

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Year 1 Inspire Workshop

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 – Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 9am – Reception Inspire Workshop

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 3pm-3:30pm – Reception Reading Workshop

Dear Parents

Another week has flown by and as always the children and staff have been really busy. Here at Finham, we are passionate about providing an exceptional, innovative education that inspires and empowers our pupils, in every class, every day! We aim to develop confident, resilient, independent lifelong learners and this has been evident this week. The children (and staff) behaved impeccably in DoI Y Moch. I am so proud to hear all the wonderful stories about the adventures they have had, that I'm sure they will be recounting for many years to come!

## PARENTS MEETINGS WITH TEACHER IN SCHOOL- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

After consulting with parents in the recent Parental Questionnaire, 60% of parents voted to have an in-person Parent's Evening in the Spring Term. We are therefore looking forward to having our upcoming Parent's Evenings face-to-face in school.

We will be taking a blended approach to Parent's Evening this year with remote sessions in the Autumn Term and face-to-face in the Spring Term. Next year, this may happen the other way round. However, whether face-to-face or remote, appointment times **are limited to 10- minute slots**. This is to ensure that all parents are able to attend their meeting at the specified time, to allow parents with more than one child in school to get to their next meeting on time and to manage teacher workload.

Similar to the online Parent's Evenings that we have hosted on School Cloud, where appointments automatically ended, teachers will stop the meetings after 10 minutes in order to enable the efficient running of appointments.

With the Parent's Evening being in person, parents will be able to look at their children's work before or after their allotted appointment time. Teachers will also provide parents with mid-year targets. These outline what your child will need to work on in order to progress in their learning.

The link to book your appointment will be sent out next week and bookings will close at 2pm on 6<sup>th</sup> February, please ensure you book your appointment before this time. Please note 2B's parents evening will be after half term.

## LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

In Year 1, the children have been very pleased to welcome back Mrs Williams! I know that on Monday morning she was a super proud teacher when her class sat down to complete their independent writing task. They were all so keen to get started and worked independently to produce some lovely pieces of writing. Yesterday, the whole of year 1 had an exciting space morning. They completed a range of activities about space and enjoyed creating junk models of rockets, aliens and spaceships.

Year 2 and 3 have turned into Wemmicks as they start rehearsing for their performance of 'You are Special' The children have been working incredibly hard to learn their lines and songs and are really looking forward to sharing their talents with the school and their families very soon!

Miss Beale



## ONLINE SAFETY

Thank you to the parents/carers who have been staying for the online safety parental workshops, which are run as part of our year group Inspire Workshops. The feedback we have received from parents regarding these sessions has been overwhelmingly positive. We urge parents to stay for these sessions as we highlight the potential dangers that you as parents may want to be aware of, in an ever-increasing digital world. It is also a good opportunity for teachers to make you aware of our school's advice to children about their online activities as this could provide clarity regarding issues you face with your children being online.

If you have missed the workshops but would like to know what was covered, these documents can be found on Frog along with additional information which we provide for parents regarding online safety. (Frog login – Office – SUPPORT for Finham Families – Online Safety). We will continue to provide updates on our newsletters when we are alerted to possible new online risks and Mrs Bracken will continue to advertise (via our newsletter) Police facilitated online/face-to-face workshops, when they are offered to our school's parents.

## EMOTIONAL REGULATION PARENT WORKSHOP - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am-10.00am

Tania Wagstaff from Autism Specialists will be running a workshop for parents on the subject of supporting your child to regulate their emotions. This is open to all parents, regardless of whether your child has a diagnosis of Autism, or not, as this is something that all children can find difficult at some point in their lives. Tania works very closely with the school and has a wealth of knowledge to share, so it would be great to see as many parents as possible. For parents who are unable to attend, we will make sure that any materials are shared after the workshop. The workshop will be held in Squirrels. Please come to the Squirrels' entrance at 9.00am.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR – SPECIAL MEAL

Please email [admin@finhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@finhamprimary.co.uk) if you would like your child to have a Special meal to celebrate Chinese New Year. If you could email your **CHILD'S NAME, CLASS** and whether they would like **CHICKEN NOODLES** or **VEGETABLE CHOW MEIN**. If your child already has school meals, they will receive this meal. If your child is in Reception to Year 2, this will be free. If your child is in Nursery all day, Years 3 to 6 you will need to pay £2.40 via Parentpay under school meals. Please could you let us know by **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**.

