

Dear Parents

What a wonderful week it has been and a great end to the first half term of the school year!

This week, it was lovely to invite parents into school for our first parent's evening of the year. This was a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher and discuss how well they have settled into their classes, along with the progress they have made so far this year.

We are ending the week with Rock Kids!! This is an opportunity for us to celebrate how fantastic your children are as well as learning a valuable lesson "DON'T QUIT"

Please could we remind all parents that if there has been an incident in school involving your child, the first port of call should always be school so we can investigate further. Thank you

Have a great week

Mrs Bracken

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, Year 4 has been busy with their learning. In English, the children focused on writing persuasive letters, developing their understanding of important features and looking at good examples. They also revisited key writing skills to improve their letters. In history, students learned about Skara Brae, gaining insights into prehistoric life.

This week, Year 5 have been engaged in exciting learning experiences. In English, they have been diligently writing up their story chapters inspired by "The Escape Room" by Christopher Edge. After weeks of acting out their ideas, story-mapping the plot, and refining their writing skills, the children have devoted several lessons to editing their work to ensure it is of the highest quality. Meanwhile, in history, they explored the legacies of influential figures, specifically focusing on Mary Seacole and Walter Tull, examining how their positive impacts instigated social change within society.

This week, Year 6 focused on developing their English skills through writing and reading activities. The children crafted recounts detailing their memorable experiences at Oakwood, expressing their enjoyment of the wilderness and the new skills they acquired. Following this engaging writing exercise, they delved into World War One poetry, drawing inspiration from the powerful themes and emotions within the poems.

POPPY APPEAL

When the children return back to school we will have the poppy items for sale in the school office, your child is welcome to bring in money to purchase at breaktimes.

Poppy stickers – 20p

Slap band – £1.50

Reflectors – 50p

Ribbon Wristbands – £1

Paper poppy – 50p

FIREWORKS

Diary Dates

Friday 25th October

- Last Day of Term

Monday 4th November

- Return to School

Wednesday 6th November

- 9am – Year 5 Workshop

- Year 4 Swimming Lessons

- 3:30pm – 4:30pm PTA Festival of Light

Friday 8th November

- PTA – Non Uniform Day –

Rainbow Colour Donation



As Halloween and Bonfire Night approaches, West Midlands Police would like to encourage you to talk to your child about staying safe and sensible during this time.

Remember...

- Stay visible at night by wearing fluorescent clothing or head torches
- Supervise children with sparklers and at firework displays
- Warn your children about stranger danger and only trick or treating in well-lit, known areas
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a firework, flare or smoke bomb.

You can download their free parents' guide of safety tips here: <https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/darker-nights/>

If you want to report something suspicious call 101 or **999 in an emergency**. For more information about how West Midlands Police are helping keep you safe this Halloween, search 'WMP Darker Nights'.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

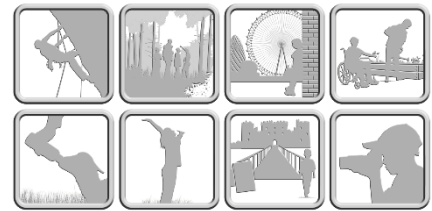
Can you please ensure we have the correct mobile number on the system for you in case of emergencies. Please do also check your phone throughout the day in case you have missed any calls from the school office regarding your child.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

From Monday 4th November school meal prices will be increasing to £2.60 a day. If you wish to start or stop your child's meal please come to the school office to complete the relevant form. Thank you

LOTC MARK!

We are delighted to announce we have been awarded the Silver LOTC Mark by CLOtC. This recognises our commitment to providing high quality learning outside the classroom opportunities for our students!



Silver LOTC Mark

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE – OVERALL – 96.8%

Nursery- 93.92%	3L- 93.96%
RM- 96.55%	4J- 98.67%
RL- 95.00%	4S- 97.42%
1W- 100%	5B- 98.97%
1B- 98.00%	5R- 98.13%
2B- 93.44%	6T- 93.94%
2W- 92.26%	6R- 97.93%
3R- 91.38%	



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

Monday	Reception - Athletics Year 1 – Athletics Year 4 – Invasion Games
Tuesday	Year 1 – Ball Games Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 6 – Athletics
Wednesday	Year 2 – Ball Skills Year 4 – Swimming Lessons (Xcel) Year 5 - Athletics
Thursday	Year 2 - Athletics Year 5 – Invasion Games Year 6 – Invasion Games
Friday	Reception – Gymnastics Year 3 – Health & Well being

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

