



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist C of E
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: 20th November 2020

**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,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, including the children, for your continued support and understanding during this period. I know that school life is not completely back to normal yet however wherever possible we are endeavouring to ensure the impact is not felt by yourselves or the children. A huge thank you must also go to all the staff, who are going above and beyond to keep the children safe and the school open, often undertaking duties beyond their job roles.

Below is a reminder of key information particularly relevant to you and your child(ren).

Attending School:

Attendance is compulsory unless:

- Your child displays symptoms compatible with coronavirus. They **should not attend** and are advised to self-isolate. Their fellow household members should also self-isolate, this includes all siblings.
- A fellow household member is displaying symptoms and/or tested positive with coronavirus. They **should not attend** and are advised to self-isolate.
- Your child is unwell (not coronavirus related). Parents/carers **MUST** let the school office know in the usual way.

Protocol for Parent/Carers and Children

- Use common sense and stay alert.
- **Only ONE** parent/carer can escort a child to school, if they cannot walk to school on their own. This **should** be a parent/carer or childcare support.
- **DO NOT** enter the school premises if you have symptoms.
- **DO NOT** enter the school buildings or classrooms without a prior appointment.
- **DO NOT** gather at school gates and classroom doors – always keep a social distance.
- **Please** wear a face mask when escorting a child to and from school.
- Contact the school office **ONLY** by phone or email.
- Children and visitors **MUST** wash hands on arrival and departure, using either soap or hand sanitiser. This will be repeated frequently throughout the day.
- Children **ONLY** need to bring their book bag, reading book (for changing purposes only), coat, hat, water bottle and lunch (where appropriate) to school.

I would like to remind you all that our open door policy is still in place. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher they are available, so please feel free to catch them during drop-off and collection times or contact the office (telephone 01371 810423 or email office@finchingfieldacademy.com) to request a meeting.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. *Miss M Raymond*

Please note: Primary School (Reception) admission applications opened on **Monday 9th November 2020**, for parents/carers to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year starting in September 2021. The national statutory closing date for these applications is **Friday 15th January 2021**. All applications should be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2021 **must** make an application online not directly to the school.

Attendance:

This week: 98%
Last half term: 97.2%
School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Fri 20th Nov - Individual Photos
Mon 14th Dec – Christmas Church Service

Christmas Break:
Mon 21st Dec – Fri 1st Jan (Mon
4th Jan – INSET day)

This week's Proud Cloud: Class 1



Star of the week



House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 169
Sapphire: 165
Emerald: 160

House points so far this term:

Ruby: 1007
Sapphire: 922
Emerald: 850

Class Champions

