – Gymnastics Year 4 – Swimming Year 5 – Gymnastics Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency
Wednesday	Year 5 – Invasion Games Year 6 – Gymnastics
Thursday	Year 1 – Gymnastics Year 3 – Invasion Games
Friday	Year 2 – Gymnastics

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 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



Happy Birthday from Finham Primary

Zaynah-6T,

Austen-2S, Billy-6T, Aishnoor-1W,

Scarlett-3S,

Bilal-1W