



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist CofE  
Primary Academy  
Newsletter* Date: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**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 the children in Class 1 have been thinking about their families and creating family portraits. Class 2 have been learning to add and subtract using a numberline and writing about 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea.' Class 3, along with Class 4 children not on residential, have been exploring 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Don't forget that you can find out more on the class blogs.

Next week we are holding our first Parent/Pupil workshops for this year. These workshops are an opportunity for you to come into school and undertake some learning activities alongside your child. Many of the activities shared in the session are ones you can also use at home. The workshops start at 9am.

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Class 2

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Class 3

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Class 4

Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Class 1

It is World Mental Health Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October so we will be going on our Walk and Talk around the village that morning. The children will be able to walk with children of their choosing and chat as we walk from school, round the church down to the duck pond and up to the playing field.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October we are undertaking a new celebration called "Just One Tree Day". It is a day designed to help schools to build a greener future and support children with understanding the importance of our natural world. On the day the children are encouraged to bring in a suggested donation of £1 to fund the planting of a tree. The children are welcome to attend school in non-uniform and will undertake a range of activities linked to the environment and the natural world. Every £1 plants a tree, imagine how many trees we could plant!

We will be holding our annual Harvest Church Service on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend. For Harvest this year we will be collecting donations for the Braintree Foodbank. Attached is a poster outlining requests for the most needed items.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

*Miss M Raymond*

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*Community News*

The school PTA are holding a quiz night on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. More details to follow.

### This week's Proud Cloud: Class 1



### Star of the week



### House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 167  
Sapphire: 171  
Emerald: 156

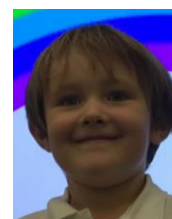
House points totals this term:

Ruby: 562  
Sapphire: 588  
Emerald: 539

### Class Champions



### PE Star



### Attendance:

This week: 94.1%  
Last Academic Year: 92.5%  
School Target: 95%

### Key Dates:

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Class 2 Parent/Pupil Reading Workshop 9am  
Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Class 3 Parent/Pupil Reading Workshop 9am  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Class 4 Parent/Pupil Reading Workshop 9am  
Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Class 1 Parent/Pupil Phonics Workshop 9am  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Walk and Talk 9.30am  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Just One Tree Day  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Church Service 9.30am  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Open Door 3pm

INSET Days:  
Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Half Term:  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

If at any time you would like to discuss something with the Governing Body, please feel free to contact the Acting Vice Chairs: Catherine Emmett/Michael Mitchell. They can be contacted via the school office or directly at the school gate.