



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: Friday 3rd September

**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 hope you had a great summer. It has been so great to see the children back at school.

A huge thank you from us to Mrs Mitchell for all her support and hard work with putting together the children's artwork for the Flower Festival in the Church. All the children contributed to the display, as part of their art week celebrations. Do not worry if you were not able to attend the Festival a selection of photographs are below in the proud cloud.

Each of the class teachers will be holding a meeting for parents to discuss their classroom routines and answer any questions. Please accept my apologies for the short notice. All the information discussed will be sent out, electronically, to all families as part of the Class Handbook, after the meetings. You will also be able to find all the information on our school website. Please come to the front gate and we will let you in just before the times shown. Face coverings are personal choice.

Class 4 – Monday 6th September at 2.30pm

Class 3 – Tuesday 7th September at 2.30pm

Class 2 – Thursday 9th September at 2.30pm

Every child will bring home a Learning Partnership Promise for yourselves and them to sign and return to school. Please return them to school by Friday 24th September.

On Friday 10th September we will be holding a Learning Powers Day. The children will split into house teams for the morning (after assembly). During the morning each team will have the opportunity to discuss the Learning Powers and design/suggest characters/representations for each Learning Power. Each team will create a concept for the Learning Powers. A final selection from the three team's designs will be made collectively as a school. Happy designing!

At present our school office will only be manned from 8.30am – 11.15am and 2.00pm until 3.30pm. Please try to only contact us during these times. At any other times the answer machine will be active and we will get back to you as soon as possible. I apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Miss M Raymond

Reminders;

Protocol for Parent/Carers and Children

- Use common sense and stay alert.
- **DO NOT** enter the school premises if you have symptoms.
- **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are displaying any of the symptoms.
- **DO NOT** enter the school buildings or classrooms without a prior appointment.
- Contact the school office **preferably** 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.

Attending School:

Attendance is compulsory unless:

- - Your child displays symptoms compatible with coronavirus. They should not attend and you are advised to book a test and self-isolate until at least the result of the test is received.
- -Your child is unwell. Parents/Carers **MUST** let the school office know if your child is not attending school.

This week's Proud Cloud:



Star of the week

We will be starting Star of the Week next week.

Across the school year the children selected will have been highlighted as great role models of our Christian Values.

Class Champions

We will be starting Class Champions next week. Children are selected from each class each week who have demonstrated our Learning Powers.

Good Learners **have;**

- they;**
- Persevere
- are **O**pen minded
- are **W**illing to take risks
- are **E**nthusiastic
- are **R**eflective
- Share what they learn

House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Find out next week!

House points totals for the end of the year:

Ruby:
Sapphire:
Emerald:

PE Star

A PE star will be selected each week from across the school.

Attendance:

This week: 97.2%
Summer term: 97.1%
2020-2021: 97%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Mon 6th Sept – YN+R First morning
Mon 6th Sept – Class 4 Parent Meeting 2.30pm
Tues 7th Sept – Class 3 Parent Meeting 2.30pm
Thu 9th Sept – Class 2 Parent Meeting 2.30pm
Fri 10th Sept – Learning Powers Day
Mon 13th Sept – New School Year Church Service
Fri 17th Sept – Flu Vaccinations (TBC)

INSET Days:

Thu 21st Oct
Fri 22nd Oct

Half Term:

Mon 25th Oct – Fri 29th Oct