

Dear All,

It's been another wonderful week here at Finham Primary, full of celebration and shared moments. On Tuesday, we proudly wore blue to celebrate Coventry City FC's fantastic return to the Premiership, creating a real buzz across the school. We then ended the week on a high with special celebrations marking Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, inspiring thoughtful discussions about the natural world and our responsibility to protect it.

Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May. Children are welcome to come into school through the main door for breakfast each morning, giving them time to relax with friends and chat through any questions or worries they may have. This is an important week in their academic journey, and it's essential that all children attend every day. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard in preparation and are ready to take on the challenge. I'd like to share a thought to keep us all positively focused: "**Believe you can and you're halfway there.**"

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend

Sarah Bracken

Headteacher

## UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

We have been marking Sir David Attenborough's landmark birthday by learning about his achievements and passions, with each year group choosing a different way to celebrate the occasion. Year 4 linked their learning to *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold, exploring the importance of Arctic habitats and the food chains within them. The children then wrote scripts that could be performed to explain these food chains, carefully considering how to present information clearly and confidently. They were clearly enthusiastic about crafting and performing their own ideas, and their work showed both creativity and a growing understanding of environmental issues.

Year 5 have been watching clips of Sir David Attenborough's work and practising his distinctive speech pattern. They were then given short video clips of animals in the wild, along with a fact file for each animal, and used these to add their own narration before uploading their finished videos to share with the class. Through this activity, children have learnt how to place emphasis on key words and include scientific language to express their understanding, in the same informative style that David Attenborough uses so effectively.

Year 6 have been watching nature documentaries and learning from information reports based on Sir David Attenborough's achievements. They have also linked this work with previous learning completed earlier in the year, bringing together their knowledge to support today's celebrations. Their reports have demonstrated thoughtful research, careful organisation and a mature understanding of the ways in which Attenborough has helped to inspire a greater appreciation of the natural world.

### Diary Dates

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 6 SAT's week

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> -Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 4 Sleepover camp



Silver LOTC Mark

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



## 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.

## ORACY QUESTIONS

if you could keep any animal as a pet real or fictional what would it be and why?

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<b>Nursey</b>	96 %	<b>3M</b>	98 %
<b>RT</b>	96 %	<b>4G</b>	95 %
<b>RW</b>	94 %	<b>4R</b>	99 %
<b>1B</b>	95 %	<b>5R</b>	96 %
<b>1L</b>	99 %	<b>5B</b>	99 %
<b>2R</b>	99 %	<b>6S</b>	99 %
<b>2W</b>	97 %	<b>6T</b>	92 %
<b>3B</b>	98 %	<b>Overall</b>	<b>97 %</b>



**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**

