

Finchingfield St John the
Baptist C of E Primary
Academy

Class 2

**HANDBOOK FOR
PARENTS/CARERS**

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; **P**ersevere

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,
- A house tie (in house colours) - optional
- A grey sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey or black 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 and make up are not permitted.

For your child's safety, NO jewellery should be worn (other than stud ear rings 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 would usually be kept in a bag on your child's peg at all times.

During the winter months, pupils may wear a 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 is 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 remain in school.

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

Please feel free to catch us at collection time for small queries.

We are available after school, except for Wednesdays due to Staff Meetings, to discuss any concerns.

Clubs

Under the current circumstance no after school clubs will be taking place.

All children will have an opportunity within school to participate in 'Club time' – a weekly session allowing them to explore different club type activities within the school day.

Reading

Due to guidance concerning Coronavirus risks, home/school reading is slightly different at the moment.

When there are no restrictions, children have a school reading book which they take home to read every night and bring to school for an adult to read with them at least once a week.

At present children are not allowed to bring their home reading books into the classroom. When their home reading book is finished, they put it in a box for us to sanitise and choose a new one to take home. This should be done when they come into the classroom in the morning.

Accelerated Reader

In school, we have an on-line 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).

At present, each class base has their own set of reading books, whilst the Library is out of bounds. This means that each class has a limited number of books for each stage of reading within their class. On occasion, your child might therefore bring home a reading book from outside of their usual reading level. Please be patient with us whilst we follow the procedures for safe reading at school and home.

Homework

The most important thing the children can do at home is to read every day and discuss the book they are reading with an adult.

Practising times tables is also expected.

On occasions the children are given a Lucky Listener project. This involves the children taking home, a poem or passage to read to as many people as they can. Every Lucky Listener signs the poem or passage. Although this is not possible at this time.

The children would also sometimes be asked to do some topic related research or complete a relevant diary. Unfortunately this also cannot take place in the usual manner at the moment, however please feel free to undertake similar activities at home (without sending it into school at this time).

Routines

- On arrival at school children have “morning tasks” which can be spellings, handwriting, maths revision or mindfulness activities
- They are expected to change their reading book during this time if they need to
- PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays

Important dates

- Year 2 will be undertaking their Phonic Screening Check, that was postponed during lockdown, during the Second Half of the Autumn Term
- Year 4 will be undertaking a Multiplication Check in June 2021

Learning

Autumn First Half Term

Theme: Telling Tales

We will be reading a variety of “tales” from Fairy stories to Greek Myths and Legends and Aesop Fables, which will be used to teach comprehension and grammar. Alongside this we will be studying some of the historical period in which they were “written” with particular emphasis on how the Ancient Greeks affect our lives today.

Autumn Second Half Term

Theme: Telling Tales

For the first few weeks of the second half term we will continue the Traditional Tales theme, but as Christmas approaches we will be concentrating on the Christian Christmas story.

Spring Term

Theme: Inventive Victorians

This term we will be studying the Victorians, concentrating on inventions and how life in Victorian times affected our life today. We will also be studying some British Designers from the era.

Summer Term

Theme: Sporting Heroes

As the Olympics is due to take place Summer 2021, we will learn about Sporting heroes, hark back to what we learnt about the Ancient Greeks in Autumn term to reflect on the fact the Olympics originated in Ancient Greece and compare life in Japan to life in the UK today.

If the Olympics are cancelled we may change this topic to support the children’s understanding.