

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had another fantastic week at Finham. The children have really tried hard to embody our values, and it has been heartening to see their efforts. The Year 6 children are having a wonderful time at Oaker Wood; I am sure they will have some stupendous tales to tell upon their return later today. This week, I had a productive meeting with Coventry City Council concerning parking outside the school. I mentioned that the majority of parents park safely, but the council representative has requested that we kindly remind everyone to park considerately in the vicinity of the school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

In school this week we had an Orienteering Day on Tuesday, the children looked and learned about maps. The company said how well your children behaved.

Parents' evenings are scheduled for next week, and we look forward to welcoming you in person. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the year and to address any questions you may have. Each appointment will last ten minutes, and we kindly ask that you adhere to your allocated time to ensure every parent has their chance to speak.

We have noticed a number of coughs and colds already this year. If your child has a high temperature or has been sick, please keep them at home. Children may still attend school with mild sniffles. We have been in touch with Public Health who have assured us we are doing everything possible to halt the spread of illness.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead!

Sarah Bracken  
Head Teacher

## **LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER**

In year 1, the children have been working on autumn poetry. They completed a walk around the school environment to observe signs of autumn and have created word banks with descriptive words to describe the season. At the start of the week, I had the pleasure of visiting both year one classrooms to observe part of their English lesson. I was so impressed with the children's behaviour and attitude towards their learning and I'm sure their autumn poems are going to be brilliant!

In year 3, over the last 2 weeks, the children have had to use their resilience and discipline skills whilst tackling a new taught method. They have been learning how to use the column method to add and subtract 3-digit numbers and have used both practical and pictorial resources to enhance their understanding of this new method. Their understanding of the method has greatly improved, and they have been working hard to ensure they layout their work neatly and correctly in their maths books. Year 3 have also come to the end of their science work on plants and on Tuesday, they collected their final set of results to conclude their investigation into whether the number of seeds can affect how well plants grow.

## **Diary Dates**

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

- Flu vaccinations Reception-Year 6
- Parents evening – in person

### **Wednesday 22nd October**

- Swimming lessons Year 4
- Parents evening - in person

### **Friday 24th October**

- Diwali Day – Non uniform traditional outfits/party wear
- PTA -Autumn Festival



The year 2 classes have recently started learning about the history of Coventry. They have created a timeline to show some of the main events and really enjoyed hearing the story of Lady Godiva. In their English lessons, they have been studying the book 'The Selfish Giant', a famous story about the importance of sharing and kindness. Building up to their independent writing, the children have worked on a variety of skills including adverbs, conjunctions and using descriptive language to describe the giant's garden in spring and winter.

Miss Beale

**MEDICINE IN SCHOOL** Please could we remind parents that medicine/pain relief should not be put in your child's bag, all medicines must be brought to the school office and a form completed by parents. We are only able to administer medicine if it is prescribed by the doctor. Many thanks

### **REPORTING A CHILDS ABSENCE**

Can we please remind all parents and careers the importance of reporting your child's absence. This must be reported via the weduc app or the absence line before 08:30. Alternatively you can call the office from 08:30. We are seeing a number of children's absences not be reported and this could result in the school doing a home visit.

### **SAREES and SPARE MATERIAL**

Does anybody have any spare red or green sarees or bright coloured shiny material school could have. If so please could it be brought to the school office. Many thanks

### **ORACY QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

If you had magic powers what spell would you cast?

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Can we please remind all parents and carers to label all their children's school uniform and personal property. We are seeing a large amount of clothes and items in our lost property area already this term. If your child has lost an items, please come and visit the lost property area outside Squirrels.

### **FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER DIWALI DAY**

As part of our Diwali Day celebrations on Friday 24th October, children are welcome to come to school dressed in special celebration clothes. This could be traditional outfits such as saris, suits, kurta pyjamas, or lehengas, or party clothes.

If any parents would like to come in to talk about Diwali and how their family celebrate, please speak to your child's teacher

### **COMPLETION OF URGENT FORMS**

Can we please remind all parents and careers that we must have the mandatory forms that were sent out at the start of September completed and returned by the end of next week. The forms are Homeschool Agreement, Internet consent, Photo consent and School trip. If you require these forms being resent, please speak to the school office.

### **PTA PUMPKIN COMPERTITION**

Carve, paint and decorate a pumpkin and drop it off at the school office in the morning on Friday 24th October. £1 per entry. Prize for every year group. All entries will be displayed at the Autumn festival after school.



