

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope that you had a lovely half term break and made the best of the time spent with loved ones. It's been a brilliant first week back at Finham Primary and as usual, our feet haven't touched the ground. We have had a Safeguarding audit this week and the auditor was blown away by the ethos of the school and the high standards and expectations we have across the whole school. Your children were fabulous!

Please could I also draw your attention to the attached letter from West Midlands Police regarding parking outside of school. It is essential that we are adhering to the highway code when parking, this is paramount to ensuring children's safety and setting a good example for our children. Thank you to those of you who continue to park safely, we look forward to continuing our work with West Midlands Police and the council to improve this.

S Bracken

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Before half term, Year 4 had a visit from Warwick University UNICEF leaders, who delivered expert presentations to the whole year group about the effects of climate change around the world. The visitors made the children aware of how people can reduce the effects of climate change and look at sustainable ways to live their lives. They also made Year 4 aware of the various eco-systems and their vulnerability when small changes can have detrimental effects on their existence.

In Year 5, the children have begun to read a variety of non-chronological reports to get a flavour of the layout and styles of books/texts, which they will be examining in more detail over the next 2 weeks. The children are building up to writing a non-chronological report about a very impressive woman called Hedy Lamarr. Actress, Allied spy, and inventor of the technology that would one day develop into Bluetooth.

Year 6 began the week by re-reading some traditional fairy tales... but with a twist. The children have been looking at the stories from various perspectives and comparing how the key events of the stories could be told very differently depending on the characters' viewpoints and experiences. Year 6 will be using these different perspectives to inspire them when they write their own fairy tale (with a twist) story.

FORMS ON 'REACH MORE PARENTS' APP

If you have not done so already please can you **urgently** sign up / log into your Reach More Parents app and complete all of the available forms. The forms which need completing are:

- Home-school agreement form
- Internet consent form
- Trip consent form
- Photograph consent form

If you are having any trouble logging in or have not yet signed up and require your log in details please contact us here at the office. You can email us at admin@finhamprimary.co.uk

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd February

- 6pm – 7:30pm – Family Bingo Night

Tuesday 27th February

- Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 28th February

- 9am – Year 4 Inspire Workshop
- 2B - Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6pm

Thursday 29th February

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WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March 2024 is going to be a very special day in the school calendar as it is this year's World Book Day. Finham always celebrates this important day in style, and this year will be no different.

We are inviting children to wear pyjamas to school and bring along their favourite book to share with their classmates and teachers. Children can also bring in blankets and cuddly toys, in order to make it as cosy and comfortable as possible.

Sharing stories is a great way to enjoy time together and helps children to build a love of reading for pleasure. With this in mind, staff members will be recording themselves reading their favourite stories and uploading these onto FROG for you and your child to watch and enjoy together.

2B PARENTS EVENING – 28TH & 29TH FEBRUARY

Bookings for 2B parents evening is now open, please click on the link below to book your appointment. Please note these appointments are taking place in school. <https://finhamprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

NUTS IN SCHOOL

Please could we ask you do not send in any form of nuts into school, this includes Nutella spread/chocolate crepes, etc. Thank you for your cooperation.

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>

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

NNAM – 94.3% RM- 99%

NNPM - 96.7% RL-97.9%

1W – 90% 4L- 94.7%

1B –98.4% 4J- 88.7%

2S – 92% 5B- 95.6%

2B – 94% 5R- 95.8%

3W – 93.2% 6T -94.3%

3S – 93.3% 6R – 91.3%

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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
Tuesday	Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 4 – Swimming Year 5 – Dance
Wednesday	Year 5 – OAA Year 6 – Dance
Thursday	Year 1 – Understanding Games Year 3 – Dance Year 6 – Invasion Games
Friday	Year 2 – Dance

**Please can children wear their PE kit to school on PE days
(except Reception)**

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

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

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN NOT WEAR LOGOED SPORTS WEAR



