



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: Friday 11th March 2022

**We grow healthy bodies, loving hearts and inquisitive minds at
Finchingfield: living 'life in all its fullness' John 10:10**

**Our Christian Values: Reverence Compassion Friendship Peace
Koinonia Endurance**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week Class 1 have been exploring the growth of plants and have started creating some wonderful artwork for the Horticultural Society show. You can see some in our Proud Cloud section below. Class 2 are learning about materials and their properties in Science. Looking at different purposes of materials and suitability of resources. Class 3 are enjoying learning about the Aztecs and have been creating clay sculptures this week. In Class 4 they have been designing and building their own totem poles, researching the meaning behind different representations before including on their own designs.

On Friday 18th March we have our Charity Day. The children are invited to attend school that day, dressed as their favourite film character for a donation of £1. All money raised will go to this year's charity, Guide Dogs. As always, any child who does not wish to dress up may attend school in non-uniform.

As part of Essex County Council's launch of their Year of Reading on Tuesday 15th March classes 2, 3 and 4 will be joining hundreds of Essex Schools for a virtual workshop with Dermot O'Leary to discuss his series of books about Toto the cat. They will get an opportunity to talk to Dermot and find out more about his books, his real cat called Toto and learn how to draw Toto with illustrator Nick East. If you pre-ordered a copy of his book, we are hopeful they will arrive in time for Tuesday.

I would like to remind everyone that the front playground should not be used after school. Once the children have been collected they should remain with their parents/carers. This is for the safety of all. Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss M Raymond

Reminders;

Protocol for Parent/Carers and Children

- Use common sense and stay alert.
- **DO NOT** enter the school premises if you have symptoms.
- **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are displaying any of the symptoms.
- **DO NOT** enter the school buildings or classrooms without a prior appointment.
- Contact the school office **preferably** by phone or email.
- Children and visitors **MUST** wash hands on arrival and departure, using either soap or hand sanitiser. This will be repeated frequently throughout the day.
- Face coverings are optional.

This week's Proud Cloud: Class 1



Star of the week



Class Champions



House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 65
Sapphire: 66
Emerald: 74

House points totals so far this term:

Ruby: 698
Sapphire: 752
Emerald: 716

PE Star



Attendance:

This week: 94.9%
Autumn term: 93%
Last Academic Year: 97%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Fri 18th Mar – Charity Day
Wed 23rd Mar – Class 2 Performance
Mon 28th Mar – Easter Church Service 9.30am
Fri 1st Apr – House Teams Day
Fri 1st Apr – Open Door 3pm
Tue 19th Apr – First day of the Summer Term
Mon 9th – Fri 13th May – Y6 SATs week
Mon 16th – Fri 20th May – Y6 residential
Fri 27th May – House Teams Day
Fri 27th May – Open Door 3pm

Easter Break:
Mon 4th April –
Mon 18th April