

# Newsletter

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Bike Ability-Year 6

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Swimming Lessons – Year 4

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 9am – Year 2 Inspire Workshop

Dear Parents

This week has whizzed by and we find ourselves at Friday already! It has indeed been a busy, eventful week with lots happening in school. This included our RSE drop in evening and I wish to thank all those parents who attended we had more parents than ever before!

On Tuesday we celebrated Harvest Festival and children have started to bring in their non-perishable food items to donate to local charities. Let's spread joy and help those in need!

As the weather gets cooler, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately in their winter uniform. Remember to label all items to avoid mix-ups.

Regular attendance is vital for your child's academic progress. Please notify the school office if your child is unable to attend school due to illness or other reasons.

Healthy Snacks: As a reminder, please pack nutritious snacks for your child to enjoy during break times. Fruits, vegetables, and whole grains are great options to keep them energized throughout the day. Please can I remind parents that children should not bring in any items that may contain nuts into school. Please check the ingredients on foods for break, lunch and any birthday celebration treat.

Today is our McMillian Coffee Morning if you didn't manage to come in this morning there is plenty of cake left for the end of the day.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Bracken

## **LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER**

Year 1 have had a fantastic week not only have they rewritten The Tiger Who Came to Tea they have continued to focus on toys. At the beginning of the week the children had a real treat they played with old-fashioned toys, they played with spinning tops, rag dolls and yo yo's as you can imagine they had a lot of fun whilst learning about toys from the past.

Year 2 have been developing their adjective knowledge whilst writing about the Selfish Giant, some of the descriptions were really impressive. In Geography the children learnt about hot and cold climates. Afterwards, they designed an outfit for either a desert or arctic region. I was really impressed with some of the designs. In music, the children were introduced to the glockenspiels and managed to play a tune with enthusiasm.

Year 3 have been writing setting descriptions for Varjak Paw which has inspired the children in their writing. Ask your child about the story s it is delightful and they have been working really hard to develop their settings. The Ancient Egypt topic is such an inspiring topic. This week the children have been studying the similarities and differences between the River Nile and the River Severn. Place value is a crucial foundation for maths and the children have been using this to add and subtract tens and ones. Yesterday I walked into Year 3 as Funky Town was blaring out and the children were being number detectives. Lots of fun learning and engagement has been happening Key Stage One this week. Lots of fun learning and engagement has been happening Key Stage One this week.

## **NEW PARENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM – WEDUC-‘REACH MORE PARENTS’**

We are no longer 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 as soon as possible, we would not want you to miss any important emails or texts. If you have problems setting yourself, please come to the school office.

## **PARENTAL RIGHT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM RSHE**

The school is committed to working with parents. Under the Education Act 1993 pupils can be withdrawn by their parents from part of RSHE that is outside the compulsory elements of RSHE contained in the Science National Curriculum. Parents wanting to exercise this right are invited to see the Class Teacher and/or RSHE Leader. They will explore the concerns of parents and the possibilities of adjusting the programme or approach and will discuss any impact that withdrawal may have on the child. They will talk with the parents about the child’s possible negative experiences or feelings that may result from exclusion and the ways in which these can be minimised. There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education or Health Education at Primary as the contents of these subjects—such as family, friendships, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught.

The only lesson that falls outside of our statutory framework is one lesson in Year Six. There is only one lesson, in Year Six, that you can withdraw your child from.

As RSHE is taught throughout the academic year, you will not be notified when RSHE will be taught in your child’s year group. Therefore, we kindly ask that you look through the attached schemes of work and contact your child’s class teacher or RSHE lead if you have any concerns as soon as possible.

## **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.

## **NUTS IN SCHOOL**

Please could we remind parents children are not to have nuts or anything that may contain nuts in their packed lunch. Also, if you are sending in sweets or treats for your child’s birthday these also should not contain nuts. Birthday sweets will be given to your child in front of their parents and it will be parents responsibility of what your child can have. Many thanks

## **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).

## **YOU’RE INVITED TO – FINHAM’S NEW FAMILY WELCOME EVENT – FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Open to Nursery and Reception parents and their children! (Siblings welcome but they will need a ticket)

Mini Disco for the children, Table Top Quiz , Free Refreshments

A chance to meet other parents and make new friends!

Tickets are free from the office – Please note that a ticket per adult and sibling is required for the office Nursery and Reception children can change into party clothes at the end of the day!

Thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting of this school year, we had a great turn out and have lots of events in the planning stages. If you would like to get involved, please don’t hesitate to contact

[finhampta@gmail.com](mailto:finhampta@gmail.com)

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

NNAM- 95.2%	RM-93.7%
NNPM- 76.7%	RL- 95.2%
1W – 95.6%	4L-98%
1B – 98.7%	4J-85.2%
2S- 98.6%	5B-95.2%
2B-99%	5R-100%
3W-98%	6T-95.7%
3S-98%	6R – 93.7%

### 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**

