



*Finchingfield St John the Baptist C of E
Primary Academy
Newsletter* Date: 5th 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 hope you had a great half term.

It is Safety Week in school this week. The children have been exploring a range of different areas such as online safety, road safety, the PANTS rule, keeping safe at home, fire safety and learning about Bonfire Night. Safety is something on all our minds at the moment, including the children's, and something which is important to explore with them. Keeping ourselves and others safe has been highlighted even more this year.

As we enter the next national lockdown, risks are being managed carefully in school to keep your children and families as safe as possible. If any positive local cases emerge and compromise our school safety measures, I will inform you by letter through our e-mail system (ParentPay), otherwise it is business as usual at school and the great learning at Finchingfield Academy continues.

Our ParentPay system went live on Monday 2nd November 2020. Sorry for any inconvenience some of the teething difficulties of a new system have created. All school meals must be ordered in advance via ParentPay. If you have any difficulties or questions please do get in touch.

Our email contact details have also changed. If contacting the school via email please use office@finchingfieldacademy.com

We are also in the process of creating a new school website. This website will include a blog facility for each class, providing a platform for keeping parents/carers updated in more detail on what the children are learning in school. We've all heard the common response when asked 'What've you been learning in school today' – 'nothing' and therefore as a school we are keen for parents/carers to have more information, in real time. The blogs will be a useful prompt for conversations, highlight how certain topics are being taught in school and provide additional information on how to support learning at home.

We are continuing to review systems currently in place in school and are aware that COVID has provided some challenges with regards to resources, particularly reading books at time, and communication. **However** please bear with us whilst we build our capacity, create new systems and feel free to pop us an email, call or catch a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns.

On Sunday The Royal British Legion will be placing a wreath at Finchingfield memorial on the schools behalf, as services are currently not able to take place. A big thank you to them from us.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. *Miss M Raymond*

Attendance:

This week: 96%

School Target: 95%

Key Dates:

Wed 11th Nov 3.30-5.30pm Parent
Consultations
Thurs 12th Nov 3.30-5.30pm Parent
Consultations

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: 65
Sapphire: 60
Emerald: 56

House points so far this term:

Ruby: 743
Sapphire: 661
Emerald: 595

Class Champions