## BOOKS!

If anyone has any books they are able to donate to our school library, especially for the older years that would be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance, Mrs Hands – Librarian.

## CLEARING OUT OUR NATURE AREA

Miss Bird is currently planning a much needed clear our Nature Area from weeds/nettles etc and is wondering if any parents/carers were willing to spare some time and lend a hand and help her out on the Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30pm! This would be highly appreciated! 😊 if you could please let the School Office know if you are willing to help so Miss Bird knows how many people are coming.

## SCHOOL PROJECT MATERIALS

Mrs Brooks-Keith has requested if anyone has any spare white / silver fabric, netting, voile or net curtains they no longer need please could they be donated to us for a school project. Thank you.



## NURSERY APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 you are able to apply for your child to attend Finham's Nursery. Please complete a Nursery application on Finham Primary's website or collect a form from the school office. The deadline for receiving the Nursery application is 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024. If you could indicate whether you would like your child to attend either Mornings, Afternoons or all day (30 hours). We will then let you contact you by March 2024.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

NNAM -91.3%	RM-91.3%
NNPM -73.3%	RL- 92.8%
1W -97.8%	4L-97.3%
1B - 93.4%	4J- 87.7%
2S - 95.3%	5B- 97.2%
2B - 96%	5R- 95.2%
3W -93.5%	6T -97%
3S - 94.3%	6R - 96.7%

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

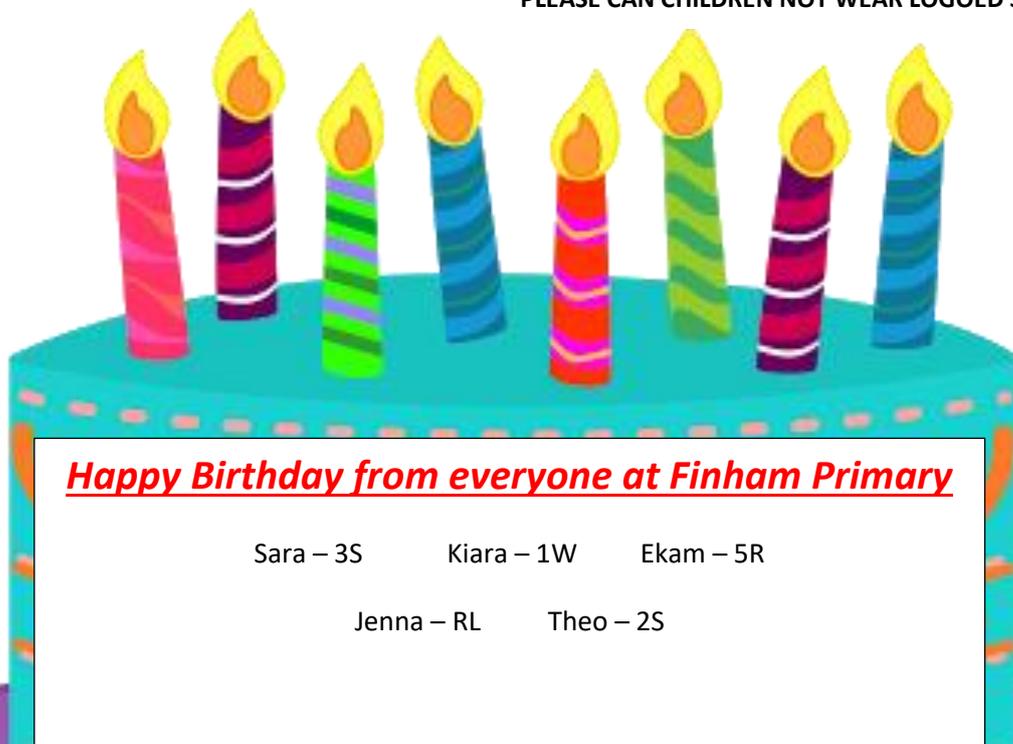
Monday	Year 1 – Dance Year 2 – Understanding Games Year 4 – Dance
Tuesday	Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 4 – Swimming Year 5 – Dance
Wednesday	Year 5 – OAA Year 6 – Dance
Thursday	Year 1 – Understanding Games Year 3 – Dance Year 6 – Invasion Games
Friday	Year 2 – Dance

**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**



**Happy Birthday from everyone at Finham Primary**

Sara – 3S	Kiara – 1W	Ekam – 5R
Jenna – RL	Theo – 2S	

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**

