

Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022



MESSAGE FROM MRS LLOYD-WILLIAMS

Welcome to the start of our new academic year. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break – we were certainly blessed with excellent weather this year, enabling the children to enjoy being outdoors.

It is always an exciting time full of anticipation of what opportunities and learning the new year will bring. So far, we have been really impressed with how well the children have settled into school and are following our new routines and expectations for behaviour. We are really proud of them!

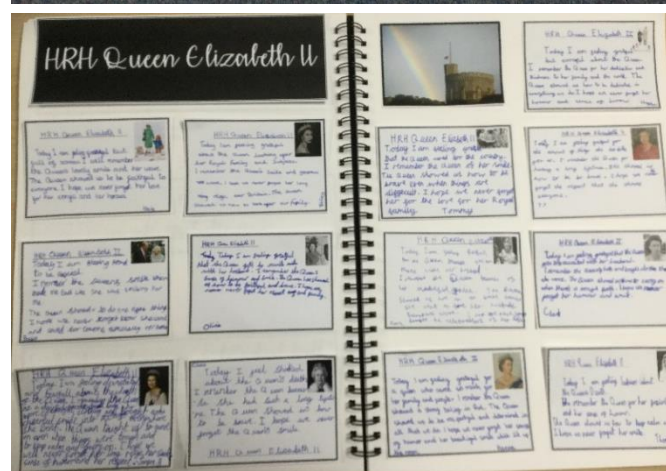
I would like to thank all parents and carers for the part they have played in the great start to the term as the children have all returned with smiles on their faces and have been well presented in correct uniform, on time and ready to learn.

A special welcome is extended to our new reception pupils as they begin their educational journey - we hope that they have enjoyed their first week in school! In addition, we have several children joining us across all year groups and I hope they and their families soon feel part of the Finedon School family.

A TIME OF NATIONAL MOURNING

The great first week back in school has been tinged with sadness for our country. Over the coming days, during the national period of mourning we will remember the life of Her Majesty the Queen and reflect with the children on her 70 year reign and how she has served our country over such a lengthy period of time. We'll also look back on how we celebrated her Platinum Jubilee before the summer and the happy occasion this created for our communities.

The Junior School has focused much of their learning today reflecting on the Queen's life.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Puffin Class** with 97% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Infant School.

Well done to Nightingale Class who also achieved over 96%.

Congratulations to **Red Kite** with 100% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Junior School.

Well done to Chaffinch, Kestrel, Robin and Woodpecker Class who also achieved over 96%.



STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to welcome new members of staff to the schools. Mrs Ross teaches Y2 in Dove class on Tuesday to Friday mornings, Mr Warden teaches Y5 in Kingfisher Class on Monday to Thursdays, Miss Ford is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant at the Junior School and Mr Havlicek is a cleaner at the Junior School. We hope that they will soon feel very settled and enjoy being part of our team.

The Junior School has a new learning mentor, Mr Wells, from Northampton Town Football Club Community Trust. He will be providing learning support for children throughout the school day and will be running some after school clubs. Over the summer we said goodbye to Mrs Jennings and Miss Johnston who both worked at the Junior School. We thank them for all of their hard work and wish them good luck in their new jobs.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Pettitt is expecting her second child and will begin her maternity leave at the end of this term. As with Miss Pettitt's previous maternity leave, Mrs Turner, the SENDCo from Irthlingborough Junior School will be covering this aspect of her role. Mrs Denton, a qualified teacher who already works in Y2 as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, will cover her Monday morning teaching role.

ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED OUT OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their achievements in this week's assemblies:

- Ivy, Violet and Jacob for completing the summer reading challenge
- Ivy who received a best dancing award from her holiday
- Charlotte who received a badge for completing an orienteering challenge at Stanwick Lakes
- Ava for her achievements in gymnastics
- Victoria who was on the winning team at an international karate competition

INFANT SCHOOL PLAYGROUND SQUAD

Well done to this term's Playground Squad who are already taking the responsibility of the role very seriously and wearing their caps with pride.

