



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE*  
*Primary Academy*  
**Newsletter** Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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,

It was great to welcome you to our first Parent/Pupil workshops this week. Thank you to those who were able to attend. They will have provided a snippet of insight into how English is approached in your child's class. If you have any questions, please feel free to catch your child's class teacher.

On Friday we held our annual Harvest Church Service. It was a pleasure to see all the children involved and so many families in attendance. A true sense of community. A thank you from us and Braintree Foodbank, for all your very generous donations.

As many of you will be aware, we have had some positive cases within our school community. We ask that you are all vigilant and take care of yourselves and your families. Please refer to our guidance note, sent out earlier this week, for the procedures to follow. I would encourage anyone who is contacted by NHS test and trace to follow their recommendations and would remind you that if anyone in the household shows symptoms or has a positive lateral flow the whole household should go for PCR tests.

A reminder that our school office is currently only manned from 8.30am - 11.15am and 2.00pm - 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 well,  
*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.

**Key Dates:**

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Open Door 3pm  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Panto visit

INSET Days:  
Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Oct  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Half Term:  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct