

Dear Parents

Another fantastic week at Finham Primary School! We kicked off on Monday with our final Opal Assessment, where we proudly received our Gold Award. A massive thank you to Mr Tickle, who has been truly inspirational in organising Opal. This is just the beginning of our Opal

journey, as we aim to develop play even further. If you have any old suitcases, dressing-up clothes, guttering, road signs, traffic cones, or anything else that might inspire children's play, please bring it in! On Tuesday, we welcomed an audit from Voice 21, who support us with our Oracy implementation. They were blown away by the amount of talk, discussion, and debate happening in each classroom, showcasing the confidence and skills of our children. "This is a school where pupils speak with confidence, listen with respect, and clearly enjoy sharing their ideas," noted Voice 21.

This week, the whole school took part in Arts Week. All of the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed exploring weaving activities, with some truly beautiful and creative pieces produced across the school. In the coming weeks, staff will be giving out early bird stickers at the gate for all children who arrive on time. These stickers can be exchanged for behaviour points in class, with awards given for those with the most points over a set period.

On a more concerning note, we've noticed a decline in the number of children meeting their reading targets. I cannot emphasise enough how important reading is at home. Reading together not only strengthens your child's literacy skills but also fosters a love for books and learning. It creates a wonderful opportunity for bonding and discussion, allowing children to explore new ideas and perspectives. If you're struggling to read with your child, please let the class teacher know, as they can offer tips and advice. Enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 5th May.

Sarah Bracken
Headteacher

COVENTRY CITY FOOTBALL – WEAR COVENTRY CITY SHIRT OR SOMETHING BLUE – TUESDAY 5TH MAY

To mark Coventry City reaching the Premier League for the first time in 25 years, we invite all pupils to wear a Coventry City top or something blue on Tuesday, 5th May.

We hope this day will foster a sense of community and allow our students to come together to recognise this achievement. We look forward to seeing everyone in their Coventry City colours.

No donations are required for this event.

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, the school has taken part in Arts Week focusing on textile art. To celebrate the Bayeux Tapestry returning to the UK for the first time in more than 900 years, each class took part in a weaving activity. At the start of the week, year 1 explored different examples of weaving before working in classes to weave large materials onto the playground fence adding an array of colour to their outdoor area. In year 2, the children used recycled materials including plastic

Diary Dates

Monday 4th May

- School closed as Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May

- Wear something blue

bags and fabric to create a woven piece of art. If you get a chance, you should come and see their wonderful designs in their classroom windows!

In year 3, the children used natural materials from the school grounds to complete their weaving project. The children spent the afternoon gathering plants, leaves, flowers and grass before weaving it onto their final piece of art. The children really enjoyed working outside in pairs to complete their design before peer assessing their work. Year 3 also had the opportunity to take part in a wheelchair basketball lesson on Thursday morning. They were all given the opportunity to experience using the wheelchair to move around the hall and took part in a game of bocchia.

Miss Beale

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>

We have identified some discrepancies in the travel information that has been previously submitted. To clarify and ensure our records are accurate, we kindly request proof of both outbound and return flights, clearly showing the travel dates when submitting an exceptional leave request for any holidays/leave abroad.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding

LOST PROPERTY

We have noticed an increase in the number of items in our lost property area. If your child is missing any belongings, please take a moment to check the lost property table located outside Squirrels.

We would also like to remind parents and carers to clearly name all items of your child's clothing and accessories, as this helps us return lost items quickly.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	97 %	3M	98 %
RT	96 %	4G	95 %
RW	99 %	4R	95 %
1B	98 %	5R	94 %
1L	95 %	5B	98 %
2R	98 %	6S	99 %
2W	98 %	6T	94 %
3B	98 %	Overall	97 %

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

Monday	Reception - Athletics Year 6 - Striking/Feilding Games Year 1 – Understanding Games
Tuesday	Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 5 – Health Related Fitness Year 2 – Ball Skills
Wednesday	Nursery – Athletics/Ball Skills Year 4 – Invasion Games Year 3 – Striking/Feilding Games
Thursday	Reception – Ball Skills Year 5 - Striking/Feilding Games Year 6 – Health Related Fitness
Friday	Year 2 – Understanding Games Nursery – Athletics /Ball Skills Year 1 – Ball Skills Year 4 - Striking/Feilding Games

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