SCHOOL SITE IMPROVEMENT

Over the summer the Infant School has had two new boilers and the heating system has been upgraded in our Reception and Apple Tree Club building. This has all been possible through a successful Condition Improvement Fund bid. We are looking forward to a

warmer and more efficiently heated school in the winter.

Next week we are having more energy efficient LED lights fitted in each school.

DIAMOND RULES

It has been a pleasure to wander around the schools this week and see how settled the children are and how engaged they have been in their learning. We have spent a lot of time sharing our expectations including the importance of children following our three simple Diamond Rules:

Show good manners at all times.

Care for everyone and everything.

Follow instructions with thought and care.

We have particularly focused on our Diamond Rule 'show good manners at all times' and there have been countless examples of children demonstrating this in school.

It would be really helpful if you could reinforce this learning at home and talk to your child about their understanding of each rule.

CONTACTING SCHOOL STAFF

Please remember if you have any questions about your child's learning or welfare, that class teachers are only too happy to help.

Infant School Staff Email Addresses

Teacher	Class/Role	Email Address
Mrs Rae Mrs Blair	Flamingo Class (Mon—Thurs) Flamingo Class (Fri)	sarah.rae@iflt.org.uk emma.blair@iflt.org.uk
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Miss Davison	Nightingale Class	chloe.davison@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Brown	Puffin Class	ceri.brown@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Gerrard Mrs Lundy	Peacock Class	sophie.gerrard@iflt.org.uk danielle.lundy@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Ross Miss Pettitt	Dove Class Y2 morning teachers	rachel.ross@iflt.org.uk felicity.pettitt@iflt.org.uk

Junior School Staff Email Addresses

Teacher	Class/Role	Email Address
Mr Woolgar	Chaffinch Class	robert.woolgar@iflt.org.uk
Miss Wills	Woodpecker Class	charlotte.wills@iflt.org.uk
Miss Homer	Kestrel Class	emma.homer@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Brammer Miss Sadler	Starling Class Y4 morning teachers	jane.brammer@iflt.org.uk lucy.sadler@iflt.org.uk
Mr Warden	Kingfisher Class	matthew.warden@iflt.org.uk
Miss Blissett	Magpie Class	chloe.blissett@iflt.org.uk
Miss Friell	Red Kite Class	chloe.friell@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Heaviside	Robin Class	donna.heaviside@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Jewell our Parent Support Advisor can be contacted on caroline.jewell@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Lawrence in the Infant School office can be contacted on fisoffice@iflt.org.uk

Miss Wright in the Junior School office can be

contacted on fmjsoffice@iflt.org.uk



OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Our phones are answered between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. As we only have one person in each office, if for any reason during the day, they are not in the office, a message can be left on the answer phone. The answer phone is listened to regularly throughout the day.

Emails to the office staff are monitored regularly throughout the day, but would not be read before 8:30 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m.

Class teachers monitor their emails until 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and would aim to respond by the end of the following working day.

Emails received on a Saturday or Sunday would not be responded to until Monday.

RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We are always keen to recognise the children's achievements and invite them to bring in any medals, trophies or certificates to school on a Friday. Examples include music or dance exam successes, swimming achievements or taking part in a sport competition.

We expect the children to be able to talk about their achievement as they will be shared in our Friday Celebration Assemblies and on the newsletter.

Please note that the achievements should be current successes and not those achieved in the past.

SCHOOL AND ECO COUNCILS

Next week we will be asking children to nominate themselves to be class representatives on our School Council and the elections will be held in each class the following week. Children who stand for election will need to present to their class why they think they would be suitable for the role. Class members then vote for the candidates.

At the Infant School there will be a boy and girl representative elected from each morning class.

At the Junior School there will be a boy and girl representative elected from each Y5 and Y6 class and from the Y3/4 afternoon classes.

The main roles of the School Council will be working on ideas that they think might improve their school. They will also lead on antibullying and ideas for fundraising events throughout the year.

