



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist C of E
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: Friday 19th November

**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,

This week Class One have been exploring different feelings through the book called "The Colour Monster". Class Two have continued their dinosaur topic, creating pictures of dinosaur skeletons. Class Three are enjoying their new topic of 'Hocus Pocus' and have started work on writing their own story books. In Class Four they have been discussing fair trade and have been very interested in the recent COP26. Look out Boris you have some very emotive letters heading your way! You can find out more about what your child has been learning by exploring the class blogs.

Essex Libraries Services will be launching their Winter Reading Challenge on Saturday 27 November 2021 and all children and their families are invited to take part. Please see the attachment for more details.

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.

If you know anyone who will be applying for a Reception school place for September 2022 please let them know they are welcome to visit the school, so please ask them to get in contact and we will arrange a visit.

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: 102
Sapphire: 100
Emerald: 98

House points totals for the end of the year:

Ruby: 769
Sapphire: 757
Emerald: 786

PE Star



Attendance:

This week: 94.7%
Summer term: 97.1%
2020-2021: 97%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Wed 8th Dec – Whole school Panto trip
Mon 13th Dec – Christmas Church Service
Wed 15th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 15th Dec – Christmas Dinner
Fri 17th Dec – House Teams Day
Fri 17th Dec – Open Door 3pm

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