



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: 31st 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,

Here we are at the end of the Spring Term. I'm sure I can speak for everyone when I say, it has been great to have all the children back in school over the last few weeks. I hope you all manage to have a break over Easter. I am very much looking forward to the Summer Term and am hopeful that the easing of restrictions will allow school to return to some of the usual Summer Term celebrations.

You should have received a letter last week, 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 did not receive your copy. All slips should be returned to school on Monday 19th April.

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, at any point, 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 providing packed lunch this week. The catering team at Great Bardfield is changing after Easter and are hoping to launch a new menu around May time. The current menu has experienced a few minor changes for after Easter already.

Our many thanks go to the PTA who have generously donated an Easter egg to all the children.

PE days after Easter will be as follows: Class 1 Tuesdays, Class 2 Wednesdays 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.

Wishing you a lovely Easter break,

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.