

Finchingfield St John the
Baptist C of E Primary
Academy

Class 4

HANDBOOK FOR
PARENTS/CARERS

2022-2023

Welcome to class 4.

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

I am available after school on Monday and Thursday only, at any other time please email/telephone the office and I will get back to you ASAP or please feel free to catch me at drop off or collection.

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

Children will read at various times of the day (this may not always be their reading book) and when they have finished their book they will be required to complete a quiz. When the quiz is completed, they will change their reading book, independently, with advice offered about a variety of books and their choice. As books can be quite long they may have the same book over a sustained period, but reading at home every day is an expectation. We will visit Finchingfield Community Library every half term for the children to have the opportunity to choose a book from a different selection.

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.

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

Children are expected to read every day for at least 15 minutes. They also need to continue to recount number facts and spelling patterns regularly, for example practise times table knowledge twice a week. Each half term a list of theme-based creative activities will be available for the children to complete.

Routines

Children will participate in P.E. activities every Tuesday and Thursday. P.E. kit must be worn and jewellery removed in preparation of these activities. However, a P.E. kit should be available at all times during school time as we may change our P.E. days according to weather or other reasons.

Important dates

SATs will be the week beginning Monday 9th May 2022.

Year 6 residential is week beginning 26th September 2022.

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: Our World: Our Future

General description: We will look at climate change, the rainforests and share the book Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer.

Autumn Second Half Term

Theme: Evacuation and Bombs

General description: We will share recounts from children who were evacuated, design an Anderson shelter and share the book Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll and Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo.

Spring First Half Term

Theme: Raging Rivers

General description: We will share the book Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson and look at the features of rivers, how we use them and how erosion affects the land around river banks.

Spring Second Half Term

Theme: Magnificent Mountains

General description: We will look at how mountains are formed, features and mountain travel, we will share the book Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

Summer First Half Term

Theme: Let us entertain you

General description: We will look at how movies, television, football and holidays have changed over the years and how young people spent their leisure time in the 1960s. We will share the book There's a boy in the girl's bathroom by Louis Sachar.

Summer Second Half Term

Theme: Magnificent Me

General description: We will look at life processes and living things and share the book Wonder by R.J. Palacio.