



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: Friday 7th 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,

We have had a great start back at school this term.

Congratulations to Emeralds who earned the most house points last term. As a well done they have selected the reward of wearing non-uniform next Friday (14th January).

Next week are our next Parent/Pupil workshops, this time focusing on Maths. A parent/carer for each child is invited to join them in class for half an hour to learn alongside them. This will give you the opportunity to find out how the subject is taught, strategies for supporting at home and learn more about expectations in that area. We look forward to seeing you in school, enjoying some learning alongside your children. The dates for each class are set out below (under key dates). Please remember to bring a face covering with you.

The current Government guidance has had a minimal impact on our procedures at school. The NHS Test and Trace service will continue to undertake all the contact tracing and will contact any relevant families. The new guidelines require any close contacts to undertake a daily LFD test, with no requirement to self-isolate or undertake a PCR test unless someone displays symptoms or has a positive LFD test. The Government recommends that families continue to undertake regular LFD tests and encourage parents/carers to undertake a LFD test before attending any events at school.

There have been some positive cases of COVID within the school community. 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. From Tuesday 11th January a confirmatory PCR test will no longer be required, any positive LFD test will result in having to self-isolate for 7 days (provided a negative result on day 6 and day 7, 24 hours apart). Remote learning will be offered for any child required to self-isolate.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Miss M Raymond

Reminders;

The Primary School Reception admission round has opened for parents of children applying for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2022. The statutory national closing date for applications is Saturday 15th January 2022. From Monday 8th November 2021, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All the application information is available on the website. You can also find a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2022-23 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories (containing details of all admission policies) on the website.

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.
- Whilst inside school premises parents/carers **MUST** wear a face covering.

Attending School:

Attendance is compulsory unless:

- - Your child displays symptoms compatible with coronavirus. They should not attend and you are advised to book a test and self-isolate until at least the result of the test is received.
- -Your child is unwell. Parents/Carers **MUST** let the school office know if your child is not attending school.

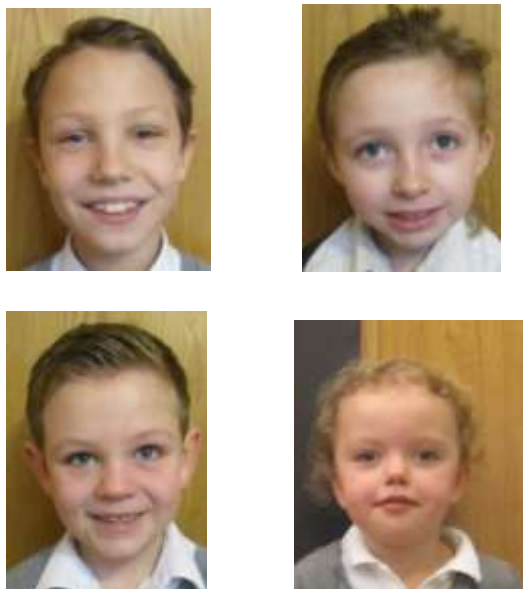
This week's Proud Cloud: Class 1



Star of the week



Class Champions



House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 25
Sapphire: 32
Emerald: 27

House points totals so far this term:

Ruby: 25
Sapphire: 32
Emerald: 27

PE Star



Attendance:

This week: 93.7%
Autumn term: 93%
2020-2021: 97%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Tues 11th Jan – Class 4 Parent/Pupil Maths workshop 9am
Wed 12th Jan – Class 3 Parent/Pupil Maths workshop 9am
Thurs 13th Jan – Class 2 Parent/Pupil Maths workshop 9am
Fri 11th Feb – Open Door 3pm
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