



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: Friday 28th January 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 the children have been continuing with their topics. Class 1 have been learning about 2D shapes and exploring the book 'Zog'. Class 2 have been learning about the weather this term and focused on the book 'Jeremy worried about the wind' this week. Class 3 have been learning some Italian and finding out more about volcanoes. Class 4 have had great fun, with their imaginations, creating wonderful potions (although with some rather interesting ingredients!).

It is National Walk and Talk Wellbeing day on Sunday 6th February. Active Essex are encouraging all schools to celebrate this with a 1 mile walk and talk with their fellow pupils. We will be undertaking a Walk and Talk event on Friday 11th February with the whole school walking around the village together. The children will be able to walk with the children of their choosing from across the school. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

On Friday 11th February we have our termly Open Door session, where parents/carers are invited into school to celebrate the children's learning. Due to the impact COVID had on our workshops earlier this term we will be opening our doors earlier that day, at 2pm, so that parents/carers can join their child (ren) in class to learn alongside them. Open Door will still begin at 3pm. Please feel free to pop in at any time from 2pm on 11th February to share your child's learning.

As part of promoting our Healthy Schools initiative we will be holding a 'Healthy Snack Week' event the week beginning 28th February. The school council are busy planning the details and will let you know shortly how you can support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Miss M Raymond

Reminders;

If your child is identified as a close contact you will be contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace and asked to undertake daily LFD tests. Your child may continue to attend school, unless they display symptoms or test positive. A confirmatory PCR test is no longer required. A PCR should be undertaken for anyone displaying symptoms.

Any positive LFD test will result in having to self-isolate for 5 full days, provided a negative result on day 5 and day 6, 24 hours apart and that they do not have a high temperature. The children are then able to return to school on day 6. If however either of the LFD tests are positive the isolation period will need to continue either until two negative LFD tests 24 hours apart or the 10 day isolation period completes, whichever is the earliest.

Remote learning will be offered for any child required to self-isolate, if for any reason you do not receive remote learning or you have any questions please get in contact.

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.

This week's Proud Cloud: Class 4



Star of the week



Class Champions



House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 117
Sapphire: 108
Emerald: 90

House points totals so far this term:

Ruby: 262
Sapphire: 280
Emerald: 217

PE Star

This week we have decided to award PE Star to the whole of Class 2 for their enhanced concentration and enthusiasm in PE this week.

Attendance:

This week: 96%
Autumn term: 93%
Last Academic Year: 97%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Fri 11th Feb – Learn alongside your child(ren) 2pm
Fri 11th Feb – Open Door 3pm
Mon 28th Feb – Healthy Snack Week
Thu 3rd Mar – Learning Conferences 3.30pm-8pm
Fri 18th Mar – Charity Day
Wed 23rd Mar – Class 2 Performance
Mon 28th Mar – Easter Church Service (tbc)
Fri 1st Apr – House Teams Day
Fri 1st Apr – Open Door 3pm

Half term:
Mon 14th Feb –
Fri 18th Feb