



October 2019 Newsletter



Finstock Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term, we have many things to celebrate and feel proud of. The children have been working incredibly hard and are very much looking forward to sharing their successes with you at their upcoming curriculum showcases.

Last week we came together as a community to celebrate Harvest Festival and we would like to thank you for attending and for your donations, which will be gratefully received by the West Oxfordshire Food Bank.

We hope that you have a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4th November.

The Finstock Team

The whole school attendance this week was 96.8%. Well done everybody!
Please remember school starts promptly at 8.40am

Year 6 pupils have until Thursday 31st October to apply for their Secondary School place for September 2020. Parents should have received a letter with their online activation code from Oxfordshire County Council.

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

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



Clubs



Clubs running this term are:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 3pm – 4.30pm: Sports enrichment club, free of charge.

Tuesday 3pm - 4.10pm Football

Run by an outside agency

Sign up forms available in the office.

This will run from 10th Sept - 17th Dec and costs £56

Tuesday 3pm - 4pm Netball

Run by Caroline Stevenson
Starting on 10th September

Cost: £2 per session payable on Parent Pay
(All funds raised going towards Y5/6)

Thursdays from 21st November 3-4pm

SATs Club – Year 6 only with Miss Adair.



Star and Value Awards



Oak: Ed, Charlie S

Beech: Josh, Mia

Cedar:

Hot Chocolate Friday!



Lots of pupils have celebrated their successes by being invited to Hot Choc Fri! Well done to all of you. Who will be next?!

Our value next term is RESPECT.

“Do to others as you would have them do unto you.” Luke 6:31

Dates for the Diary:

Wed 6 th Nov	‘Chance to Shine’ Cricket 3-4pm
Friday 8 th Nov	Rio de Vida showcase 2.15-2:30pm
Friday 8 th Nov	Whole school
Mon 11 th Nov	New lunch menu tasting session, 3-3:30pm
Fri 15 th Nov	Children In Need dress down day
Thurs 21 st Nov	Maths Training Session for parents 3-3:30pm
Thurs 28 th Nov	Bags 2 School collection date
Tues 3 rd Dec	Parents evening
Wed 4 th Dec	Parents evening
Sat 14 th Dec	FoFS Christmas Fayre
Tues 17 th Dec	Christingle Service, Finstock Church 9:30am
Thurs 19 th Dec	Nativity
Thurs 19 th Dec	‘Carols around the tree’
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of term, 1:30pm finish
Mon 6 th Jan	Term 3 starts
Fri 17 th Jan	Exhibition of children’s work 2:30-3pm
Fri 14 th Feb	Last day of term
Wed 26 th Feb	Ash Wednesday Church service 9:30am
Thurs 5 th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 13 th Mar	Sports relief day
Wed 18 th Mar	Exhibition of children’s work
Tues 24 th Mar	Parents evening
Wed 25 th Mar	Parent evening
Fri 3 rd Mar	Eastertide, Leafield Church, 9:30am
Fri 3 rd Apr	Last day, 1:30pm finish
Mon 20 th Apr	Term Starts
Mon 11 th May	KS2 SATS week
Thurs 21 st May	Exhibition of children’s work
Fri 22 nd May	Last day of term
19 th -20 th June	Summer Fete
Mon 13 th July	Year5/6 residential
Wed 15 th July	Nursery Graduation
Fri 17 th July	Last day of term, 1:30pm finish

Our new School Council members are:

Molly, Hattie, Deven, Josh, Harry, Mia, Roman and Luther.





Congratulations to our newly appointed Eco-Reps!

Reception – Lexie

Year 1 – Hayley

Year 2 – Charlie

Year 3 - Vivien

Year 4 – Harry H

Year 5 – Isabel

Year 6 - Ollie



Diagnostic Questions

Quizzes to test your misconceptions.

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

Every child has a password for 'Diagnostic Questions' and 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. 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/>
- Want to escape technology? Try some of these wonderful activities :
<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2012/03/50-simple-outdoor-activities-for-kids.html>
- 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.

Read Write Inc Phonics

If you would like to find out more about how we teach phonics, please take a look at the Ruth Miskin parents site.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

Free ebooks:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Vocabulary Ninja - Word of the Day!



We are working diligently 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'.

Come and visit our school!



We would love to welcome you into school – come and see us in action!

Wednesday 13th November 10.15-11.15am and 1.15-2.45pm and

Wednesday 20th November 10.15-11.15am and 1.15-2.45pm.

Parents/carers can apply for Reception places from 1st November 2019 until 15th January 2020. Applications can be made online at oxfordhsire.gov.uk

A big thank you to the volunteers that come in to our school and help to enrich the curriculum for our children. We have parents coming in to listen to readers and Grannies leading baking! If you think you could spare some time or a particular skill, please pop in and speak to a member of staff!