

Finendon Schools Weekly Newsletter

September 25th 2020



This Week's Attendance



Infant School	
Flamingo Class	91.20%
Toucan Class	93.10%
Nightingale Class	93.90%
Peacock Class	93.00%
Puffin Class	89.30%

Junior School	
Woodpecker Class	87.80%
Chaffinch Class	86.10%
Kestrel Class	93.00%
Magpie Class	90.90%
Kingfisher Class	76.80%
Red Kite Class	86.10%
Robin Class	100.00%

Congratulations to Nightingale and Robin classes who have the highest attendance this week!

A fantastic 100% attendance for Robin Class again this week!

Stars of the Week

Infant Stars of the Week	
Nightingale Class	Marnie Marshall
Peacock Class	Victoria Watts
Puffin Class	Alina Nagy-Dulhazi

Junior Stars of the Week	
Chaffinch Class	Leonard Cox
Kestrel Class	Robbie Henderson
Woodpecker Class	Zayne Owen
Magpie Class	Effy Marshall
Kingfisher Class	Alyssa Day
Red Kite Class	Roza Nabozny
Robin Class	George Beetson



Junior Value Stars

The value this week was community

The value stars were awarded to Alexia Astalos, Caleb Beal, Elliot Carter, Theo D'Amore, Owen Hemmings-Kneller, Zach Lackford and Oscar Thompson.

Safety at the School Gates

The Covid-19 infection rate is rising and we all have a part to play in keeping our community safe. Please remind any Y5 and Y6 pupils, who walk to school by themselves, about the importance of maintaining a good social distance from other children, particularly those that are not in their class bubble.

We wish to avoid cases in school - the impact of a child having the virus could mean that we have to send some children home to isolate for two weeks and we wish to do everything in our power to prevent this from happening.

Many children are also arriving at least 15 minutes before their allocated school start time - please encourage your child to arrive as close to their start time as possible. This will help to ensure safety at the schools gates and keep the pavements clear for other pedestrians.



Laptop Initiative at the Junior School

Junior parents have been emailed a letter about an exciting new initiative to offer them the opportunity to buy a Chromebook for their child.



For your child to benefit, we need your support and commitment. We can only put this scheme into place if we have enough take-up from parents/carers. Please let us know your thoughts by completing our survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/83YKK3Z>

Kingswood Lunches

When selecting the content of your child's packed lunch ordered through Kingswood Catering, please ensure that your child likes the items ordered. There have been several instances this week, especially at the infant school, where children have said they do not like what has been ordered.



Pupil Premium

If you think you might be eligible for Pupil Premium, please visit <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/pupil-premium.aspx> and follow the steps.

If you need any support with this, please get in touch with Mrs Jewell, Miss Wright at the Junior School or Mrs Gilbride at the Infant School, who will be only too happy to help, in confidence.

Birthdays

We know that sometimes parents like to send in cakes or sweets for their child to share with their class on their birthday.

Due to our current Covid-19 risk assessment, we cannot accept cakes made at home. Any sweets must be individually wrapped and still in the outer packaging.



Reception 2021 Intake

One of the best ways to get to know a school is to visit. Unfortunately, due to our Covid-19 risk assessment, we are currently unable to host visits to the school.

Instead, we plan to share information about our school virtually, through Zoom. Parents will have the opportunity to 'meet' the Headteacher, Mrs Joanne Lloyd-Williams and Foundation Stage Lead, Mrs Sarah Rae and learn a little more about life at Finedon Infant School. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions.

These virtual sessions will take place on Tuesday 13th October at 5:00 p.m. and Thursday 22nd October at 1:00 p.m.

If you wish to join one of the meetings, please e-mail fisadmissions@iflt.org.uk stating your name and contact number, as well as your child's name and which session you wish to book on.

If you know someone who doesn't yet have a child at one of our schools and who is considering making an application for a place in Reception, please share the information with them.



Finedon Infant School

Reception Virtual Information Sessions
13th October at 5:00 p.m.
22nd October at 1:00 p.m.



Is your child due to start school in September 2021?

We invite you to join a virtual information session where we will share our happy and successful school with you.



Our caring and committed team of staff provide a calm and purposeful learning environment where every child is encouraged to be the best they can be.

Please email the school office on fisadmissions@iflt.org.uk to book a place on one of these sessions.

School Admissions September 2021

The online admissions process for places in Reception, Year 3 (the Juniors) and Year 7 (Secondary School) opened on Thursday 10th September 2020. Applications for secondary school need to be made by Saturday 31st October 2020. Applications for Reception and the Juniors need to be made by Friday 15th January 2021.



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Does your child turn 4 on or before 31 August 2021?

Deadline: 5pm Friday 15th January 2021

It's time to apply for a Reception place

Children First Northamptonshire www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions Northamptonshire County Council



Is your child currently in Year 6?

Apply for Year 7 in Secondary school

Deadline: 5pm Saturday 31st October 2020

Children First Northamptonshire To make your application and find helpful tips and information visit: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions Northamptonshire County Council

Primary - <https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-places/Pages/default.aspx>

Secondary - <https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/Pages/default.aspx>

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th October	School photograph day. (Family groups and pre-school photographs will not be permitted this year).
Friday 23rd October	Term one ends.
Tuesday 3rd November	Term two begins.
Week beginning 9th November	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Learning Review Meetings. These will be held virtually—more information to follow.
Friday 18th December	Term two ends.
Tuesday 5th January 2021	Term three begins

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

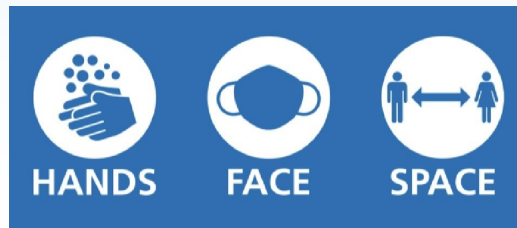
Children should not attend school if they or anyone in their house has one or more of the coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms listed below.

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Help control the virus

To protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

- **wash hands** - keep washing your hands regularly
- **cover face** - wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- **make space** - stay at least a metre away from people not in your household



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@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Sarah Rae	sarah.rae@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Ceri Brown	ceri.brown@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Donna Heaviside	donna.heaviside@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Caralyn Cox (for Apple Tree Club)	caralyn.cox@iflt.org.uk

They can also be contacted by phone:

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 1000.