

Dear Parents,

It's been another amazing week at Finham Primary School. It is always lovely to see how enthusiastic the children are towards their learning. It's been business as usual, and I'm so impressed with how the children have all settled into their learning in their new classes. I've been particularly impressed by our new children in Nursery and Reception who have been brave as they adapt to their new surroundings.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and careers who have been really patient waiting at the start and end of the day while the teachers get to know you all.

Sarah Bracken
Head Teacher

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

It has been fantastic to see the children coming into school with such enthusiasm for the new school year. Walking around the Upper Phase, the children greeted each other and adults with smiles and showed their Finham values. The children have quickly settled into their new classes and have done a great job at picking up the new expectations and routines. The first few weeks are all about setting themselves up for a great year and they have certainly made an excellent start. The teachers are in the process of putting the Parent Information Sheets together for the new school year so look out for these on each of the Year group's Frog pages so you can find out what they will be covering over the Autumn term. The new reading logs have created a buzz around the phase and will be a great way for teachers to track children's engagement of quality reading at home; hopefully supporting parents with encouraging their children to read at least 3 times a week at home, with an adult. Parent Inspire Workshops will be coming up soon so please check when your child's next session will take place as they are a great opportunity for finding out how we deliver some of the core subject knowledge and skills.

STICK INSECTS

Over the summer our stick insects have grown quite a bit! We wondered if any of our wonderful families would have an old fish tank they could donate to the school for their new home. If you do have a tank, please could you bring this to the school office. Thank you.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Tuesday 17th September – Friday 20th September

8:30am-8:45am & 3:30pm-3:45pm

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Finham Primary!

Come along and browse and buy some fantastic books!

The book fair will be held in the sports hall, you can get to this via the school office doors.

You are able to pay by cash on the day alternatively we will have a card machine available.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th September – Friday 20th

- Scholastic Book Fair
8:30am-8:45am & 3:30pm-3:50pm
- Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency

Wednesday 18th September

- Year 4 – Swimming Lessons
- 9am – Year 1 Reading Workshop
- 5:30pm – Dol-Y-Moch Parents Evening

Thursday 19th September

- 6pm-7pm – Year 6 SAT's evening



FROG ISSUES

We have been made aware that Frog is currently experiencing technical issues which they are trying to rectify. We will send a message out once this issue has been resolved.

ONLINE SAFETY

As we begin a new school year you may wish to remind yourself or learn a bit more about how to be proactive against possible online dangers your child may come up against as they get older. On our Frog page, we have supporting resources that you may find useful. You can find the document by clicking on the following steps – Finham’s Frog site – Office – Supporting Finham Families – Online Safety – Parent Help Sheets – Online Challenges Advice.

Statistics show that 95% of 8- to 12-year-olds own their own smart devices and 87% have their own social media accounts despite apps imposing higher age restrictions. Age restrictions continue to be reviewed and changed so please keep up to date with rising age restrictions. The uploaded documents aim to support parents with conversations they can have with their children, about dealing with online dangers. It may also help you understand the motivation behind why children can be drawn into hoaxes and online challenges.

EE publicly stated over the summer that they do not believe children should be given a smartphone before the age of 11 and have launched the ‘Dash+’ phone from Verve Connect, which is aimed at 11-13-year-olds to help with the issue. Any child with a smartphone between 11-13 years should still have parental controls enabled, restricted access to social media, and a family-sharing app in place. No child in primary school should have access to any social media accounts as the age restrictions are above the age of primary school children.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

Blue Coat CofE School, Terry Road, Coventry, CV12BA – Thursday 19th September - 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Coundon Court, Northbrook Road, Coundon, Coventry, CV62AJ – Thursday 19th September – 5pm – 7pm

STARTING SCHOOL?

Children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 can start school in September 2025. You can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online from 1st September 2024 at Coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions or you can telephone School Admissions on **02476 975445**
Apply online by 15th January 2025

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions by 31st October 2024 for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014.

31st October 2024 – Closing date for all applications

31st December 2024 – If you move house before the 31st December 2024 you MUST contact the School Admissions Team to update your address

3rd March 2025 – Result emailed by 5pm or details available in your online account

5th March 2024 – Parents who submitted a paper application will receive the result by letter

For any queries call School Admissions on **02476 975445**



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery- 98.55%	3L-100%
RM-98.55%	4J-94%
RL-95.52%	4S-99.35%
1W-99.33%	5B-92.9%
1B-95.61%	5R-100%
2B-97.81%	6T-94.97%
2W-97.81%	6R-94.38%
3R%-96.9%	

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

Monday	Reception - Athletics Year 1 – Gymnastics Year 6 - Gymnastics	<p>Please can children wear their PE kit to school on PE days</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME</p> <p>PLEASE CAN CHILDREN NOT WEAR LOGOED SPORTS WEAR</p>
Tuesday	Year 3 – Gymnastics Year 1 – Invasion Games Year 4 – Gymnastics Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency	
Wednesday	Year 2 – Ball Skills Year 4 – Swimming Lessons (Xcel) Year 5 - Gymnastics	
Thursday	Year 2 - Gymnastics Year 5 – Ball Skills Year 3 – Invasion Games	
Friday	Reception – Gymnastics	



