



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE  
Primary Academy  
Newsletter* Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**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,

The children and staff had a fantastic time at the Pantomime on Wednesday. Our thanks to the Villager magazine for funding this trip for the school. The children were impeccable ambassadors for the school, and made everyone proud!

I know many of you will have heard that a number of schools are cancelling Christmas events – I have every intention on continuing with all our celebrations. Under the new Government guidance I will however need to ask anyone entering school premises to wear a face covering. The Government are also recommending that anyone intending on coming into school undertakes a LFT beforehand.

We have a very busy week next week, with lots of festive fun!

You are all invited to join us on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am for our Christmas Church Service. Class 1 will be performing their Nativity to their family on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. The children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers over their school uniform on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December for our Christmas Dinner. Please remember to book Christmas Dinner ASAP as Great Bardfield require the numbers in advance. Then on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December we are holding our second House Teams Day, where the children will spend the morning with their house teams. The children are invited to attend school in Non-Uniform on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – with a splash of their house team colour where possible. We will then be ending the week with our Open Door session at 3pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, where you are all invited into school to have a look at the children's learning.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
*Miss M Raymond*

Reminders;

The Primary School Reception admission round has opened for parents of children applying for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2022. The statutory national closing date for applications is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). All the application information is available on the website. You can also find a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2022-23 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories (containing details of all admission policies) on the website.

**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 3**



**Star of the week**



**Class Champions**



**House Points**

**This week's house points across the school:**

Ruby: 124  
Sapphire: 111  
Emerald: 120

**House points totals for the end of the year:**

Ruby: 1,084  
Sapphire: 1,088  
Emerald: 1,086

**PE Star**



**Attendance:**

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

**Key Dates:**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Church Service  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – House Teams Day  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Open Door 3pm  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – First day of the Spring Term  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Jan – Class 4 Parent/Pupil Maths workshop 9am  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – Class 3 Parent/Pupil Maths workshop 9am  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Class 2 Parent/Pupil Maths workshop 9am

**Christmas Break:**  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec –  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan