



FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Families,

As we draw to the end of the summer term, it's a good time to stop and reflect on what has been another challenging year but one that as a mummy recently reminded me has also been full of so many wonderful things to celebrate too! So, I would like to start this newsletter by saying some THANK YOU's to each member of our school community who have pulled together to make the very best of this year...



We are so thankful to have such supportive families and community. Your support of the decisions that we have made, often at extremely short notice, has been humbling and we are truly grateful for the way that families have pulled together despite facing such different personal challenges and made the very best of this difficult situation. Your kind words and encouragement really have made our world a better place to be when times have been challenging.

I would also like to thank the staff team who make up our Fishbourne family. The teaching team have been incredible - instantly seeing the second lockdown as an opportunity to refine and improve their practice in remote learning by providing both the children at home and those at school with opportunities to engage and connect with their learning. For the value that they have each placed on the 'power of connection' and the way in which they have continued to support each and every one of the children in their care. Our amazing team of learning support assistants who have been here throughout to nurture, care and support those children of keyworkers who were in school - always going above and beyond to provide the children with some very special opportunities. Our team of LSA's in this lockdown took on a new role and found their feet in our Rainbow class bubbles leading learning for those children attending school. Our office team who have supported families and staff with advice over the telephone, prepared resources for those who need them, supported the use of IT both in school and at home, addressed many hundreds of postcards, and quietly completed many other unseen jobs that have helped our school to keep ticking over. Our premises team have kept our school sparkling clean - working late into the evening and early in the morning to ensure that the school has always been ready and prepared.

It's been a true team effort and our staff have proved time and again that 'there is no 'I' in team!' They have been magnificent. To our governing body who have been a very real source of support and encouragement throughout this time, meeting weekly (and sometimes more!) to support many elements of the provision in school, including Christmas Eve when we made a decision to contact our families about the possibility of a positive case in two of our classes which thankfully turned out not to be the case.

We very much hope that learning will not be interrupted again next academic year and look forward to supporting the children with their learning in the classroom and beyond. We will be reviewing our Home Learning policy over the summer and will share this with families in September as we recognise that some of our children will need to revisit and consolidate areas of learning during the coming academic year in order to build their confidence. We appreciate very much the way you work in partnership with us to do so!

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

We continue to be in receipt of letters informing us that children will be absent from school due to family holidays that have been rebooked. We **urge** families to avoid booking holidays during term time - not only will this disadvantage your own children but it will also have a negative impact on other children in your child's class. We absolutely understand that families have not been able to enjoy holidays away from home together over the last year BUT the impact of lost school time is very significant for children across the country and by adding to this pressure, we are not working together effectively as a school community to meet the needs of all our learners.



We were so lucky to have glorious weather for sports day and the children had a brilliant time, coming together in their key stages to compete in their house groups through a series of activities linked to our learning behaviours of courage, determination, collaboration, positivity and reflection before the competitive races! Although different this year, our children seized the opportunity to celebrate being together as a school family and it was really quite emotional to see them coming together to make this special occasion. We missed our usual visitors but did find that some of our children were noticeably more relaxed and some competed who might not have done with a larger audience! We hope you have enjoyed watching our short films of the event and maybe even spotted your own little fish taking part! Huge thanks to Miss Axelsen for putting this together for us.

We would also like to thank Mrs Goodman for designing and coordinating the event in her role as PE lead and, of course, Curtis for leading the event. It has been wonderful to have Curtis in school three days a week throughout this academic year and he has become a loved member of our school community who our children

work exceptionally well alongside. We are **delighted** that next year Curtis will continue in this role and this will enable us to continue to personalise children's learning, giving opportunities for short-burst sessions to consolidate key concepts for children.

Last week we said goodbye to Moira and children from each class presented her with beautifully colourful cards that the children had worked together to create. We will miss Moira and her contributions to our school family very much indeed and wish her every happiness in her retirement. Our little fish love and respect Moira very much and are so thankful for making our worlds a better place to be.



Ready

Respectful

Safe

As we come to the end of the summer term, we just wanted to update you on the work we have been doing on our 'Behaviour for learning and life' policy. If you haven't seen this yet, you can view it on our school website: <https://www.fishbourneprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=929&type=pdf>

We began this piece of work last March when we went into our first lockdown and our staff team explored training provided by Releasing Potential. As a result of this training and further reading we had done, we set out to revisit our policy on supporting children's behaviour because believe that:

- *Meaningful learning takes place when we have meaningful relationships.
- *Each young person is a part of a wider social system inside and outside Fishbourne Primary
- *Each individual is unique and it is essential to support them to develop a strong self-concept through an understanding of strengths, areas for development and a core belief that one can improve.
- *We can modify unacceptable behaviours by understanding the cause and providing appropriate support.

