

Dear Parents

This half term has been extremely busy and I continue to be proud of the children and all we achieve at Finham Primary School. The staff are so committed to providing an excellent education for each and every child, in every classroom, every day. The children have been out of many visits and I have been proud of the way they have conducted themselves within the community.

The half term culminated in a fabulous dance show where all children (and staff) demonstrated their dance skills in a tremendous performance and group dance to end the half term.

Parents Evening

It was great to welcome parents and carers to our second parents evening of the year in person. This gave us the opportunity to share children's books and demonstrate the excellent progress that they are making. It was great to see so many in attendance over the two evenings where teachers, children and parents spoke enthusiastically about the excellent education we provide at Finham Primary.

Have a wonderful half term and Happy New Year Gong hei fat choy" (恭喜发财) to those celebrating Chinese New Year!

S. Bracken

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

It's been a busy last week of the half term in the lower phase with lots of exciting opportunities for the children to take part in!

On Monday, year 1 went on a trip to The Herbert Art Gallery and The Transport Museum. They represented the school brilliantly, constantly modelled their Finham values and enjoyed looking around the museum's displays. A particular highlight was seeing Dippy the dinosaur!

Year 2 and 3 performed their play 'You are Special' three times this week! They performed to the whole school on Monday and to their families on Wednesday and Thursday. The children have worked really hard to learn their lines and songs and it was great to see them shine on stage! Thanks must also be given to the staff who have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare dances, scripts, music and backdrops. Well done to everyone in year 2 and 3!

This afternoon, year 2 have ventured out to The Belgrade Theatre to watch a performance of 'Fantastically Great Women' The show will launch the start of their new topic 'Herstory' where they will be learning all about the lives of significant women through history and the positive impact they had on society.

Miss Beale

Diary Dates

Friday 9th February

- Last Day of Term

Monday 19th February

- Return to School

Tuesday 20th February

- Year 4 Swimming Lessons
- 9am – 10am Emotional Regulation Parent Workshop

Wednesday 21st February

- 9am – Year 3 Inspire Workshop
- 3pm – 3:30pm – Reception Reading Workshop

Thursday 22nd February

- Individual School Photos

Friday 23rd February

- 6pm PTA Family Bingo Night



THANK YOU TO AMAZON

We would like to thank Amazon volunteers who came into school this week and started to clear our nature area, this is huge job but it will look great once it has all been cleared.

WORLD BOOK DAY – SPECIAL MEAL – THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH

Please email admin@finhamprimary.co.uk if you would like the Special meal to celebrate **WORLD BOOK DAY**. If you could email your **CHILD'S NAME, CLASS** and whether they would like **HORRID HENRY'S HOTDOG** or **HARRY POTTER'S CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA**. If your child already has school meals they will receive this meal. If your child is in Reception to Year 2, this will be free. If your child is in Nursery all day, Years 3 to 6 you will need to pay £2.40 via Parentpay under school meals. Please could you let us know by Friday, 1st March. The full menu will be sent out to all parents via the Reach More Parents App.

OPAL PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Later this academic year, we are going to be launching an exciting project, OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning - to improve the quality of our breaktimes and lunchtimes. We really want to know what you think of playtimes now. Please could you complete the OPAL questionnaire below, this will help us to evaluate our current play provision before we begin to implement OPAL.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQ9Gc1VrNfRKL3roMYRHxmwQpQcBA8kartxYpEl-SxMYzDHA/viewform>

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2024

All this week we have been having an even bigger focus than usual on mental health as part of Children's Mental Health Week 2024.

The theme for this week has been, 'Your Voice Matters.' We have been speaking about their rights as a child to have their opinions listened to and valued. Here at Finham Primary, we recognise the importance of empowering children by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. We could think of lots of examples of how children's views and opinions are gathered in school, and the positive changes that speaking out has led to.



For more information about Children's Mental Health Week, Place2B has some fantastic resources for families:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/> Miss Francioso

EMOTIONAL REGULATION PARENT WORKSHOP - Tuesday 20th February 9.00am-10.00am

Tania Wagstaff from Autism Specialists will be running a workshop for parents on the subject of supporting your child to regulate their emotions. This is open to all parents, regardless of whether your child has a diagnosis of Autism, or not, as this is something that all children can find difficult at some point in their lives. Tania works very closely with the school and has a wealth of knowledge to share, so it would be great to see as many parents as possible. For parents who are unable to attend, we will make sure that any materials are shared after the workshop. The workshop will be held in Squirrels. Please come to the Squirrels' entrance at 9.00am.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

NNAM – 90%	RM- 89.3%
NNPM -90%	RL-94.8%
1W – 93.1%	4L- 97.7%
1B – 95.3%	4J- 98.1%
2S – 92.7%	5B- 97.2%
2B – 97.3%	5R- 94.8%
3W – 91.6%	6T -96.7%
3S – 91%	6R – 96%

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

Monday	Year 1 – Dance Year 2 – Understanding Games Year 4 – Dance	Please can children wear their PE kit to school on PE days (except Reception)
Tuesday	Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 4 – Swimming Year 5 – Dance	
Wednesday	Year 5 – OAA Year 6 – Dance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo 2. Plain navy blue or black shorts 3. Plain navy blue or black joggers 4. Plain navy blue or black leggings 5. White Socks 6. Black trainers/pumps (that fit well) 7. Plain navy jumper 8. Navy Hoodie with Finham Primary logo
Thursday	Year 1 – Understanding Games Year 3 – Dance Year 6 – Invasion Games	
Friday	Year 2 – Dance	

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

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN NOT WEAR LOGOED SPORTS WEAR

