



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: 12th March 2021

**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,

I would like to begin by saying how wonderful it is to have the children back at school. They are a true credit to you all. The way they have settled back into class so quickly is truly a pleasure to see.

Class 1 have been learning about growing and have started to create new flower beds in the outdoor area. I wonder what they will grow. Maybe a magical beanstalk like the one which appeared in class?

Class 2 have started a topic on the Victorians, and have been asking lots of questions. Whilst Class 3 are currently learning about Rivers and have started creating some amazing artwork.

Our open door policy remains in place. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please feel free to catch them during drop-off and collection times or contact the school office on 01371 810423 or office@finchingfieldacademy.com to request a meeting or quick chat.

Our Learning Conferences (Parents Evening) for the Spring term did not take place due to the school closure period, I am therefore planning to hold these after the Easter break. More information will be provided about arrangements for these over the next few weeks.

The children will be bringing home an envelope with their World Book Day vouchers in. We were provided with vouchers for every child plus one additional voucher per family. All the information should be on the voucher. There has been some information that the expiry date has been lengthened however we have not received confirmation of this.

It just leaves me to say, thank you for all your support and for following our procedures. I will continue to review them and keep you informed of any changes and updates as they occur.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Miss M Raymond

Reminders;

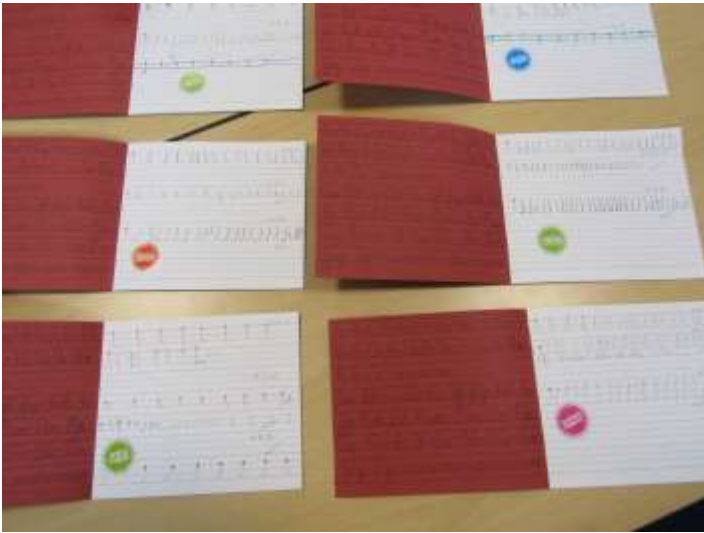
PE days; Class 1 Wednesdays, Class 2 Tuesdays and Fridays and Class 3 Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child either wears PE shoes (trainers or plimsolls) to school or brings them to change into.

All school gates open at 8.45am and will close around 9.00am.

Protocol for Parent/Carers and Children

- Use common sense and stay alert.
- **Only ONE** parent/carer can escort a child to school, if they cannot walk to school on their own. This **should** be a parent/carer or childcare support.
- **DO NOT** enter the school premises if you have symptoms.
- **DO NOT** enter the school buildings or classrooms without a prior appointment
- **DO NOT** gather at school gates and class doors – always keep a social distance and wear a face covering.
- **ONLY** collect at the designated times from the designated waiting areas.
- Contact the school office **ONLY** 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.
- Children **ONLY** need to bring their coat, hat, water bottle, lunch (where appropriate) and a small book bags as required.
- Children **should** wear school uniform – ties remain optional, except on PE days.
- Face coverings **DO NOT** need to be worn at school – parent/carers may provide their child with a mask for the school journey and for wearing at playtimes only, should they wish.

This week's Proud Cloud: Class 1



Star of the week

Last term the children accumulated the following house points:

Ruby: 1485
Sapphire: 1396
Emerald: 1328

Congratulations to Ruby House!

House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 110
Sapphire: 111
Emerald: 114

House points so far this term:

Ruby: 110
Sapphire: 111
Emerald: 114

Class Champions



Attendance:

This week: 95.4 %
Autumn term: 97.2%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Fri 19th March – Charity Day
Thurs 1st April - INSET

Easter Break:

Fri 2nd April – Fri 16th April