



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: Friday 17th 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,

What a fun filled week we have had here at school. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Church Service on Monday, it was lovely to see so many of you. The children all made us proud with their different contributions to the service, well done to them all and our thanks to Rev. Alex for holding the service.

Class 1 performed an amazing nativity on Monday afternoon to their families. They were all incredible! Thank you to Mrs Nixon and Mrs Potter for all their patience and hard work in creating such a magical event.

The introduction of 'Plan B' from the Government has had a minimal impact on our procedures at school. The NHS Test and Trace service will continue to undertake all the contact tracing and will contact any relevant families. The new guidelines require any close contacts to undertake daily LFD test, with no requirement to self-isolate or undertake a PCR test unless someone displays symptoms or has a positive LFD test. The Government recommends that families continue to undertake regular LFD tests during the holidays. If there are any changes to our procedures before the start of the new term you will be informed via our ParentPay email system.

Congratulations to our Head of School Award winners for this term; Alicia, Karter, Elena-Rae and Layla.

Which just leaves me to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their dedication, support and care and another huge thank you to yourselves for your understanding and support.

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and a wonderful New Year,

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 15th January 2022. From Monday 8th November 2021, applications can be made online via 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.
- Whilst inside school premises parents/carers **MUST** wear a face covering.

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

The children in Class 4 have been creating animations about fair trade.

Well done to Class 4.

Budding film makers in progress!



Star of the week



Class Champions



House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 109
Sapphire: 112
Emerald: 115

House points totals for the end of the year:

Ruby: 1,193
Sapphire: 1,200
Emerald: 1,201

PE Star



Attendance:

This week: 97%
Autumn term: 93%
2020-2021: 97%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Tues 4th Jan – First day of the Spring Term
Tues 11th Jan – Class 4 Parent/Pupil Maths workshop 9am
Wed 12th Jan – Class 3 Parent/Pupil Maths workshop 9am
Thurs 13th Jan – Class 2 Parent/Pupil Maths workshop 9am
Fri 11th Feb – Open Door 3pm
Thu 3rd Mar – Learning Conferences 3.30pm-8pm
Fri 18th Mar – Charity Day
Wed 23rd Mar – Class 2 Performance
Fri 1st Apr – House Teams Day
Fri 1st Apr – Open Door 3pm

Christmas break:
Mon 20th Dec –
Mon 3rd Jan

Half term:
Mon 14th Feb –
Fri 18th Feb