



Fulmer Infant School

Autumn News 2014

School reopened on 4th September with building work for the school hall having started. The PA organized a welcome BBQ for all the 'old' families to welcome the new Reception families and everyone was ready for a very busy, fun-filled term.

Harvest

What a wonderful Harvest Festival. The singing was glorious and the poems were beautifully recited. Thank you to all the staff for preparing the children so well and to everyone who donated to the retiring collection for the MacMillan Cancer Research. We have sent a cheque for £112 to this very worthwhile charity.

Pizza Express

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Pizza Express in Gerrards Cross, as they designed their own pizzas and then had fun evaluating the product. Thank you to Mrs Mardell and Mrs Walker for organising the trip and to Mrs Haria-Skuse and Mrs Davey for helping on the day.

The Scarecrow's Wedding



Year 2 have been reading and writing about 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' by Julia Donaldson and had great fun dressing up as scarecrows as a stimulus for their writing.

The quality of their writing was stunning and the whole day was just wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Mardell and Mrs Walker for being so creative and for giving the children such a memorable learning experience.

The Hall

The hall's site manager, Mike, led an assembly describing the range of materials needed to construct the hall. The children were enthralled and asked very sensible and interesting questions. Once the roof is on the building, Mike will be taking small groups of children with their teacher into the hall to further describe how it is built.

All site workers have DBS checks.



Other building work

County has offered to refurbish all the school's toilets and the work should start this half term. The school has also been awarded a grant for a new outside climbing frame and safe surface area and this work will be done over the Spring half term. The area under the canopy outside Reception will also be resurfaced with a soft, safe material, this work will be funded by the school and will also be completed during the Spring half term.

Sponsored Walk

Christabel has now received all the sponsored walk money which totaled just over £600. Thank you so much to Christabel for organising the event and to all the families who helped to raise the money. However the biggest thanks must go to the children who completed the walk:

Remembrance Service

We had our own Remembrance Service in school and the children were very respectful as they observed a minute's silence. The builders also observed a minute's silence so the whole site was silent. Thank you to Mrs Mardell who led the assembly. Past and present children of the school also took part in a production in St James' church in remembrance of those who died in WW1 and WW2. The children joined adults in the community and sang songs and read poems very movingly in remembrance.

Science Museum trip

Year 1 had an absolutely wonderful trip to the Science Museum in London. These trips are invaluable as they enrich the children's learning with memorable experiences. Thank you to Mrs Bhatti and Mrs Parrett for organizing the trip and to Mrs Day and Mrs Houghton for helping on the day.

Outstanding

Thank you for all you kind comments regarding our 'outstanding' Ofsted judgement. If you haven't discovered the Ofsted report in your child's book bag or have mislaid it then please go onto the school's web for a good read! If you didn't read the letter which went out earlier in the week then please note my thanks to all governors and staff, the outcome was a result of a huge team effort.

Rhyme Rocket

The children had a wonderful afternoon earlier in the week with a superb workshop presented by two presenters from CBBC. The show was called 'Rhyme Rocket' and the children learned all about rhyming as they were well and truly entertained by the two amusing actors.



Cardigans and jumpers

Some of the cardigans and jumpers have lost their shape and I have been informed that this may be because these garments are being ironed, what a lovely excuse not to iron!!

Christmas post box

Our Christmas post box will be up and running on Monday 8th December. This is an opportunity for children to send each other (and the staff!) Christmas cards.

I am sure that you will be sensitive and ensure that children are not left out. On this note may I ask you to hand out birthday party invitations to parents if you are not inviting the whole class, some children can be very upset if they are publically excluded. Thank you.

Nativity concert

There are two Nativity concerts, the first is at 10am on Tuesday 16th December for the whole school and the second production is at 6pm on Wednesday 17th December. Both concerts are at St James' church here in Fulmer and as space is severely restricted, we issue 3 tickets per family.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for bringing in toys and books for the children to buy and raise money for that very special charity, Children in Need. Thank you to Mrs Mardell and Mrs Walker for organizing the sale.

Excellent Health and Safety audit

I spent a gruelling three hours with a health and safety inspector who was very rigorous with her inspection and I am very pleased to inform you that the school was rated as '**excellent**' in terms of health and safety with the great score of **94%!!**

Faustin Charles



The children were thoroughly entertained last week when Faustin Charles, a children's author, retold the children stories from some of his books. If you are stuck for a present then I know that your children would love a copy of his book, 'The Selfish Crocodile'.

Chalfont Academy Production

Year 2 children had an enjoyable afternoon at Chalfont Academy when they watched their Christmas production and saw some of their friends from Fulmer who are now very grown up in Year 3.

Christmas Colouring Competition

Gerrards Cross Bookshop would like to thank all the children for taking part in their Christmas Colouring Competition. The staff reported that they 'absolutely loved looking through all the fantastic entries' and have chosen Kaitlynn as one of their winners. Congratulations Kaitlynn and enjoy spending your book token prize.

Radio 87.7 FM

Please tune into 87.7 FM next Wednesday between 1 pm and 2 pm when some Year 2 children will be hosting a show from a studio in Amersham. The Year 2 children back at school will have the opportunity to phone in with requests. This is a major fundraising event for the street children in Honduras who attend our link school, AFE. Last year the show raised £12,000!!!