

# Newsletter

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Bike Ability-Year 6

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming Lessons – Year 4

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 9am – Reception Inspire Workshop

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 8:30am – 9:30am – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Dear Parents

It was great to see so many parents attending the Year 1 Inspire Workshop this week. I do hope that it was useful. It is vitally important that parents and school always work together in order for our children to be the best they can be. Please look out for dates of future workshops planned throughout the year. These workshops will not only give you an insight into the work we do in school but are also an opportunity for you to see your child's work.

Thank you to everyone who has started the new term with the best intentions. There has been a reduction in the number of lates in these first few weeks and I am optimistic that this will be maintained over the coming term. The government has a very clear focus on attendance as too many children across the UK are missing too much time from school. As a school we have set the target of 96% attendance, this was achievable for many children and families prior to the Covid pandemic. Since then, our attendance rates have been lower.

This year we will be monitoring attendance closely and working with families to improve attendance where pupils are at risk of being persistently absent. You will be contacted by school if your child's attendance drops below 90%. A child is considered persistently absent when they fall below 90%.

Of course, we understand that children get ill and may need to stay at home in order to get well. However, where possible, they should be in school. Clear guidance is given here:

[www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

Please be mindful of these when booking your family breaks that these are not taken during term time.

Sarah Bracken

## UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Last week, Year 4 started reading Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl and have been invited to take part in a very special Fantastic Mr Fox feast soon. They have also been outside and taken advantage of the sun in order to create natural art. This art represents an infinity symbol. This was to draw links between the natural cycle of connections and cycles in life. The children were able to explain how this can be seen in the circle of life or the connections between conversations needing to be listening and speaking.

Year 5 has been out on the playground recreating our solar system; showing the different size comparisons and properties of each planet. The children created lovely designs and managed to bring in lots of other facts to label their solar systems with. In their topic lessons, they began to learn how physical features have shaped the way we design our human features or how they continue to shape their environment.

Year 6 have stepped back in time and immersed themselves in the life of someone living through the Second World War. They had artefacts from World War Two to examine and draw conclusions about. The discussions in the classrooms were excellent as they talked about the need for special equipment (such as gas masks) and how the views of the political parties in Germany don't fit with the British Values we learn about in school.

To find out more information about what the children will be doing this term you can find the Parent Information Sheets on all of the Upper Phase's Frog Classroom pages.

### **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.

### **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.

### **RECEPTION APPLICATION**

Nursery parents should receive a leaflet in your child's bag to apply for their child's Reception place for September 2024. If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 you can apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions) by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If you live in Warwickshire you need to apply to Warwickshire County Council. If you have problems applying please contact the school office and we will provide you with a paper copy.

### **PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION & NURSERY OPEN MORNING**

If your child is eligible to start in Reception and Nursery September 2024 we are holding an Open Morning on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October between 10 am – 12 Noon. You and your child will have the chance to meet with the Teachers. We will also give a tour of the school. If you would like to attend the Open Morning, please contact the school office or email [admin@finhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@finhamprimary.co.uk).

### **CATERING ASSISTANT REQUIRED**

ABM catering are looking for fun and friendly catering assistant to work at Finham Primary School .You will be assisting the kitchen team with basic food preparation of high quality freshly cooked meals, then help with the food service and cleaning of the kitchen.

This role will be ideal for a working parent looking to earn, whilst still being able to do the school pick up yourself. Due to the nature of this role an enhanced DBS will be required. If you do not have one, we can support with getting one for you and will be at our cost. Full Uniform is provided.

Full Training will be given but some experience would be an advantage.

Rate of pay £NMW- 10 hours a week (11.30am-13.30pm)

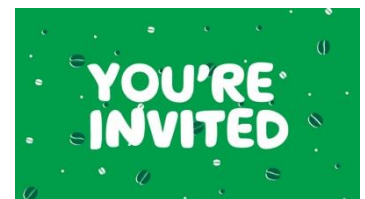
To Apply please send current C.V to [finham@abmcatering.co.uk](mailto:finham@abmcatering.co.uk) or contact the school kitchen.

### **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!



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

NNAM-91.3% RM-96%  
NNPM-96.7% RL-95.4%  
1W –94.5% 4L-98.3%  
1B – 98.1% 4J-94.5%  
2S-98.3% 5B-95.6%  
2B-99.3% 5R-93.8%  
3W-93.3% 6T-98.7%  
3S-98.7% 6R – 98%

## 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**