We also have an Eco Council at each school and this is also something that children can nominate themselves for. This will focus on environmental change and what we can do to help through such things as recycling and remembering to turn off the lights.

To prepare the children for these opportunities, please talk to your child about whether they would like to be nominated to be a member of the School Council or Eco Council and if so help them to prepare something to say to the rest of the class about why they believe they would make a good class representative, for week beginning 19th September.

These are the skills we are looking for:

- ❖ Good listeners
- ❖ Good at taking turns
- ❖ Able to speak clearly and confidently
- ❖ Able to take on board the views of others
- ❖ Able to articulate ideas

- ❖ Able to show empathy to others

Meetings will take place on a monthly basis at lunchtimes.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child brings a named, reusable bottle of fresh water to school every day. Fizzy drinks or juice should not be put into the bottle.



LUNCHTIME

We have been really impressed with how the children have adopted our new lunchtime routines. It would benefit the children if you could support them in being able to independently use a knife and fork.

Please ensure all lunchboxes are named on the outside of the box. As you can imagine, we have lots of very similar looking lunchboxes and it makes life much easier for the children if their box can be quickly identified. Also, do check that the name is still visible from time to time, as they tend to come off when washed!



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Just a reminder that for health and safety reasons, the fixed play equipment at both schools is for the use of pupils of the schools in school time only, under the supervision of school staff.

Fixed play equipment should not be used by pupils of either school or pre-school children before or after school.

We thank you for your support with this.

PUPIL PREMIUM

We are given additional money, called the Pupil Premium Grant, by the Government to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities, helping them to reach their full potential. The amount of money the school is awarded is based on the number of pupils who are eligible for free school meals. We use the money for additional teaching and teaching assistant support, small group work and support for pupils with high social and emotional needs.

All parents who meet certain income requirements are entitled to claim free school meals for their child. You are eligible if you get **one** of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit

How to register

Check availability and apply online at <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Email enquiries to:

freeschoolmeals.ncc@northnorthants.gov.uk



Eligible pupils receive a £100 credit held by the school to spend on such things as uniform, school trips, music lessons and books.

You need to apply for each child in school. Even though all Infant children receive a free school meal **you still need to apply** to ensure that the school is awarded the Pupil Premium Grant for them. If you need any support with this, please ask in the office, in confidence; we are only too willing to help.

This is really important funding which can have huge long term benefits to your child and their education.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children all look so smart in their uniform and we hope that you will continue to support our uniform policy throughout the year.

Just a reminder that black school shoes should be worn and not trainers.

It is also important that our P.E. uniform expectations are followed, especially as children are coming to school in their P.E. kit on P.E. days. We have included our expectations below as a reminder:

Indoor P.E.

- Plain white polo or round necked t-shirt. This can have the school logo on, but it does not have to. T-shirts with large logos or football tops should not be worn.
- Plain black, navy or grey P.E. shorts (that sit above the knee) or leggings. In colder weather, your child may wear plain black, navy or grey joggers over their shorts which can be removed for the indoor P.E. lesson.

Outdoor P.E.

- Plain white polo or round necked t-shirt. This can have the school logo on, but it does not have to. T-shirts with large logos or football tops should not be worn.
- Plain black, navy or grey P.E. shorts, leggings, joggers or tracksuit trousers. They should not have large logos.
- Trainers – these should be plain black, navy, grey or white.
- School sweatshirt. In very cold weather, children may bring an additional plain black, navy or grey sweatshirt or fleece to school, but this should not be worn in lessons.

Please note that your child should wear their school sweatshirt to school on P.E. days.

If the wrong P.E. kit is persistently worn to school, the children will be required to change into the appropriate uniform that will be supplied by the school.

Long hair should be tied back with a single bobble and earrings should be removed for all P.E.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

The online admissions process for places in Reception, Year 3 (the Juniors) and Year 7 (Secondary School) opened today, **Friday 9th September 2022**. Applications for secondary school need to be made by **Monday 31st October 2022**. Applications for Reception and the Juniors need to be made by **Sunday 15th January 2023**.

