



Finchingfield St John the Baptist C of E
Primary Academy
Newsletter Date: 27th 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,

This week Class 1 have been busy starting to rehearse the Nativity. Unfortunately it is highly unlikely we will be able to invite parents, carers or family in to watch, however we felt it was an important part of the children's school experience and should not be missed! Class 1 will perform to a socially distanced Class 2 and then Class 3 audience. We would like to record the performance to share with Class 1 families only, so please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this. Meanwhile Class 3 have been creating some amazing shelters in Design Technology. You can find some examples in the proud cloud section below. Whilst Class 2 have been particularly enjoying their Music sessions (Class 3 are very jealous when they hear the music playing down the corridor) and their class book 'The Worst Witch'.

I must thank you again for your support and understanding with our procedures. I will continue to review all procedures regularly, we are expecting further updated guidance in relation to the end of the second lockdown and updated tier information. I will keep you informed of any relevant changes as, when and if they occur.

Below is a reminder of the current attendance guidelines.

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.

Our open door policy will remain in place, throughout. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher 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.

As the weather starts to turn colder please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, and for possible changes in the weather during the day. A reminder that all gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am in the mornings.

Thank you for your very generous donations on Charity day. The children have chosen to send the donation, £60 raised, to Children in Need.

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:

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 3



Star of the week



House Points

This week's house points across the school:

Ruby: 138
Sapphire: 141
Emerald: 138

House points so far this term:

Ruby: 1145
Sapphire: 1063
Emerald: 988

Class Champions

