



September Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic start to the term we have had! Whether your child has just joined the Finstock family, or your children are returning for another academic year with us, we hope you have all had a positive start to the term. It has been a delight to see the children looking so smart and ready for learning. We hope you found the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings helpful. Lots of informative documents were handed out during these sessions so if you were unable to make it, please mention it to your child's teacher and they will be happy to pass on any relevant information.

Already this year, we have had an exciting trip to Legoland and a brilliant dance workshop at Queen Emma's Primary School! We look forward to what the rest of the term has in store for us!

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

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>



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)



Finstock Church of England Primary School



Star and Value Awards



Oak: Arran, Jack, Hayley and Sebbie

Beech: Reuben C

Cedar: Ethan and Hattie

Hot Chocolate Friday!

Every Friday we will be choosing some children to join a member of staff for a mug of hot chocolate in the staff room! We may even have marshmallows! This is to recognise the children that have gone above and beyond during the week and who we feel deserve that extra treat. So far Nathan, Lexi B, Vivien and Deven have been chosen by their class teachers for a chocolatey treat! Who will it be next week?!

Our value of the term is.....

CHALLENGE

Dates for the Diary:

Fri 4 th Oct	Book fair in school hall 3-3:30
Tues 8 th Oct	Book fair in school hall 3-3:30
Wed 9 th Oct	Under 9's football tournament, Carterton
Thurs 10 th Oct	FoFS AGM, school hall 8pm
Fri 11 th Oct	Flu vaccines
Thurs 17 th Oct	Harvest Festival, Finstock Church 1:30pm
Mon 21 st Oct	Y6 Cycling Proficiency
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Thurs 24 th Oct	Cross Country event, Bicester 10- 12pm
Thurs 24 th Oct	Spooky Disco, 6-7:30pm
Fri 25 th Oct	INSET DAY
Thurs 7 th Nov	Rio De Vida Showcase 2:30-3
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
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



We are working hard to encourage children to bring in healthy snacks for break time. Fruit or vegetables are a great mid-morning snack! Please note that crisps and chocolate are not permitted as a break time snack.

A balanced and healthy lunchbox at lunchtime will help keep young minds active in the afternoons too! Thank you for your support.

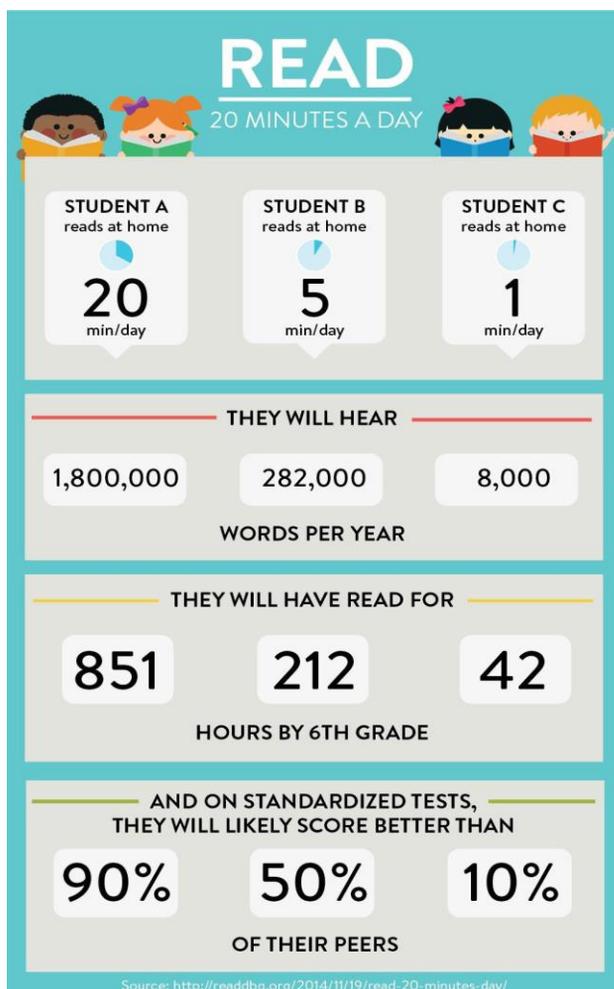


Home learning is a wonderful way to support your child's development.

Every child will have had a password for 'Diagnostic Questions' and 'Times Tables Rock Stars' sent home. These will be a great way to rehearse key skills. 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. See the impact below!



Exciting news!



As you may already know, work will soon start on our amazing new outdoor learning environment! Plans are currently being drawn and they are looking pretty incredible! This will be such a welcome addition to our school and help us to continue to provide a unique and special learning journey for our children. We will keep you updated as to when building work is due to start – we hope you are as excited as we are!