



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: 26th 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,

Thank you for your continued support with following our procedures. As part of the next stage of easing of the lockdown restrictions schools will be provided with updated guidance and I will keep you informed of any changes as soon as possible.

Class 1's learning this week has been through the story of Handa's Surprise. They have also been exploring heavier and lighter, using balances and starting to explore the use of non-standard units to measure weight. Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed creating panpipes this week, I hope you enjoyed them sharing them with you at home (sorry). In Class 3 they have continued to learn about Raging Rivers and are learning to play Basketball in PE.

Last Friday the children celebrated Charity Day, £119 was raised for Alzheimer's UK. Thank you for all your kind donations.

The children all had an opportunity to enter a 'Design the front cover' competition in class, as part of our World Book Day celebrations. It was incredibly challenging trying to select a winner from each class, **well done** to all the children. I am pleased to announce our winners; Elena-Rae Russell, Lillie Williams-Taylor and Freya Tubby, who all received a £5 book token. Congratulations.

You will receive a letter today, via your child, regarding our Spring Term Learning Conferences (Parents Evening) with further details on dates and options. Please let your child's class teacher know if you do not receive your copy.

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.

A reminder that next week our catering company is not available. All children are asked to bring packed lunch to school. 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.

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 3



Star of the week



'Design the front cover' winning designs.



House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 102
Sapphire: 97
Emerald: 93

House points so far this term:

Ruby: 315
Sapphire: 331
Emerald: 306

Class Champions



PE Star



Attendance:

This week: 96%
Autumn term: 97.2%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Mon 29th, Tues 30th, Wed 31st March –
packed lunch only
Thurs 1st April – INSET
W/C 26th April – Learning Conferences

Easter Break:

Fri 2nd April – Fri 16th April