



December 2019 Newsletter



Finstock Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting term and start to look forward to the new year, we can reflect on all we have achieved this term. The KS1 children performed brilliantly in the recent nativity play, 'Come to the Manger, and we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the festive season as a whole school at our Christingle service at Finstock Church – thank you to all who joined us at these special events.

A reminder that school finishes at 1.30pm on Thursday 19th December.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

FoFs Christmas Fair

A great big thank you to all of the FoFs team for organising another fantastic Christmas Fair. You work tirelessly for the school and we are so grateful for all of your support!

Clubs



MONDAY-Tennis

3pm – 4pm
Free of charge.

TUESDAY-Football

3pm - 4.10pm
Run by an outside agency (OSAA)
This will run from 7th Jan to 31st March and costs £48. Sign up forms available in the office.

TUESDAY-Netball

3pm - 4pm
Run by Caroline Stevenson
£2 per session payable on Parent Pay (All funds raised going towards Y5/6).



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY-Multi-sports

3pm – 4:30pm
Free of charge

THURSDAYS

SATS CLUB for year 6 with Miss Adair
3-4:15pm

Our value next term is INSPIRATION.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

JANUARY

Mon 6th Term 3 starts

FEBRUARY

Fri 14th Last day of term
Wed 26th Ash Wednesday Church service 9:30am

MARCH

Thurs 5th World Book Day
Fri 13th Sports relief day
Wed 18th Exhibition of children's work
Tues 24th Parents' evening
Wed 25th Parents' evening
Fri 3rd Eastertide, Leafield Church, 9:30am

APRIL

Fri 3rd Last day, 1:30pm finish
Mon 20th Term Starts

MAY

Mon 11th KS2 SATS week
Thurs 21st Exhibition of children's work
Fri 22nd Last day of term

JUNE

19th-20th Summer Fete

JULY

W/C Mon 13th Year5/6 residential
Wed 15th Nursery Graduation
Fri 17th Last day of term, 1:30pm finish

Please find below a link to 'Hungry Little Minds' which has lots of great ideas to engage in activities that support your child's early learning and help set them up for school and beyond.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Star and Value Awards

Oak: Ethan Jeffery and Wilf Lamb



Beech: Rose Stevenson



Cedar: Sam Nicholls and Harriet Crockford



Hot Chocolate Friday!

A huge congratulations to all of the children who went above and beyond and were invited to Hot Chocolate Friday this term – we are so proud of you!

Who will be invited for hot chocolate next term?



Every month we will share a link to help keep our children safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>





Congratulations to our super Eco Team who have just achieved the Bronze Eco-Award! Next stop...silver!



The School Council and Eco Team have been writing some exciting action plans that they look forward to sharing in January!

Home learning is a wonderful way to support your child's development.

Every child has a password for 'Diagnostic Questions', 'Times Tables Rock Stars' and now 'Numbots'. Please encourage your child to log on at home and give it a go!

Other ways to support your child's learning are:

- Times Tables – don't forget to keep practising these in any way that you choose! You could look on some of these websites:
- <https://nrich.maths.org/primary>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
- <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>
- Please try and read with your child every evening. Children accessing the RWI phonics programme will have 4 books in their book bags; the phonics book they're reading in their session, a RWI 'book bag book', a book they would like to read from the library and a book they would like someone to read to them from the library.



Numbots

We have a new subscription to Numbots!



Pupils can use the same login for that they use for Times Table Rockstars. Numbots helps develop secure number skills to enable children to be fluent with their timetables.

Vocabulary Ninja - Word of the Day!



We are continuing to work hard to broaden our vocabulary. Why not join in the fun by downloading 'Vocabulary Ninja' and helping your child to learn the 'word of the day'.

Open Events

Thank you to everyone who was involved in our highly successful open events. We had some superb feedback from families who came to visit us.

Admission to Primary School

Please note that the deadline for applying for a place at school is the 15th January 2020. The online application form can be found here:
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>

Finstock Time Capsule!

The whole school have recently been involved in a very exciting local project. As you may have seen, the dry stone wall surrounding the church is currently being improved and local resident, Roger Newman, had the wonderful idea of the school inserting a time capsule into the wall. The children have produced some fabulous work based on what it is like to live in Finstock. The pieces will be proudly exhibited in the corridor in school before it makes its way into the time capsule, to be locked away for (hopefully) many years to come! Do come and enjoy the work while you still can!