

## Fulmer Infant School

### Spring News 2015



### Starlight Children's Foundation

Thank you for your wonderful generosity to the retiring collection after the two Nativity productions for the charity 'Starlight Children's Foundation'. This is a local charity which supports seriously and terminally ill children to achieve their dreams. The two collections raised a magnificent **£505.86** so thank you for making Christmas so special for these children.

### Radio Christmas

Several children from Year 2 had an amazing hour hosting Radio Christmas (a local radio show) on the Wednesday before we broke up. This was a fundraising activity for street children in Honduras, many of whom attend our link school, AFE. The radio show was organized by Duncan Dyason who is the director of our link school, AFE. The programme ran for two weeks, with several local schools involved, and raised over **£21,000!!!!**

### Nativity film

Mr Bains filmed the evening performance of the Nativity for Years 1 and 2 families and it is wonderful. There will be a charge of £5 for the film which will go towards much needed school funds. If you would like a copy then the easiest way is for you to bring a memory stick (MP4 format) to the school in an envelope labeled with your child's name and with £5 enclosed and then Mrs Bhatti and I will transfer the film. Please ensure there is ample space on your stick as the film is over 2GB. May I take this opportunity to thank Mr Bains for filming the production, especially as his daughter was ill that day and could not take part in the concert.

### The Hall update



At long last we have a wonderful hall! As you can see we also have an excellent climbing frame thanks to the generosity of the PA. The climbing frame folds back into the wall. We also have three 'wall pockets'. These are three long tables and benches where the children eat their lunches, they also fold back into the wall so there's more than ample space for PE. At the end of the hall there is a large interactive white board so that the children can have lessons in the hall

or watch a DVD during wet play and the stage is assembled ... so no more taking the stage up and down Alderbourne Lane!. At the front of the hall there is a disabled toilet and a small kitchen (yet to be kitted out with a fridge, cooker and dishwasher). If you would like to hire the hall then it will be available shortly after we have sorted out insurance etc.





## **PA**

Thank you again to the PA for donating so much money towards the hall and for purchasing the climbing frame which the children will have hours of fun on. Thank you also for agreeing to fund some crash mats and a crash mat trolley

## **The toilets update**

County have paid for the staff and girls' toilets to be up graded. Work will be completed on these toilets during half term.

## **Building work**

As you can see there has been more work completed for the school over half term to enhance the lives of all your children. There is a brand new outdoor climbing frame with a safe, soft surface and the ground under the canopy for the Reception children has also been resurfaced with a safer surface.



### **Fridge for the hall's kitchen**

A HUGE thank you to Mr and Mrs Seymour (Olivia's parents in Reception) for very generously donating a fridge for the kitchen in the school hall, thank you.

### **Frozen**

I have been asked by the parish council to let you know that the film 'Frozen' will be shown at 2pm this Saturday at St James' church in Fulmer. There will be refreshments and it should be a fun, family afternoon.

### **Cake sale for AFE**

Thank you so much for supporting the cake sale for our link school AFE, in Honduras. The sale raised **£129.48** which will go towards buying each child a book bag. Thank you also to our school council, especially Charlie Knight (Chair), Harley Dupree, (Treasurer) and Poppy Godfrey (Secretary), who helped organise the event.

### **World Book Day**

This was a wonderful morning. The children explored Julia Donaldson's stories enjoying a range of activities from craft to literacy to music. The school was split into four groups and it was delightful to see the older children helping the younger children. Several children told me that it was the best day ever!!!! Many thanks indeed to Mrs Mardell, the school's English leader, for organising such a great morning.

### **Science Club**

Thank you to Mrs McBride, the school's Science leader, for organising the after school science club for the Year 2 children. It was lovely to hear all the excitement as they had fun learning. Thank you also to Mrs Bird, Mrs Goodman (Wyatt's mother in Year 2) and Mrs Rajapakse (Thehan's mother in Year 2) for helping Mrs McBride.

## **Mothering Sunday**

What a perfectly charming morning all you mothers had today. The children sang with absolute joy and not all eyes were dry! Thank you so much to Mrs Walker and Mrs Bhatti for preparing such a gorgeous morning for all the children to say a big 'thank you' to their mothers.

## **AFE project**

Skyping our link school hasn't really worked because of the time difference so our PGCE student, Mrs Golding, has been working with our Year 2 children to put together a video of our school which will be sent to AFE. Mrs Golding is also a Spanish graduate so she has been teaching the children some Spanish. The children in Honduras will put together a video of their school and this will be our main way of communicating with each other. It is an exciting opportunity to learn about different cultures and learn a little Spanish!

## **Comic Relief**

Children and staff wore something red and brought in a £1 to raise money for comic relief. We raised £58 which Mrs Coley will send to this excellent charity.

## **Islamic Assembly**

Thank you so very much to Mrs Chaudry for delivering such an interesting assembly on Islam. You could hear a pin drop in the hall as the children listened so attentively and asked such sensible questions. The artefacts have now replaced a Christian display in the library which, in turn, replaced a Sikh display. In line with our equality objective I am keen for all the children to learn and respect different religions.



## **Footsteps Training**

Many thanks indeed to Isobel Dorling who organized the footsteps training for all the Year 1 children on Monday and to her band of helpers, Janet Goodman, Sarah Parry, Lucy Godfrey and Cindy Seymour. This training is so important to ensure the safety of the children on our roads.

### **Stranger danger, e-safety and road safety**

Thank you so much to Paul and Dee our local community police officers for delivering an assembly advising the children how to keep safe. The police covered topics such as stranger danger, e-safety and road safety emphasizing the need to wear a helmet when cycling. The children asked very sensible questions and it was a very worthwhile session.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

A very big thank you to our one and only Mrs Parrett who was a champion master (mistress?) of ceremonies for our Easter Bonnet Parade yesterday. All the children looked perfectly charming in their bonnets and hats and modeled them with such confidence. Thank you, too, to Mrs Bhatti and Mrs Walker for preparing the children's songs, the singing, as ever, was delightful. And a final thank you to all the staff who ensured that the afternoon was a triumph!

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The children had so much fun after the bonnet parade looking for eggs, a very big thank you to Lola, Cindy, Raj, Rajinder, Sharan, Rita, Gurpreet, Hazel and Henna for organizing the event.

### **Sunflower seeds**

Thank you so much to our Chair of Governors, Sue Kirby, for helping the children plant sun flower seeds and potatoes. The children have taken the sun flower seeds home, so please help your children nurture them as the plants will be entered into a competition at the Stoke Poges horticultural show – the taller the better!