

Finchingfield St John the
Baptist C of E Primary
Academy

Class 3

HANDBOOK FOR
PARENTS/CARERS

2022-2023

Welcome to class 3.

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.

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

In order to best support the children, it is important to have clear and open communication. I will be happy to arrange a meeting with parents or carers at an appropriate time after school. You can schedule this through an email to the office, or at collection time after school has finished.

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

In class the children will be reading and taking part in activities to enrich their reading skills every day. Ensuring that the children are given the opportunity to read or be read to everyday at home will support their progress and their reading logs should be filled in each time they have read.

Some children may choose to read both their own book from home and a book that has been chosen at school.

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.

Homework

A choice of 5 topic based learning activities will be given to your child at the start of each term. The children will be expected to complete these in whichever order they choose over the term. The tasks will be specifically designed to support and enrich the learning that we are doing in class.

The children will be provided with a 'home work journal' in which the work they complete will be displayed.

Routines

PE: The children will usually have two PE sessions a week, but they will need to have their kit with them each day. As long as it is safe to do so, PE will be undertaken in all weather. I advise giving your child an additional plastic bag to put their trainers / plimsolls in for when it is wet so as not to get their other clothes wet.

Reading books: As soon as a reading book has been finished it can be returned to school and placed in the return book box in the class & changed at an appropriate point in the day.

Important dates

Year 4 will undertake a Multiplication Check in the Summer Term.

Healthy Schools

As a healthy school, we request that children bring a healthy snack for break time. This will be monitored and your child may not be allowed to eat the snack provided if deemed unhealthy (i.e. no sweets, cakes, chocolate etc).

Learning

Autumn First Half Term

Theme: Off With Their Heads!

The Terrible Tudors, key characters, events and past times from this period of history.

Autumn Second Half Term

Theme: Super Sports

Exploration of both traditional and some less well known sporting and leisure activities, heroic men and women involved with them, and the impacts they have on the human body and society.

Spring First Half Term

Theme: Truly Scrumptious.

Food glorious food, how different items are made, where it comes from, what it does for our bodies, differences between cultures and countries.

Spring Second Half Term

Theme: Marvellous Medicine

The importance of Doctors, nurses and different medical professionals, how things have changed over time, different illnesses, disabilities and how humans are protected and helped.

Summer First Half Term

Theme: Hocus Pocus

Mysterious magical beings and wonders of the world, myths, legends and fairy tales.

Summer Second Half Term

Theme: Shiver me Timbers.

All aboard, hoist the main sail and aye aye to the captain to learn all about the life of a pirate and their adventures.