



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist C of E
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: 4th December 2020

**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,

Christmas festivities have started here at Finchingfield Academy. Yesterday I sent a letter out to all parents/carers explaining some of the changes we are making to our festive activities to ensure the children can still celebrate safely. Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate a parent/carer audience to Class 1's Nativity this year. They will still get the experience of learning a play, wearing costumes and performing to an audience, hopefully with the added bonus of creating their own film!

We had a brief visit from Braintree Police this week. They have asked if we, as a school, will promote their 'Christmas Giving Tree' initiative. Essex Police are requesting our communities support with donations of wrapping paper, tree decorations and unwrapped presents for children aged 3-15years old. A box for donations will be available at each entrance, in the mornings, from Monday 7th December 2020 until the end of term.

Below is a reminder of the current attendance guidelines.

Attendance is compulsory unless:

- Your child displays symptoms compatible with coronavirus. They **should not attend** and are advised to self-isolate. Their fellow household members should also self-isolate, this includes all siblings.
- A fellow household member is displaying symptoms and/or tested positive with coronavirus. They **should not attend** and are advised to self-isolate.
- Your child is unwell (not coronavirus related). Parents/carers **MUST** let the school office know in the usual way.

The weather definitely turned colder this week so thank you for your support with ensuring your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, and for possible changes in the weather during the day.

A reminder that all gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am in the mornings.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Miss M Raymond

Please note: Primary School (Reception) admission applications opened on **Monday 9th November 2020**, for parents/carers to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year starting in September 2021. The national statutory closing date for these applications is **Friday 15th January 2021**. All applications should be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2021 **must** make an application online not directly to the school.

Attendance:

This week: 98.5%
Last half term: 97.2%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Mon 14th Dec – Christmas Church Service
Tues 15th Dec – Christmas Dinner
Tues 15th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Break:
Mon 21st Dec – Fri 1st Jan (Mon
4th Jan – INSET day)

This week's Proud Cloud: Class 2



Star of the week

All our children and families who have braved the weather and road conditions to get into school, including those who have tried however not quite managed to attend.

All our staff who have also braved the weather and road conditions, often from great distances, to be at school.

House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 112
Sapphire: 119
Emerald: 108

House points so far this term:

Ruby: 1257
Sapphire: 1182
Emerald: 1096

Class Champions

