

Hello everyone!

It's been another extremely busy week here at Finham Primary School, and I can hardly believe how quickly the days have flown by! Our value this week has been integrity, and I'm thrilled to say that your children have demonstrated a clear and evident understanding of this important principle. Alongside this, we have been focusing on kindness and discussing various ways to show it both at home and in school. I encourage you to ask your child to jot down some ideas on how they can be kind in your household and here at school. Your support is invaluable!

Warm regards,  
Mrs Bracken  
Headteacher

## **LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER**

Some might say it's a bit too early to mention the word 'Christmas' but year have already started to get into the Christmas spirit as they have started learning the songs to perform in their end of term performance. When they haven't been singing, the children have enjoyed writing the story of Lubna and Pebble in English and using the apparatus to create simple sequences in gymnastics.

Over the past few weeks, Year 3 have been studying the text 'The Great Kapok Tree' which discusses the importance of protecting and looking after the Amazon Rainforest. In their English lessons, they have researched the different animals that live in the rainforest and have used their senses to describe the setting. They have also been learning how to use inverted commas for direct speech. To develop their understanding of this new skill, they enjoyed writing sentences on their tables and using macaroni pasta to mark where the inverted commas should go.

In year 2, the children have come to the end of their work on 'The Dragon Machine' and yesterday, they spent the morning completing their independent writing task to rewrite the story. The children used their story maps to recall the main events and worked hard to include accurate punctuation, adjectives and conjunctions in their sentences. They have also been learning about The Great Fire of London and have been using picture sources to understand what life was like in 17<sup>th</sup> century London.

Miss Beale

## **PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Come to school wearing non uniform in exchange for a donation of an item in your years colour. This is for our PTA Christmas raffle hampers.

Nursery and Reception – Silver

Year 1 – Gold

Year 2 – Blue

Year 3 - Red

Year 4 – Purple

Year 5 – White

Year 6 - Green

## **Diary Dates**

### **Tuesday 25th November**

- **Belgrade Theatre trip Year 3 09:00-13:00**
- **School disco Year's 1-3 15:30-16:30**

### **Wednesday 26th November**

- **Inspire workshop Year 5 09:00-10:00**
- **Year 4 swimming 12:30-15:30**
- **School disco Year's 4-6 15:30-16:45**

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

- **Non uniform day in exchange for a donation for PTA Christmas hampers (see below)**



Silver LOTC Mark

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## 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.

## LEAVE REQUEST

This is a kind reminder that if you wish to take your child on holiday or request leave for any reason, a Leave Request Form **must** be completed and submitted at least two weeks prior to the planned absence. This notice period allows sufficient time for Mrs Bracken to review the request and ensures that the correct registration mark is allocated for your child's absence. You can find the form on Reach More Parents using the link below:

<https://app.weduc.co.uk/forms/index/preview/140737488539995> Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## ORACY QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What makes a good friend?

## 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.

## SCOOTERS & BIKES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please could we remind you that bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden on school grounds, please ensure your child/children push their bikes or scooters when on the school grounds. Thank you for your co operation.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<b>Nursery</b>	91 %	<b>3M</b>	99 %
<b>RT</b>	92 %	<b>4G</b>	94 %
<b>RW</b>	95 %	<b>4R</b>	97 %
<b>1B</b>	98 %	<b>5R</b>	97 %
<b>1L</b>	92 %	<b>5B</b>	99 %
<b>2R</b>	99 %	<b>6S</b>	98 %
<b>2W</b>	94 %	<b>6T</b>	99 %
<b>3B</b>	98 %	<b>Overall</b>	<b>97 %</b>



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

Monday	Year 2- Gymnastics Year 5 - Invasion Games (Tag Rugby) Reception - Athletics
Tuesday	Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 2 – Learning through Play-Games Year 4 – Gymnastics
Wednesday	Nursery - Gymnastics Year 4 – Swimming Xcel Year 5 – Gymnastics Year 1 - Learning through Play-Games
Thursday	Year 1 – Gymnastics Year 6 – Invasion Games (Netball/Basketball) Year 3 – Health & Well being
Friday	Reception – Gymnastics Nursery – Gymnastics Year 6 - Athletics

**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**

