



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist C of E
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: 23rd April 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,

Welcome to the Summer Term. I hope you all managed to have a lovely break over Easter.

This week Class 1 have started a new topic on mini-beasts. They've also had the excitement of the fledgling birds exploring the outdoor area, with our resident blackbirds nesting behind our PE shed before Easter. Class 2 are continuing to learn about the Victorians. They took some time this week to celebrate the Queen's birthday and Earth Day yesterday. In Class 3 they have had the saws and glue guns out this week, starting to build a moveable toy. I cannot wait to see what they create.

Thank you to everyone who returned their slip regarding our Spring Term Learning Conferences (Parents Evening). Many of you will already have received an email with an appointment time. Please do let us know if you need to change your time or day. Telephone Learning Conferences will take place at different points throughout next week, so if we do not manage to catch you the first time we will continue until we have.

If at any point 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.

Thank you for your support with school lunches this week. The menu for next week is now available for booking. From Tuesday 4th May there is a new summer menu which will become available on ParentPay shortly.

The Government guidance for schools relating to COVID procedures has undergone review with some small changes now in place. This means that some after school clubs will begin this term. Mrs Blayney will be starting a Dance club for Year 2 to Year 6 on a Wednesday after school. Further details will be sent separately.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Miss M Raymond

Reminders;

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 1



Star of the week



House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 120
Sapphire: 116
Emerald: 118

House points so far this term:

Ruby: 435
Sapphire: 447
Emerald: 424

Class Champions



PE Star



Attendance:

This week: 98%
Autumn term: 97.2%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

W/C 26th April – Learning Conferences
Mon 3rd May – Bank Holiday
Mon 7th June – INSET Day

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