

# Newsletter

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Bike Ability-Year 6  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Swimming Lessons – Year 4  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9am – 10am – Year 4 Inspire Workshop  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Oakerwood Trip  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 15:30pm – 17:00pm – Nursery & Reception Welcome Event

Dear Parents

I can't believe another week has passed and we only have two weeks left before our half term break. I have been incredibly please with the way in which the children are focussing on their learning, right from Nursery and Reception (who have settled into school life brilliantly) all the way through to Year 6. I have also been impressed with our improving levels of attendance which ensures that there is no lost learning.

On Tuesday we were wearing hats in school to support Mental Health Awareness Day. Key messages have been shared with children during lessons and assemblies this week relating to the importance of promoting positive mental health.

Smart watches

Despite the obvious distraction that these devices can pose, smart watches are internet and camera enabled and therefore present the same concerns as mobile phones in terms of safeguarding. As a result, we do not allow smart watches to be worn in school by children. Please can you ensure children leave their device at home.

Parents evening

We have thought long and hard about parents evening this year and have decided that the October parents evening will be held online this year.

For both parents and teachers, there is the inevitable pressure to keep to time, especially if there are siblings involved. Working parents often rush to make appointments, arriving slightly flustered. Often childcare means parents and carers have half an eye on their child, half on the conversation.

Online appointments mean working carers can meet from their workplace, making meetings possible for those who would ordinarily not be able to make them.

In-person parents' evenings rarely run to time. It can be stressful for both parents and teachers as timekeeping is often at the mercy of others and often, traffic! Where one person's meeting runs over, the impact is exacerbated the evening draws on. Online timers and virtual waiting rooms help to keep time boundaries. Where longer conversations are necessary further discussions can be organised.

We understand that this means parents are unable to come into school and interact with their child's learning environment during parents evening. Parents are able to come into school at various times of the year including inspire workshops and coffee mornings. Parents will have the opportunity to look at your child's work at your child's next inspire workshop and we have arranged open afternoons later in the year for you to see your child in their school environment.

Enjoy your weekend

S Bracken

The DFE have launched a Blog today explaining to parents everything they need to know about phonics in school. It's definitely worth a read!

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/10/12/everything-you-need-to-know-about-phonics-in-school/>

## **LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER**

### **Year 1**

The children have learnt about frogs and are writing a fact file all about them. I was impressed at how quickly the children learnt about the four stages of a frog's life cycle.

They have learnt about number bonds to 10 and are trying to do this systematically.

The butterfly patterns they made on Wednesday afternoon were brilliant and created opportunities for super discussions.

### **Year 2**

In Year 2 the children had a delightful Autumn walk during Science on Monday afternoon. They took this opportunity to notice what is happening around them and were able to make accurate observations. I was impressed at how diligently the children have worked in the lead up to their independent write this week the work was very impressive. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin.

### **Year 3**

Drama is a great way to learn and Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to act out scenes from *Varjak Paw* in English this week. The children have been adding and subtracting sums with hundreds, tens and ones. They have been learning how to exchange 10 ones for a ten. The Ancient Egyptians is a wonderful topic and this week the children had the chance to find out about Tutankhamun's tomb and how it was discovered.

## **PARENT EVENINGS**

Parents evening will be taking place virtually this year on the below dates & times. Unfortunately, due to Mrs Williams being absent, 1W will have their parents evening at a later date.

Please follow the link to book your time slot. If you have any problems please contact the school office. The deadline to book your appointment will be **3pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. <https://finhamprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October / Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October / Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Nursery	Tuesday / Thursday	15:50pm – 19:00pm
RM	Tuesday / Wednesday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
RL	Tuesday / Wednesday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
1B	Wednesday / Thursday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
2B	Tuesday / Wednesday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
2S	Tuesday / Wednesday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
3S	Wednesday / Thursday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
3W	Wednesday / Thursday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
4L	Tuesday / Wednesday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
4J	Tuesday / Wednesday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
5B	Tuesday / Wednesday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
5R	Tuesday / Thursday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
6T	Tuesday / Wednesday	16:00pm – 19:00pm
6R	Tuesday / Thursday	16:00pm – 19:00pm

## **ROCK KIDS**

We have a Rock Band coming into school on 25<sup>th</sup> October. On Monday in assembly children will be told all about it. We are giving you advance warning on the 25<sup>th</sup> October children are welcome to come to school dressed as a rockstar.

### **CHILD CARE VOUCHERS**

We have noticed a number of parents are using their childcare vouchers to pay for trips, unfortunately these vouchers are strictly only for **before and after school club only – Squirrels Club**. Please can you ensure they are only being used to pay for this only.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

A huge thank you to everyone who came and donated to our coffee morning, the grand total raised was..... **£287!!!**

### **BOOK BAGS**

Starting from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October the price of bookbags will increase to £7.

### **SQUIRRELS CLUB**

Bookings for Autumn 2 covering 6<sup>th</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> December are now open

Before school (£4.00 per child, per session) - <https://forms.gle/1edVmCR9CXcKuHkN6>

After school (£7.50 per child, per session [£7.00 sibling discount]) - <https://forms.gle/Tw8SY6sGwGLYUvQx7>

Booking forms have been added to The Hub on the Reach More Parents app so any future booking can be made that way, or you can email me with the dates that you require.

### **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.

### **SCHOOL EVENT**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating and learning about Diwali as a school. Children are welcome to come to school in brightly coloured clothes (£1 donation to the PTA). If there are any parents who would like to support the classes with their learning about Diwali, please speak to your class teacher.

### **PTA EVENT**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Finham's New Family Welcome Event - Open to Nursery and Reception parents and their children! (Siblings welcome but they will need a ticket) - Tickets are free from the office – Please note that a ticket per adult and sibling is required for the office.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** - Pumpkin Trail more information to follow

### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

NNAM- 93.5%	RM- 86%
NNPM- 51.6%	RL- 76.3%
1W – 96.6%	4L-99.7%
1B – 99.4%	4J- 98.3%
2S- 93.7%	5B-95.8%
2B- 96%	5R-98.8%
3W-94.3%	6T-98%
3S-98.7%	6R – 95.3%

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



**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**

