



# FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Parents,

**A really warm welcome back to the autumn term at Fishbourne Church of England Primary School!** It has been so lovely to see all the children bouncing back into school this week and looking super smart in their uniforms. We have enjoyed hearing about all your summer adventures and finding out about new additions to our Fishbourne families. It is lovely to welcome our new Reception class to the school and all their families too. We hope very much that you will be incredibly happy members of our learning community and look forward to seeing you becoming involved in school life in the coming months.

We are asking our families to aspire to be:

- \***determined** to champion our children to be the best they can be.
  - \***positive** in our attitudes towards our school and all members of the school community, showing respect for all.
  - \***collaborative** by working closely in partnership with the school to support our children's learning within and beyond the classroom.
  - \***reflective** by attending learning review meetings in order to find out about the progress our children are making in school and sharing learning journals with our children when they come home.
  - \***courageous** by making the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect our children's learning or behavior at school.
- If you have any questions about the agreement, please don't hesitate to pop in to have a chat!**



A huge thank you to all those families who got stuck into our summer extreme card playing challenge. The hall is bursting with photographs and you have certainly embraced the 'extreme' element of the challenge. If you haven't sent your photos in yet, it isn't too late! Please do! We would love all the children to feel included in this challenge. We will be announcing our winners of the competition next week and make sure we tell you about them in our next newsletter. The email address to send photos to: [summerholidaychallenge@fishbourneprimary.co.uk](mailto:summerholidaychallenge@fishbourneprimary.co.uk)

In assembly this week, the children have been coming in to Shakira's, 'Try Everything' which is from the Zootopia soundtrack. What a great reminder of our challenge as learners...

*I won't give up, no I won't give in till I reach the end  
And then I'll start again  
Though I'm on the lead  
I wanna try everything, I wanna try even though I could fail  
I won't give up, no I won't give in till I reach the end  
And then I'll start again*



We are passionate about inspiring our young people with a genuine love of and thirst for learning by equipping them with the skills they need to become lifelong learners. The curriculum at Fishbourne has been designed and written by our staff to nurture our children to become - positive, courageous, determined, collaborative and reflective learners. Our ultimate goal is to help our children to recognise their own, unique talents and to nurture them to fulfil their potential.

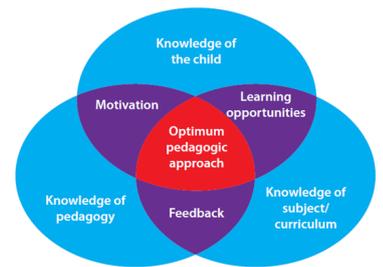
During the week, the children have been introduced to our NEW home-school agreement which the school community has written in collaboration. The children worked on their part of the agreement through our Thinking Circles, parents through our Cuppa and Chat sessions and the teaching teams during staff meeting time. This agreement is an essential part of us working effectively together to support the children at Fishbourne. A copy of the agreement will be provided for your family to read together and sign. Please do take the time to invest in looking at this as a family.

Our INSET day this week was a valuable opportunity to reflect on our journey of school development to date and look to the future. During the INSET we watched an inspiring TED talk by Ramsey Musallam in which he talked about teachers as being Cultivators of Curiosity! Wow! What a great way to think about the role of a teacher in a child's life... Musallam, a chemistry teacher, views learning as having three key rules:

- 1) Always starting with curiosity - this is something we always aspire to do through our HOOKS into each learning experience.
- 2) Embracing the mess of learning - our Learning Journals allow our children to see the 'mess' of learning. They celebrate and value both the process and the final product.
- 3) Practising the art of reflection - we agree with this too, so much so that it became one of our five core learning behaviours and we actively teach the children how to reflect regularly as learners. Our mid-year reports which the children are active participants in give the children an important, powerful role in reflecting on their achievements and their next steps.

Looking to the future, our school development plan (which will shortly be available on the website) continues to strive towards the very best approach to teaching and learning—the optimum pedagogic approach! This academic year we will be:

- 1) Continuing the work we started last academic year, developing our approach to personalise learning for each child, using our knowledge of their starting points to plan carefully tailored next steps of learning.
- 2) Developing our subject knowledge, specifically in grammar and exploring ways of teaching writing through smaller, guided writing groups to effectively meet the needs of each learner.
- 3) Developing our approach to the conceptual teaching of mathematics.



