

Finchingfield St John the
Baptist C of E Primary
Academy

Class 2

HANDBOOK FOR
PARENTS/CARERS

2022-2023

Welcome to class 2.

Learning Powers

We teach all of the children to be good learners and to build their learning powers.

Good Learners **have;**

they;

Persevere

are **O**pen minded

are **W**illing to take risks

are **E**nthusiastic

are **R**eflective

Share what they learn

Uniform

The school uniform comprises of

- A white shirt or polo shirt,
- An optional house tie (in house colours)
- A grey sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts and checked summer dress. Skirts should be pleated or A-line and of knee length.
- Black shoes.

*shirts should be tucked in to and from school and whilst at school. The school uniform should be worn with pride.

Nail polish, jewellery, make up and mobile telephones are not permitted. Smart watches should not be worn at school.

For your child's safety, NO jewellery should be worn (other than stud earrings which MUST BE REMOVED FOR PE) and long hair securely tied up.

For PE, pupils require

- A T-shirt (in house colours)
- Plain black shorts
- Black trainers/plimsolls.

These should be kept in a bag on your child's peg at all times.

During the winter months, pupils may wear a black tracksuit for PE.

All items of uniform and PE kit **MUST** be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Stud earrings and a watch are the only jewellery permitted (except SOS identification)

It is a child's responsibility to remove and look after their own valuables.

Essex Health and Safety rules require that all jewellery to be removed for PE learning. It does not allow for taping of earrings any longer and any worn must be removed by the pupil. If your child cannot remove earrings themselves then please do so for them before they come to school on PE days.

Football shirts and other kit are not permitted.

If you would like School uniform with our logo on you can be ordered through the School Trends website; www.schooltrends.co.uk

Art Apron

Please provide your child with a clearly labelled old shirt for art lessons. This will stay in school all year for the children to use in every art activity. If your child does not bring an apron, they will get messy.

Water bottles

Every child requires a clear plastic water bottle.

Only clear plastic water bottles containing water are permitted.

Expectations

Your child will be challenged by an adult if they do not conform to the standards above. **Please do not put your child in a compromising position.**

Teacher Communication

Feel free to catch me after school any day. If you urgently need to get a message to me in the mornings please contact the school office.

Clubs

A range of after school clubs will be available throughout the school year. You will be informed of these as and when they become available.

Reading

The children will be encouraged to, independently, change their reading book once they have finished reading it to an adult at home. Initially, children will be supported to undertake changing their own reading book.

Each class base has their own set of reading books, as well as the opportunity to use the school Library. On some occasions, your child might bring home a reading book from outside of their usual reading level. Children will be encouraged to read a book more than once, whilst they build up a range of skills including fluency, comprehension skills and expression.

Homework

The children should be reading at home daily. They might bring home a selection of Phonics activities and creative learning opportunities every so often. These will be sent out to you via ParentPay or the children's bookbags.

Important dates

In the Summer Term Year 2 will undertake their SATs and Year 1 will undertake a Phonics Screening Check.

Accelerated Reader – Year 3-6

In school, we have an online system that enables children to take a quiz on their reading book to assess their understanding of the text. Children are expected to read at school and home. Once the book has been completed they are asked to quiz, at the next available opportunity, at school. When they have quizzed, children then select another reading book from the library. Children are also encouraged to read their own books from home and quiz them at school (if a quiz is available). It is expected that children will quiz at least weekly.

Sometimes children in year 2 will also access Accelerated Reader. Children will only access Accelerated Reader when it is appropriate for the individual, regardless of year group.

Healthy Schools

As a healthy school, we are provided with a healthy snack from the Local Authority for children in Class 1 and 2. Children therefore should not bring their own snack.

Learning

Autumn First Half Term

Theme: Me, Myself and I

General description: This topic focuses on the children, their interests, their families, keeping themselves healthy and their own and families past.

Autumn Second Half Term

Theme: Follow the Star

General description: This topic will focus on the Christmas story.

Spring Term

Theme: Let's Play

General description: Children will explore toys, past, present and future.

Summer First Half Term

Theme: Down in the Jungle

General description: The children will be exploring habitats, looking at both plants and animals.

Summer Second Half Term

Theme: Oh, we do like to be beside the sea

General description: This topic mainly focuses on the exploration of materials and having fun in the sun (safely!).