

FULMER INFANT SCHOOL **AUTUMN TERM NEWS 2015**



Coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Research



What a wonderful morning! The hall was so beautifully decorated and it was so lovely to see so many families enjoying themselves and raising money for such a great cause. Thank you for all the delicious cakes and your most generous donations, we raised nearly £500 for this excellent charity. Thank you also to all the staff for all their hard work preparing for the event especially to Mrs Mardell and Mrs Walker and to all the children in Year 2 who did a splendid job serving the cakes.



Harvest Festival

What a delightful concert. The children sang so beautifully and read their poems with such expression. Thank you to all the staff for preparing the children so well. Thank you also to the PA for organising the coffee beforehand which, with the retiring church collection, raised just over £50 for the Jeans for Genes charity. All the produce you all so kindly brought to the school has been gratefully received by SHOC, a charity in Slough which supports the homeless and deprived.

English and Mathematics presentations

Mrs Mardell, (English leader), and I, (Mathematics Leader), with technical support from Mrs Bhatti, (Computing leader), gave presentations to parents and carers in Years 1 and 2 advising them how they can best support their children at home with English and Maths. There was a very good turnout to both workshops and feedback was very positive so I hope that you all found the advice useful.

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bag2school fund raising event and to Mrs Trossel for organising the event and Mrs Hear for shadowing Mrs Trossel and who will take over the management of this twice annual event next year. We made £120 which will be spent on your children. Please start collecting now for the next Bag2school in the Summer term.

Gold award

Congratulations to Isobel Dorling for all her hard work which culminated in her achieving the Gold award for the school travel plan which is the highest award possible. Thank you from everyone here at Fulmer Infant school.

Pizza Express

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Pizza Express last week where they designed, made and evaluated (ate!) their own pizzas. The staff at Pizza express complimented the children for their behaviour so well done to all the children and thank you to Mrs Mardell and Mrs Walker for organising the trip and to Mrs Tawni and Mrs Davey for helping on the day.

Halloween party

What a lovely party! All the children looked so frightening and it was a very difficult job judging the best girl and boy for being the most terrifying child and for designing the most gruesome pumpkin!!! Huge thanks to the PA for organising such a wonderful party.

Walk to School week

Thank you again to Mrs Davey for organising 'walk to school' week with Mrs Dorling and to all her band of volunteers. I hope the habit of walking and car sharing lasts longer than a week.

Year 2 Assembly

Now that we have the space for class assemblies in our wonderful school hall Year 2 led the way to celebrate what they have achieved in such a short space of time. A very big thank you to Mrs Mardell and Mrs Walker for producing such a wonderful class assembly for parents and carers. It was lovely to see so many parents attend. Year 1 will have an assembly for parents in the spring term and Reception will have their assembly for parents in the summer term.

Hot School meals

A heartfelt thanks to all the staff who worked so hard to ensure that the introduction of hot school meals went as smoothly as possible. There is now a very efficient system in place. Please could you support the staff by helping your children at home use a knife and fork and remembering to bring in a water bottle which must be filled daily. The children are enjoying the meals and, as we head towards winter, I hope that the meals will be even more welcome.

School Travel Plan

Thank you to Mrs Gill Davey (school governor) for chairing the School Travel plan meeting this week in the absence of Mrs Isobel Dorling who very kindly set the agenda. Items arising from the meeting are that more volunteers are needed for footsteps training and volunteers are needed from Year 2 and Reception to be members of the School Travel plan committee. The committee meets once a month and discusses any issues relating to travel to school. Footsteps training is delivered twice a year and trains Years 1 and 2 on how to use our roads safely. Footsteps trainers have to be trained before they deliver the training to the children so please let the office know as soon as possible if you would like to train the children in road safety which is so vitally important. All trainers are subject to DBS checks.

Mrs Mackinder

After Christmas Mrs McBride will be reducing her hours to four days a week and I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Mackinder will be joining us to teach Reception children every Friday. Mrs MacKinder has a wealth of experience in Early Years and has been judged by Ofsted to be an outstanding teacher.

