



January 2020 Newsletter



Finstock Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new year we have had in school! The children were delighted to showcase the work they have produced to their family and friends and are now well and truly getting stuck into their new projects! They had some wonderful memorable experiences last week, to kick off their new projects.

All children are thoroughly enjoying their 'Music Mondays' whereby they are taught percussion or ukuleles by their specialist music teacher from Henry Box School. EYFS children are also loving Theresa Crawford's PD and music sessions.

Year 6 are also currently benefitting from a personalised maths lesson with an online tutor, once a week! They are really enjoying these lessons - it's a fun way to tackle some tricky maths!

All in all, a great start to the term and the new year! Well done everyone!

We look forward to seeing what fun the rest of this year has in store for us!

Clubs

MONDAY-Excel Tennis

3pm - 4pm
Free of charge.



TUESDAY-Football

3pm - 4.10pm
Sign up forms are available from the school office

TUESDAY-Netball

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



WEDNESDAY-Multi-sports

3pm - 4:30pm
Free of charge



THURSDAYS-Multi-sports

3pm - 4:30pm
Free of charge

THURSDAYS-SATS CLUB

For year 6 with Miss Adair
3-4:15pm

Our value this term is INSPIRATION.

Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

FEBRUARY

Mon 3 rd	Sports hall athletics
Fri 14 th	PJ's day
Fri 14 th	Valentine's Disco 6-7:30pm
Fri 14 th	Last day of term
Tues 25 th	High 5 Netball Tournament
Wed 26 th	Ash Wednesday Church service 9:30am
Fri 28 th	Year 1 Dance at Wood Green

MARCH

Thurs 5 th	World Book Day
Mon 9 th	Science Week
Tues 17 th	Year 2 concert at Wood Green (6pm)
Sat 16 th	Sponsored walk
Fri 13 th	Sports Relief
Fri 20 th	Exhibition of children's work
Tues 24 th	Parents evening
Wed 25 th	Parent evening
Fri 27 th	Chocolate Bingo!
Fri 3 rd	Eastertide, Leafield Church, 9:30am

APRIL

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

MAY

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

JUNE

19 th -20 th	Summer Fete
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JULY

Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th	Year 5/6 residential
Wed 15 th	Nursery Graduation
Fri 17 th	Last day of summer term, 1:30pm finish

Star and Value Awards

Oak: Ed, Wenzday, Luther, Lillie

Beech: Reuben C, Mia, Tristar

Cedar: Harriet, Matilda



Hot Chocolate Friday!

A huge congratulations to all of the children who went above and beyond and have been invited to Hot Chocolate Friday so far this term— we are so proud of you! Who will be invited for hot chocolate next week?



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

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>





Ollie, (Y6) Callum, (Y6) Vivien (Y3) and Clio (Y3) did an outstanding assembly on Eco Schools and presented a PowerPoint called Keep It, Bin It. They talked about waste, transport and water. These are the 3 main things they decided to apply to Finstock School and discussed ideas about littering as a whole school discussion.



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' too. 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.



Swimming Gala

A huge congratulations to all of our children who competed in the recent swimming gala. We are very proud of all of our athletes. Particular congratulations go to Hattie who won freestyle and Peter who won butterfly. Go Team Finstock!



Year 5 and 6 had a visitor from the Pathway into Sports program. They had a very fun (and muddy!) session outside followed by an indoor presentation outlining the importance of sport, health and fitness.



We have signed up to the 'Marathon Kids' scheme. Children will do 10mins of running twice a week. The number of laps they complete will be recorded and keyed into the online tracker. The target we have set is for all children to have completed a marathon by the end of this school year! We have broken the marathon down into 7 sections and will be celebrating the success of the children as they complete each colour of the rainbow. Please ensure you have all brought back your permission slips for your child to take part.

We would like to say a HUGE thanks to FoFS for buying us some brand new ukuleles. All children now have a Monday morning music session with a specialist music teacher from Henry Box.