Most importantly, we will also be continuing to offer our children inspiring, irresistible learning experiences in their classrooms that cultivate their curiosity! Each term there will also be a whole-school learning experience for the children to get stuck into. The next of these whole-school learning experiences is a geography and PSHCE focused one called 'Where in the world?' The aim of the learning experience is to give the children a unique, thought-provoking and challenging insight into another country. Watch this space for information coming soon and ways to get involved!

In other news...



Huge congratulations to Miss Holden on her wedding during the summer and becoming Mrs Goodman. We wish Becca and Andrew all the very best as they start on their exciting adventure together. They enjoyed a beautiful wedding day. Mrs Goodman has really enjoyed welcoming her new class this week to school and I am sure it will be no time until we all remember her new name!



Huge congratulations also go to Miss McCarthy and her partner Dan Taylor, who many of you will remember, on the safe arrival of their beautiful little girl: Lily Etta Taylor. We were delighted to welcome them to school this week for a visit and to meet tiny Lily for the first time. The whole family are doing really well and we look forward to seeing them again soon!

We also welcome new staff to the Fishbourne team this week. We thought it would be helpful for you to know who our new staff are. Firstly, a welcome to Emma Woolnough, our new Year 4 teacher. Mrs Woolnough has settled brilliantly into our team and we are really excited to welcome her to Fishbourne Primary.



We are also really pleased to welcome a fabulous new team of Learning Support Assistants to school. From left: Mrs Cristina Dumitriu who is joining the Year 1

team. Mrs Claire Spencer joining the Year 3/4 team. Mrs Ali Gregory joining the Year 1 team. Mrs Cathy Huxtable joining the Y2 team. Do look on the website to read more about our new staff in their profiles!

Walking Bus news! Our walking bus will now **only** be operating from the Roman Palace and will be leaving PROMPTLY at 8.40am each morning to ensure that children and staff arrive in school on time ready for the beginning of the school day. A huge thank you to Mrs Huxtable for supporting us with this provision.



We are really looking forward to a happy, exciting year ahead at Fishbourne Primary. Please do get involved in our school community and remember that we welcome your feedback. Thank you for supporting our school!

Kindest regards,  
Naomi Day



The children are bringing home today a pack from Priory Park 100 through which they can get involved in the Centenary commemoration of the Park as a war memorial to the fallen of World War I. Every child has been invited to make a poppy and **return it to school by Friday 21st September with £1** which will be donated to the charity. All the information about how to make the poppy is included in the pack. We would love to be able to deliver 213 poppies and £213 to Priory Park to form our contribution to this commemoration. Please do get involved.



### Dates for 2018

Monday 10th September - Y1 Meet the teacher 2.30pm  
Tuesday 11th September - Y2 Meet the teacher 2.30pm  
Thursday 13th September - Y3 Meet the teacher 2.30pm  
Friday 14th September - Y4 Meet the teacher 2.30pm

13th/14th Sep: Y5 to CYE

**Thu 13th Sep: FOFS meeting 7.30pm - Come along and get involved with this amazing group who really make a difference to our school!**

Wed 19th Sep: INSET DAY

Wed 26th Sep: Open Morning for new families

24-28th Sep: Y6 to Fairthorne Manor

Tue 2nd Oct: Harvest Festival in the school hall - all welcome

8th Oct: Where in the World? Whole School Learning Experience

10th Oct: Open Afternoon for new families

Tue 30th Oct: Learning Review Meetings 3.30-6pm

Thu 1st Nov: Learning Review Meetings 3.30-6pm

Fri 2nd Nov: INSET DAY

Sun 11th Nov: Remembrance Sunday - all welcome in church to join in marking this occasion

12th Nov: Whole School Learning Experience - Choose Respect!

12/13 Dec: Nativity Play (Year groups 1 and 2)

Tue 18th Dec: Christmas Carol Service at church (children only)

Wed 19th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day and Carols around the tree



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