



Findern Primary School

December 2018

Communication questionnaire

Thank you to all the parent/carers who sent back their responses to the recent questionnaire. The results were as follows:

I feel welcome when I come into school – 56% strongly agree and 44% agree

I know who to talk to in school if I have a concern - 47% strongly agree/50% agree/3% disagree

I am happy to receive letters via email – 58% strongly agree/40% agree/disagree 2%

I enjoy receiving regular updates on class dojo – 69% strongly agree/29% agree/2% disagree

I enjoy receiving regular updates on the newsletter – 43% strongly agree/58% agree/2% disagree

I find the website useful – 28% strongly agree/50% agree/22% disagree

After careful consideration we have decided that as a school we will communicate in the following ways.

Class Dojo - This will be mainly used for class information. You will find weekly updates of O.B.E awards in your child's class. Staff will post notices and reminders relating to the class. They will also share some of what your child has been learning in class, in Ash class this will continue to be done through Tapestry. We understand that there are some times when parents/carers need to send a message directly to staff, this is okay but if the message is information such as, grandparents collecting from school tomorrow staff will not reply to these. If you do have a concern or query, please speak to a member of staff on the doors or gate in the morning and they will be able to help you. Dojo is a fantastic resource and we want to continue to use this as staff's main point of contact with parents/carers. From the feedback there have been requests to add diary dates to dojo, when an email with dates is sent out these will then also be uploaded on the whole school story.

Text – We will continue to send out bumped head texts and reminders for events. The text service is used as a reminder or as a quick message to parent/carers. Dates will have been communicated already either on diary dates, newsletters or whole school dojo.

Newsletters – We will now send out a monthly newsletter which will include whole school information. It will also contain diary dates and upcoming event information. Sport events, extra-curricular clubs and events in school will also be included. The only change will be that O.B.E awards will now appear on class dojo weekly. This will ensure parents/carers will know about these each week instead of waiting a month for the information.

School Jotter APP/website – This will be updated with diary dates for the half term and also will include the newsletter.



Upcoming Christmas Events

Tuesday 11th at 2pm – Ash class nativity will take place at All Saints Church in Findern. All family members are welcome we just ask that parents are given priority at the front of the church. Children can be taken home once the performance has finished.

Wednesday 12th at 2pm and Thursday 13th at 5:30pm – Elm and Fir Performance of 'That's Christmas' will take place in school. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate any siblings unless a ticket has been issued. This is due to the fire regulations in the hall.

Monday 17th at 2pm Hazel and Larch Carol Service – This will take place at All Saints Church in Findern. A dojo has been sent to ask if any parents/carers are available to help us walk up. If you are available, please can you send a message to either Mr Norcross or Miss Moore. Children will be able to leave from the church after the performance.

Weather



As the colder months are upon us it is important that all children wear a suitable coat with a hood and when necessary a hat, scarf and gloves. When children are going to forest school please ensure they have appropriate clothing to ensure they are warm enough when outside for long periods of time.



Football

On Friday 23rd November Mr Norcross took a team of year 5/6 to play in a mini football tournament at Pingle school. The team played exceptionally well and got through to the semi-finals where they finished third. Well done to all those who represented our school.

Goalball

On the 8th November our goalball team attended a tournament at Greenbank Leisure Centre. The team came second in their section. It was a fun and enjoyable evening! Well done to all who attended.

Ash, Elm and Fir Inspire Day

Thank you to all the parent/carers who attended the art themed inspire morning. The children enjoyed creating a number of different pieces of art work. They focused on famous artists Andy Goldsworthy, Paul Klee, Wassily Kandinsky and Georges Seurat.



Diary dates for January to February – Please note some changes to diary dates

Monday 7th January – All children back at school

Wednesday 16th January – Hazel class parent/carers lunch

Friday 18th January – U11 Kids Cup

Tuesday 22nd January – Bikeability Balance Elm class

Friday 25th January – Larch class assembly 9am

Wednesday 6th February – Fir class parent/carers lunch

Wednesday 6th February – Y2 SAT's meeting and Y1 Phonics meeting 5pm

Thursday 7th February – Tempest Photographs

Friday 8th February – Oak class trip to Jodrell Bank

Friday 15th February – Break up for half term

Volunteers Needed - Can it be your New Year's Resolution?

We are going to be holding a coffee afternoon on 24th January at 2:30pm and a coffee evening on 23rd January at 5pm to discuss re-establishing the PTFA. As many of you will know the PTFA organise school based events for our children. Last year the PTFA were unable to continue to do this as they needed more support from parents/carers. We now have a Fundraising Committee who are going to organise community based events to raise much needed funds for school. This will continue alongside a newly established PTFA. We will be sending a letter out in the New Year to ask if anyone is willing to join the committee, become a volunteer for events or are happy to organise donations. The coffee events will then take place so that parents/carers can drop into school for a chat and offer their support or just hear about how we can move forward. The PTFA have successfully planned many events throughout the last few years and we want this to continue to ensure our children are getting a wide range of opportunities. In the past events such as spooky discos, film nights, Christmas fayre and Findern Fest in the Summer have been loved by the children of our school as well as the parents/carers. We want to build on the successes of the previous PTFA and move forward with a wealth of help and support from our parents and the wider community.

Switch Off Fortnight



As a school we take part in Switch Off Fortnight every year to ensure our children understand about the environment and how we can look after it. Willow class based their assembly on this theme and challenged parents to help make balloon powered cars – no batteries allowed! Mrs Toone, Mason and Jaycee's car travelled the furthest and they were announced as the winners!



Larch class designed some questionnaires for KS1 to answer about saving electricity and they created graphs from these results. The children went out at break time and asked the questions to KS1. Well done Larch class for being so kind when working with the younger children.



Wedding

We would like to congratulate Miss Goodman who has recently got married and when she returns from maternity leave will now be Mrs Smith. We wish the new Mr and Mrs Smith all the happiness for the future.

Choir

The choir will be performing at Wallfield House in Findern at 2:30pm on Wednesday 19th December. They have been busy learning traditional carols to sing. This is a lovely opportunity for our children to spend time with those in the community, especially during this time of year.

Christmas Dinner

Children will be having Christmas dinner in school on Wednesday 19th December. If your child does not usually have a school dinner but would like to have one on this day, please ensure that this is paid for in advance.

Christmas Holidays

With only two weeks left of this term we would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas holidays. May you enjoy your time as a family and make treasured memories. We would like to thank all of the parents/carers for their support over the last half term, it has been so lovely to receive emails of thanks and support. We are all very excited to continue to build these links with parents/carers and community in the New Year.

