



# Findern Primary School

January 2018

## Welcome back

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank all parents/carers for ensuring children are prepared for the start of this new term. All children have settled back into school this week and it has been wonderful to hear many of the children's new year resolutions. Our assemblies for the first week have been based on new year and we are encouraging the children to set themselves a goal for 2019. Please talk with your children about what they would like to achieve in 2019, we have had some wonderful examples!

## Thank you

We would like to thank a number of our parents for fundraising on our behalf over the Christmas period with the Santa Float in Findern Village. The team raised a massive £400 for school and we really appreciate all the time and effort that has gone into this event. Thank you also to residents in the village that support this each year. A special thanks to Mr and Mrs Giles-Grant and Mr and Mrs Turner who was instrumental in organising this event. The money raised will be combined with the money from the PTFA to put towards some much needed laptops.

## Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee have been working hard to organise events for this year and we are delighted to announce they will be host a Fashion Show on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 7pm-10pm. Tickets will be £4 for adults with children free! The event will be held in the school hall and with each ticket you will receive 1 raffle ticket. There will be a bar and stand up bingo during the night. We will require donations of men's, women's and children's clothing for the event, so a perfect opportunity to have a clear out! More information about how to donate and buy tickets will be sent out shortly. They are also looking for a shipping container for them to store items on the school site, if anyone can help please contact the school office.

## Cold Weather

It is that time of year when there is always a chance of snow, please ensure you inform us of any change in contact numbers. Also please ensure your child has appropriate clothing of the colder weather, thank you.

## Parking

We have recently received some complaints regarding parking outside school and in the parent/carer carpark. Please can we remind everyone to park considerately when using the carpark so that as many cars can fit in the carpark as possible. We know that it is very busy on the road in front of school and also in the carpark but please consider others when you are dropping off or collecting your children. Thank you.



## Whole School Events

### Class Assemblies:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9am – Larch Class Assembly

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9am – Hazel Class Assembly

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm – Ash Class Mother's day Assembly

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 9am – Elm Class Assembly

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 9am – Fir Class Assembly

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm – Ash Class father's Day Assembly

### Inspire days:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 11am  
KS2 Inspire Day – all parents/carers welcome.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 9am – 11am  
EY/KS1 Inspire Day – all parents/carers welcome

## Elm and Fir Trip to Wyvale Garden Centre

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December Elm and Fir class were invited to visit Santa at Wyvale Garden Centre in Findern. The staff at the garden centre went above and beyond for the children and created a wonderful area where all children received a goodie bag and decorated a gingerbread man. The children then visited Santa and completed an Elf hunt. The children all had a fabulous time and we are very grateful for the generosity shown towards the staff and children.



## Egg Discovery

On Tuesday Mr Lister discovered a very large egg on the school roof! The egg was in a nest and the children in Ash, Elm and Fir spent the morning trying to investigate where it has come from. The classes interviewed Mr Lister in the hall and came up with some wonderful questions and theories. Mr Lister has links at Tywcross Zoo so has sent the egg off for further investigation. We are looking forward to hearing the results!

## Choir

Thank you to all of the choir who performed at Wallfield House on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. They all sang beautifully and some of our children bravely performed solos. This was a wonderful opportunity for our children to spend time in the community and thank you to the staff and residents for making us feel so welcome. A lovely Christmas tradition which we hope to continue.



### Diary dates for February to March – Please note some changes to diary dates

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – All children back at school

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Consultation Evening 3:30 – 5:30pm

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Consultation Evening 5-7pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 Inspire Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Hazel class Assembly

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Elm class parents/carers lunch

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Ash class Mother's Day Assembly

## School Council

Last year the School Council worked hard to come up with some ideas for new outdoor equipment. They spoke to all classes about what they would like to see in the outdoor area and we were fortunate enough to have volunteers who applied for The Big Lottery fund on our behalf. The children then selected different equipment they would like and took this to each class for a vote. They then looked at the results and the resounding winner was the 'hide and seek trail'. This equipment has now been installed and over the last week the children have all enjoyed trying it out. A big thank you to everyone involved in making this happen and to the school council from last year who were instrumental in the decision making. We have a time table for use of the trim trail at lunchtimes to ensure that it is used correctly and also to ensure it does not get damaged. They are very expensive to purchase and we want it to last as long as possible. Please can we remind everyone not to use the equipment before or after school, thank you.

## Football

A big well done to all our children who attended the U11 Football event on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The team came second in their group. Mrs Preston and Mr Norcross were very impressed with the teams behaviour. Well done you were super ambassadors for our school!



## Dodgeball

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January a team of children took part in a dodgeball tournament at John Port School. The A and B team worked incredibly hard as teams. Mrs Preston and Mrs Neild were so impressed with all of the children's behavior and sportsmanship. We are very proud of you all, well done!



Our A team won the competition and will be taking part in the final on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February.



## Parents Consultation Evenings

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February you will receive a text to book an appointment for parents evening on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. The online system will close on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February so please ensure you have booked an appointment by this time. If you have any problems with the online system, please contact the school office and they will be happy to help.

## Next school project

*Over the next few months we will be focusing on improving our reception outdoor area. If anyone knows of any companies or places that could help particularly with outdoor storage, then please get in touch. Watch out for another 'Volunteers Day' to help us create our new vision.*