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<b>Nursery</b>	92 %	<b>3M</b>	97 %
<b>RT</b>	80 %	<b>4G</b>	98 %
<b>RW</b>	87 %	<b>4R</b>	93 %
<b>1B</b>	68 %	<b>5R</b>	99 %
<b>1L</b>	79 %	<b>5B</b>	95 %
<b>2R</b>	77 %	<b>6S</b>	96 %
<b>2W</b>	87 %	<b>6T</b>	93 %
<b>3B</b>	96 %	<b>Overall</b>	<b>89.8%</b>

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

Monday Year 2- Gymnastics  
Year 4 - Invasion Games (Handball)  
Reception - Athletics

Tuesday Year 6 - Cycling Proficiency  
Year 3 – Gymnastics  
Year 5 – Invasion Games (Netball/Basketball)  
Year 2 – Athletics

Wednesday Nursery - Gymnastics  
Year 4 – Swimming Xcel  
Year 5 – Athletics  
Year 1 - Athletics

Thursday Year 1 – Gymnastics  
Year 6 – Invasion Games (Netball/Basketball)  
Year 3 – Invasion Games (Handball)

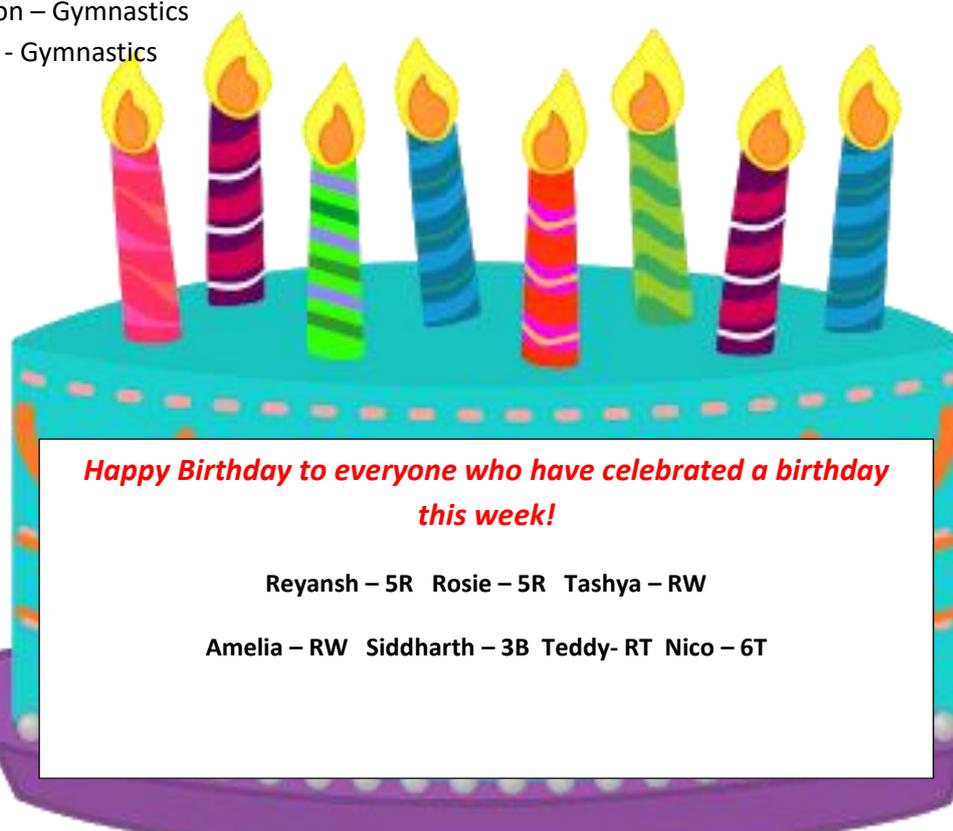
Friday Reception – Gymnastics  
Nursery - Gymnastics

**Please can all children wear their PE kit to school on PE days**

Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo

1. Plain navy blue or black shorts
2. Plain navy blue or black joggers
3. Plain navy blue or black leggings
4. White Socks
5. Black trainers/pumps (that fit well)
6. Plain navy jumper
7. Navy Hoodie with Finham Primary logo

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**



***Happy Birthday to everyone who have celebrated a birthday this week!***

**Reyansh – 5R Rosie – 5R Tashya – RW**

**Amelia – RW Siddharth – 3B Teddy- RT Nico – 6T**



THIS SCHOOL IS  
**FREE**