Photos

Thank you to Mrs Coley for her efficient organising of the photo sessions. Please ensure that you return all the relevant paper work in time to order these memorable photos.

Wycombe Wanderers after school Football club

Last Tuesday was the last Wycombe Wanderers after school club for those of you who signed up in September. The next sessions will be in the school hall and will start next Tuesday 17th November. If you would like your child to continue, or start, this club then please complete the details on the following link: <http://bookonline.wwset.co.uk/fulmerblock2>

Parents' consultations

As usual these meetings were very well attended and I only heard positive feedback from parents and carers so thank you to all the teachers for preparing these important consultations.

Children in Need

The children celebrated Children in Need this year with a mufti day and raised **£103** for this great charity, thank you parents for your contributions.

Open Morning

Open morning was very well attended and the children sang their hearts out to prospective parents who were very impressed.

Remembrance Day



The whole school gathered together to reflect on the men and women who have died in conflicts across the world. Mrs Mardell led a very sensitive assembly and I was very proud of all the children who listened with marked respect and sat in silence for two minutes.

Diwali

Each class has been celebrating Diwali in their different ways and I hope you all had wonderful celebrations at home.

Drumming

The children had a fantastic drumming workshop last week. Everyone had the opportunity to play a drum and the sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff alike. The workshop was delivered free of charge by a local company, Venavi Drums Ltd, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly.



Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London and completed the topic by burning models of the bakery, a town house and St Paul's Cathedral – wonderful learning developing empathy skills for the people in the Great Fire of London. Thank you Mrs Mardell for such a creative idea.



Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the book fair which raised £50 in commission and will go towards purchasing grammar books.

Chanukah

Thank you to Mrs Smith, a former parent, for talking to the year 2 children about Chanukah – and for the delicious doughnuts she bought for all the children to celebrate the Jewish festival. Happy Chanukah!

Trip to Chalfont Academy

Year 2 had a fun afternoon last week when they visited Chalfont St Peter Academy to see their Christmas production. Thank you to Mrs Mardell for organising the trip and to Mrs Dickson and Mrs Bains for helping with the transport.

Christian display

Thank you to Phil Mann who led a Christian assembly this week. The Christian artefacts are now in the library replacing the Jewish display. These displays are regularly changed so that the children have the opportunity to learn about the different religions in our multi-cultural society. The next assembly and display will be celebrating Buddhism.

Christmas presents for children in AFE

The school council arranged a mufti day today to raise money to buy Christmas presents for the children in our link school AFE which is in Honduras. Thank you for supporting the school council and for raising £52.26. Mrs Coley will be arranging the transfer of funds so that presents can be bought in Honduras in time for Christmas.

Christmas Lunch and party

The children and staff had a wonderful Christmas lunch yesterday, thank you to members of the PA for serving the food which meant that the staff could enjoy the lunch as well. The children looked festive in their party clothes and hats and thoroughly enjoyed the games after lunchand a very special visitor came to give each child a present! This evening the PA have organized a film night for the children which they are all looking forward to.

Christmas cards

The Christmas post box has been open since Monday for children to send each other, and staff, Christmas cards. Please can I ask you to be sensitive and, if you don't want to send cards to everyone in the class make sure that it's not just one person who is excluded as this can cause great distress. Please ensure that the child's name and class is on the envelope. Thank you

Our Garden

I am thrilled to report that, as you can see below, our garden has now been redesigned. Thank you to the company, Anadarko, who kindly donated £1,000 to fund the work. We are also extremely lucky that our Chair of Governors, Mrs Sue Kirby, is a professional gardener and after Christmas will be volunteering every Friday to teach the children how to grow vegetables and flowers. The children thoroughly enjoy these afternoons and learn such a lot but Mrs Kirby needs help. You don't have to know anything about gardening but if you have can help on a Friday afternoon then please contact the office. All volunteers are subject to DBS checks.



Best wishes ,

Cathy

Mrs Cathy Hunt