



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist C of E
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: Friday 1st October

**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,

Next week we will be introducing our first Parent/Pupil workshops. A parent/carer for each child is invited to join them in class for half an hour to learn alongside them. This will give you the opportunity to find out how the subject is taught, strategies for supporting at home and learn more about expectations in that area. Our first workshops are English based. We look forward to seeing you back in school, enjoying some learning alongside your children. The dates for each class are set out below (under key dates).

To Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022, the government has given additional Bank Holiday dates in the first week of June. The dates fall in our normal half term break. Because of this the Department for Education, after consultation with teaching unions, have instructed schools to close for one day, on a day of the schools choice, to compensate staff. Finchingfield will be closed to pupils on Tuesday 7th June to fulfil this. Please make sure that your diary is updated.

Next Friday we will be holding our annual Harvest Church Service. I am very pleased to be able to invite you to join us. The service starts at 9.30am. We are collecting for Braintree Foodbank, again this year. Please see the attachment for further details of items. Our boxes will be out in the gazebo from Monday 4th Oct until Friday 8th Oct, in the mornings.

Reverend Alex will be holding St John the Baptist's Church Harvest Festival service for Finchingfield on Sunday 3rd October at 11am. There will be activities aimed specifically at younger members of the congregation, and those coming are invited, if they are able, to bring harvest gifts which will be donated to Braintree foodbank.

We are still interested in hearing from anybody who would like to join our lunchtime team, so please get in contact and share with others you think might like the opportunity.

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: Class 4



Star of the week



Class Champions



House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 337
Sapphire: 367
Emerald: 365

House points totals for the end of the year:

Ruby: 221
Sapphire: 242
Emerald: 235

PE Star



Attendance:

This week: 91.7%
Summer term: 97.1%
2020-2021: 97%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Mon 4th Oct – Class 2 Parent/Pupil English Workshop 9-9.30am
Tues 5th Oct – Class 3 Parent/Pupil English Workshop 9-9.30am
Wed 6th Oct – Class 4 Parent/Pupil English Workshop 9-9.30am
Fri 8th Oct – Harvest Festival 9.30am
Wed 20th Oct – Open Door 3pm

INSET Days:
Thu 21st Oct
Fri 22nd Oct

Half Term:
Mon 25th Oct – Fri 29th Oct