



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: 21st May 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,

This week Class 1 have been learning about doubling and enjoying the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Class 2 had the pleasure of being the first class to visit our newly revamped school library, where they explored different genres and categorisations. Class 3 have started a new topic on Magnificent Mountains and have been investigating different emotions. Please keep checking our class blogs to find out more details about the children's learning.

The children will be attending Church on Monday for a school service. We were unable to attend our annual Easter service and therefore have introduced a new service this term. Unfortunately we are not able to invite you to join us yet however the children have all been busy preparing so please ask them about their readings (Class 3), prayers (Class 2) or song (Class 1).

Congratulations to our Head of School award winners, for this half term (as we missed the spring term we have added a set in); Maisie Williams-Taylor, Grace Uttridge-Gibbons and Matilda Adams. They are all incredible role models of our School Values and Learning Powers. Well Done.

Thank you for your understanding and support with school dinners this week. Unforeseen circumstances led to the slight disruption and we greatly appreciate you working with us.

As always if at any point you would like to speak to someone, 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.

Please note that Class 1 will have PE on Wednesday next week and that the lunch menu has been altered on a Thursday, roast dinner will no longer be the hot school meal option (please see email for details).

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss M Raymond

Reminders;

If you wish to purchase new school uniform or a book bag from School Trends, all orders need to be completed before the end of July to ensure a September delivery. The easiest way to order is online, www.schooltrends.co.uk They currently have reduced staff, due to COVID, and have therefore closed their telephone lines preferring to be contacted via the website or email.

Usual PE days; Class 1 Tuesday, Class 2 Wednesday 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.

The outdoor play equipment is only for use during the school day, for the safety of all

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 bag 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 2



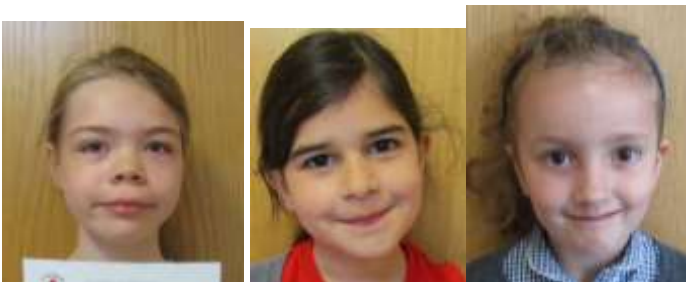
Star of the week



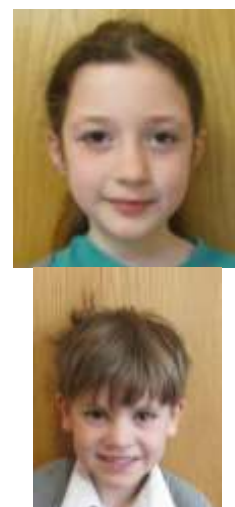
House Points

This week's house points across the school:	House points so far this term:
Ruby: 129	Ruby: 865
Sapphire: 141	Sapphire: 893
Emerald: 135	Emerald: 849

Class Champions



PE Stars



Attendance:

This week: 95.6%
Autumn term: 97.2%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Mon 24th May – Church Service (children only)
Mon 7th June – INSET Day

Half Term Break:
Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June