

Dear All,

It's been another wonderfully busy week here at Finham Primary, and once again our children have blown us away with their energy, enthusiasm and love of learning. One of the real highlights of my week is welcoming children who can't wait to share their work. Seeing the pride they take in their achievements, and hearing them speak so confidently and thoughtfully about their learning, is always a joy.

Our Year 4 pupils also had a very special experience this week, enjoying a fantastic sleepover on Thursday evening. They took part in a range of fun activities, including team games, before settling down for a truly memorable night looking at the stars to sleeping in the hall. It was a brilliant opportunity for friendships to grow, with lots of lovely memories made in a safe, supportive and happy environment.

This week was also an important milestone for our Year 6 children, who successfully completed their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of every pupil for the hard work, dedication and perseverance they have shown throughout what can be a demanding time. Their efforts have demonstrated not only strong academic ability, but also real resilience and determination. It has been wonderful to see how much they have grown, and we are confident these experiences will support them well as they move forward. They have shown exceptional strength of character and truly deserve recognition for all they have achieved. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to our parents and carers for your continued encouragement and support. Working in partnership with you makes such a difference to our children, and we are genuinely grateful for your ongoing involvement in school life.

My thanks extend to all staff who have supported the SATs process, both this week and throughout the preparation period. Their commitment and dedication are a huge part of what makes Finham Primary such a special and successful school. I would also like to recognise our wider school community — both pupils and staff — who offered encouragement and support to our Year 6 children. This shared effort truly reflects our value of integrity and helped the week run so smoothly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a very enjoyable and restful weekend.

Sarah Bracken
Headteacher

ORACY QUESTIONS

If you had a time machine what event from history would you like to go and see?

Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th May

- Year 4 & 5 production 18:00-19:00

Thursday 21st May

- Year 4 & production 14:00-15:30

Friday 22nd May

- PTA donut and cookie sale 15:30-16:30



LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their recent history work on the Ancient Greeks. This week, they have explored the meanings of key vocabulary such as city states, democracy and monarchy, and have also used the internet to research the roles of different Greek gods and goddesses. In English, the children have been reading the Ancient Greek myth *Persephone and the Pomegranate Seeds*, using the text to deepen their understanding of descriptive language, relative clauses and possessive apostrophes.

Year 1 have had a busy and exciting week! In computing, they have been developing their skills by writing and testing simple programs and used the Beebots to explore and create straightforward algorithms. In English, the children have been learning all about non-fiction texts on sea creatures. They researched different sea creatures and before writing simple sentences about them, using the conjunction and to connect their ideas.

In English, year 2 have recently moved onto the genre of instructions. In their lessons this week, they have read different examples of instructions and learned that time conjunctions, imperative verbs and adverbs can be used to make their writing both clear and helpful. In science, they have continued their work on materials, investigating how different materials can be used in a variety of ways. They also learned about reducing plastic waste and compared the work of scientists Charles Macintosh and John Dunlop.

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	90 %	3M	98 %
RT	99 %	4G	98 %
RW	92 %	4R	100 %
1B	96 %	5R	96 %
1L	98 %	5B	93 %
2R	99 %	6S	97 %
2W	97 %	6T	94 %
3B	98 %	Overall	97.1%



THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



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

