

Diary Dates

Wednesday 10th January – Return to School

Dear Parents

After a hugely successful term we have finally made it to the Christmas holidays. The children have had a wonderful time preparing for Christmas and taking part in Christmas activities over the last few weeks.

The Christmas productions and Grandparents morning have been absolutely amazing this week. I would like to thank the staff and PTA for all their determination in making these events possible. I would also like to thank the Year 6 staff and pupils for their hard work, serving Christmas dinner yesterday. They didn't stop smiling while setting tables and serving Christmas dinner for over 350 children and all the staff.

We would like to wish each and every one of you a truly special Christmas. With so much concern and worries about finances and health, it is so important that the children have a special time with their families and loved ones over the Christmas period. They have been a credit to you and we look forward to seeing you safe and well on Wednesday 10th January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mrs Bracken

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

All of the children in the Upper Phase have shown their Finham values this week. The timing of the holiday has meant that there are only a few days left till Christmas Day but you wouldn't have been able to tell in school. The children have been working hard right up until the holiday started. The children have behaved amazingly around school and a constant cheery determination in each classroom.

There was a whole school assembly where the children were able to play party games together but their values were the focus. Each child was reminded that over the holiday they would need to remember all of their values to get the best enjoyment out of the winter break. They certainly had a fun time cheering each of the various competitors on and demonstrated that they knew how to display their Finham values.

The children in Year 6 took on the role of Christmas dinner facilitators. They all made a great contribution and made sure that every child across the school was given a Christmas dinner if they had asked for one. Each dinner was served with a smile, the plates collected, the cutlery laid out again and again for each year group. The children handing out Santa hats on the way into the hall had everyone feeling very festive. Amazing work, Year 6!

We hope you all manage to enjoy the time you get as a family this Christmas as it is very precious. We've reminded the children in the build-up to the holiday about staying safe online and how to report issues if they encounter any. If any older children are lucky to have new technology bought for them, please consider the best way to keep them safe. Please check online which apps are suitable for certain ages. Apps such as WhatsApp and TikTok have recently updated their age restrictions, which may mean your child is too young to access these. If you would like more advice there is information on our Frog page for parents about keeping children safe online.

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PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

As a team, we can all work together to provide a 'World Class' education for our children. Learning, growing and developing to become confident individuals who can have a significant impact within society. I am extremely PROUD to be the Headteacher of Finham Primary School and I value your feedback in helping to continue to drive the school forward. I would like you all to be part of this process and have your say. So please click the link below and complete the google form so we can gain your opinions and ideas on the following points:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZaXSEABlrrfe7gfhlfzXN0XVhxAriFa7FK0MGuydBDCx8A/viewform?usp=sf_link

READING AT HOME

Over the Christmas period, we know that lots of children will be receiving many types of gifts. Hopefully, books will be high on the list of presents! As a part of our end of year preparations in school, teachers have been assessing children on how much progress they have been making in each subject. As you will appreciate, reading underpins all of the subjects in the national curriculum. We have definitely noticed, that the children who are regularly reading to an adult at home – regardless of their age – have made the most progress across all subjects.

It would be remiss of us, if we did not share this information with you. Even if your child is a fluent reader and is able to read books on their own, it is really important that they do read with an adult at least 3 times a week at home. The understanding that children gain from reading with an adult and having conversations about what they are reading – have an impact on their learning at school which is incredible.

Over the Christmas period, and into 2024, it would be brilliant to see as many children reading to an adult as possible. This will help your child's learning to progress in all subjects.

OUTDOOR, PLAY and LEARNING

We are having small world resources drive to support the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme at our school! Through this programme, we are working to improve outdoor play at our school by offering more opportunities for creative, child-led play and learning.

We want to create many opportunities for small world resources that our students can use during outdoor play times. This collection drive will be focussed on:

Dressing up (including hats, gloves etc), Marbles, Small/large Balls, Trucks, cars, diggers etc, small or larger buckets, Jugs, plates, bowls, cutlery etc, Pans, Pots, Watering cans, Baskets, bags, Cuddly toys, Dinosaurs, Buggies, Dolls, Play houses/castles etc, Lego/building blocks

Please bring any items to the school office. If you have any queries regarding this, please email

admin@finhamprimary.co.uk

Thank you for your support in this, we will be sending more information out about the OPAL programme when we start to implement it in school.

Mr Tickle



PTA MESSAGE

We have moved to an online ticket system to help reduce the burden on the school office but also to make it fairer on limited ticket events.

Our new events page where all tickets will be sold for current and future events can be found at

www.pta-events.co.uk/finhamptaevents

There are several other ways to keep up to date with our events and meetings

Facebook - www.facebook.com/finhampta

X (formerly Twitter) - @FinhamC

Email - finhampta@gmail.com

Year Group Whatsapp

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

NNAM -69.1% RM- 92%

NNPM -46.7% RL- 88.7%

1W -77.8% 4L-78.3%

1B - 92.8% 4J-88.3%

2S - 85.3% 5B- 89.4%

2B - 86.7% 5R-82.7%

3W -84.8% 6T -80%

3S - 90.7% 6R - 96%

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

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| 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

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