Primary Places -

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/primary-school-places>

Secondary Places -

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places>

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

Parenting isn't always easy. Although it is amazing and rewarding to watch your child grow, it can also be really hard work. We are very lucky within the schools, to have a full time Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Jewell.

Her role is to promote the wellbeing of all children and families and she is here to help you and your child get the best from school by providing support, advice and information. This is done in a variety of ways, including one to one support for parents and children and liaison with and referrals to other services.

Some of the things that Mrs Jewell can help with include:

- ❖ Supporting children and parents with concerns

in the current Covid-19 climate

- ❖ Managing behaviour
- ❖ Health concerns such as sleeping problems
- ❖ Change and moving up to a new class or school
- ❖ Supporting children through divorce, illness or bereavement
- ❖ Ensuring good attendance
- ❖ Understanding children with additional needs
- ❖ Supporting parents with illness, mental health issues, housing and benefits

Mrs Jewell is able to offer Early Help Assessments, where appropriate, to access additional support for families, as well as linking with the statutory services where there is greater concern for children.

Parents can contact Mrs Jewell by email on caroline.jewell@iflt.org.uk, by telephone on 07584570292, or through either school office.



FRIENDS OF FINEDON SCHOOLS (FOFS)

FoFS will be holding their first planning meeting for the new school year on Thursday 15th September at 7:00 p.m. at The Bell in Finedon. If you are interested in finding out more about our fundraising ventures, please join us. All are welcome.

APPLE TREE CLUB

Don't forget we offer reasonably priced before and after school and school holiday childcare in our caring and friendly 'Apple Tree Club' based at the Infant School.

Places need to be booked and paid for in advance using the Arbor Parent Portal, our payment system.

A reminder that all contact to Apple Tree Club staff should be made by phoning or texting the Apple Tree Club phone on 07766 978374 or by emailing the club Manager, Caralyn Cox on caralyn.cox@iflt.org.uk.



ST. MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP

St. Michael's Playgroup operate from the Apple Tree Club building at the Infant School.

If you would like further information about the playgroup please contact the manager, Rebecca Stanford-Durdan on:

Email: smpg230316@gmail.com

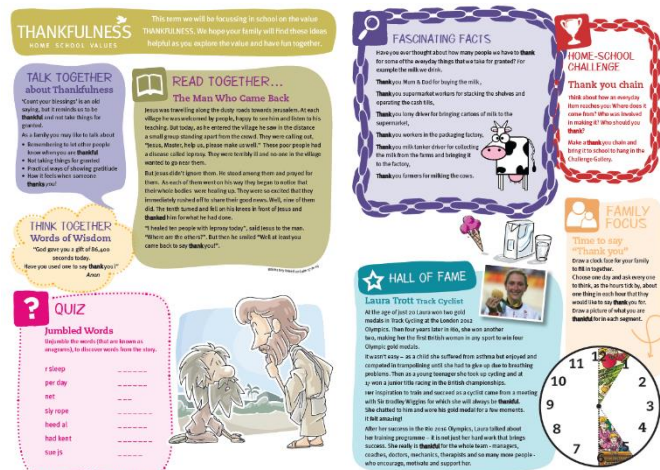
Telephone: 07597557861

Website: www.smpgfinedon.com



JUNIOR SCHOOL VALUE

Do take a look at this home school value [sheet](#) on our school website with ideas for you to explore the value of thankfulness at home with your child.



MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

Do you have a spare 70 minutes available every school day? Do you enjoy engaging children in play? If you are interested in becoming a midday supervisor at the Junior School, please visit to our [website](#) to download the application form. The closing date for applications is Monday 12th September at midday.

SAFEGUARDING

All children have the right to grow up and learn in a safe and secure environment. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads, listed below.