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On the last day of half term we held one of our favourite fundraisers of the year, Bend the Rules day! On this day, the children are allowed to bend the rules if they pay a small amount of money to Friends of Fishbourne School. This gave us a great platform to talk about why we have rules in school and beyond in the wider world! We started our day by sharing the fabulous story of 'You

Must Bring a Hat' by Simon Philip and Kate Hindley where we started our discussions about what happens when the rules aren't clear. Then we spent time reflecting on which behaviours are positive and which are negative. We realised that the problem with rules is that if there are too many of them, it's really hard to remember them all. In fact, penguin class talked a lot about all the 'silent rules' we have in school...ones that we just know and so don't talk about! So... we decided that what we needed was an easy way of remembering our rules and during the afternoon we collaborated together to come up with just three or four words that would cover everything! This wasn't as easy as it sounds! At 2.30pm we all came together on Zoom to share the words we had decided on and here are the ideas: ready, commit, responsible, prepare, alert, safe, aware, kind, polite, respectful, care, enjoy and positive

The final step was to arrive at just three or four words to support us in remembering our rules and these were:

READY? RESPECTFUL? SAFE?

You will hear us talking a lot about these words in the coming months



A few reminders about school uniform ahead of the autumn term!

We are aware that some of our children are wearing trainers currently and that school uniform has been tricky at different points during the school year as a result of shops

being shut. However, we request that all the children are wearing their correct uniform on our return in September, including proper school shoes (please note that children should not wear boots or trainers to school, even in the winter) and PE kits. Hair long enough to be tied back must be at all times when the children are in school.

We have adapted our PE kit to ensure that those children wishing to do so, may wear black shorts moving forward. The children starting with us in Reception class and those replacing PE kit as the children grow out of it, should please purchase black PE shorts. Leavers Hoodies for children in Year 6 must only be worn for trips, the residential visit and for PE sessions.



We love to celebrate what our little fish get up to out of school as we know it's a very big part of what makes them unique! Elliot, in Panther class, has been selected to represent Sussex for u10's age group cricket. He will be playing in a match vs Dorset next Monday and is very excited!! Huge congratulations to Elliot; we are super-duper proud of you!

Meet the teacher meetings have already been booked in for the autumn term and are in the Dates part of the newsletter. Please do pop these in your diary... we will let you know whether these will be via zoom or in classrooms in September! Thank you!



Dates for 2021

As with all areas of our lives at the moment, there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding planning events. The dates below are guidelines and may be subject to change!

Inset Days 2021/2022

Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September
Monday 28th February

Two further INSET days will take place during the spring and summer term and the dates of these will be shared with families as soon as they have been finalised.

Mon 6th Sep: First day of the autumn term

Mon 6th Sep: Y5 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm TBC

Tue 7th Sep: Y6 and Y2 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm TBC

Wed 8th Sep: Y3 and Y4 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm TBC

Thu 9th Sep: Y1 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm TBC

9th/10th Sep: Y5 to CYE

Week beginning 13th Sep: Before and after school clubs re-start

Thu 16th Sep: FOFS Meeting 730pm

Week beginning 20th Sep: Volunteer Army start at Fishbourne Primary

Wed 29th Sep: Open Morning for prospective parents

Thu 7th Oct: Full Governing Body Meeting (6pm)

Wed 13th Oct: Individual school photos

Thu 14th Oct: Open Afternoon for prospective parents

Mon 18th Oct—Fri 22nd Oct: Y6 to CYE

Half term: Mon 25th—Fri 29th October

Mon 8th Nov: Open Morning for prospective parents

Thu 11th Nov: FOFS meeting 7.30pm

Thu 9th Dec: Full Governing Body Meeting (6pm)



Please do find us and start to follow... @FishbournePrim1
You could also follow our Patron of Reading Sophy Henn... @sophyhenn
On Instagram we are: fishbourneprimary



Little fish who have made the world a better place...



This incredible group of Year 5 children, following the Denmark V's Finland football match, decided to raise £3000 to install a public defibrillator to serve, not just our school but the entire village community. They are amazing and we are just so proud of them all.

Please do support them if you can...

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/public-defibrillator-for-fishbourne-primary-school?viewupdates=1&rcid=r01-16254134423>

"No-one is too small to make a difference" - let's show these little fish that this is absolutely the case!

AT FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, WE NURTURE OUR LEARNERS TO BECOME...