Mrs Joanne Lloyd-Williams	head@finedonmulso.northants-ecl.gov.uk
Mrs Caroline Jewell	caroline.jewell@ift.org.uk
Miss Lucy Sadler	lucy.sadler@ift.org.uk
Miss Felicity Pettitt	felicity.pettitt@ift.org.uk
Mrs Sarah Rae	sarah.rae@ift.org.uk
Mrs Caralyn Cox (for Apple Tree Club)	caralyn.cox@ift.org.uk

- 01933 680433 (Junior School)
- 01933 680467 (Infant School)

If you are worried about a child outside of school time you can call the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for advice (anonymously if needs be) on 0300 126 7000 or 0300 126 1000.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see **below** key dates for you to be aware of:

Date	What's on
Monday 12 th September	Reception in full time from today
Tuesday 13 th September	Hotshots taster sessions for KS2

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Friday 23 rd September 2:45 p.m.	Y3&4 Curriculum Information Sessions for Parents/Carers – more information to follow.
Tuesday 27 th September 2:45 p.m.	Y5&6 Curriculum Information Sessions for Parents/Carers – more information to follow.
Wednesday 28 th September 1:45 p.m.	Y1/2 Supporting your Child in Reading Workshop – more information to follow.
Friday 30 th September	Y5 swimming lessons begin – please refer to letter emailed today

Thursday 6 th October 9:30 a.m.	Harvest Festival at St. Mary's
Thursday 6 th October 2:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.	Supporting your Child's Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for YR Parents/Carers - more information to follow.
Tuesday 11 th October 9:15 a.m.	New intake 2023 open session – more information to follow.
Wednesday 12 th October	School Photograph Day
Tuesday 18 th October	Y5 NSPCC workshop
Wednesday 19 th October	Y6 NSPCC workshop
Friday 21 st October	Term one ends
Tuesday 1 st November	Pupils return to school for term two
Thursday 3 rd November 2:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.	Supporting your Child's Early Mathematics Skills Workshop for YR Parents/Carers – more information to follow.
Week beginning 8th November	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Learning Review Meetings – more information to follow.

Thursday 10 th November 9:15 a.m.	New intake 2023 open session – more information to follow.
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 22 nd November 5:00 p.m.	New intake 2023 open session
Friday 9 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 16 th December	Term two ends
Thursday 5 th January	Pupils return to school for term three

TERM DATES

Term 1		
TRAINING DAY	Thursday	1 st September 2022
TRAINING DAY	Friday	2 nd September 2022
Term starts	Monday	5 th September 2022
Term ends	Friday	21 st October 2022
Term 2		
TRAINING DAY	Monday	31 st October 2022
Term starts	Tuesday	1 st November 2022
Term ends	Friday	16 th December 2022
Term 3		
TRAINING DAY	Tuesday	3 rd January 2023
TRAINING DAY	Wednesday	4 th January 2023
Term starts	Thursday	5 th January 2023
Term ends	Friday	10 th February 2023
Term 4		
Term starts	Monday	20 th February 2023
Term ends	Friday	31 st March 2023
Term 5		
Term starts	Monday	17 th April 2023
MAY DAY	Monday	1 st May 2023
Term ends	Friday	26 th May 2023
Term 6		
Term starts	Monday	5 th June 2023
Term ends	Friday	21 st July 2023



**WE'RE CELEBRATING 90 YEARS
OF FINEDON PANTO!**

SHOW DATES - 28th Jan to 4th Feb 2023

Do you want to be a part of our next production?

**We're looking for children* and adults who can
sing, dance, act or even move scenery...**

**Join us for the 2023 Pantomime Sign Up Evening and
AGM on Monday 12th September 2022, 7.30pm at
the Star Hall for further details!**

*Children must be 6yrs old by 1st September to sign up and anyone under the age of 16
must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

Church of St Mary the Virgin

Church Hill Finedon NN9 5NR



**“Celebrating Our
Queen’s Reign”
September**

Friday 16th 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Saturday 17th 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

Sunday 18th 11.00 am – 4.30 pm

Choral Evensong Sunday 18th 6.00 pm



**JOIN OUR
YEAR 1 MIXED TEAM!!
(AGE 5)**

**SATURDAY MORNING
10AM - 11AM**

**HUXLOW SCIENCE
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