



## Fulmer Infant School

### SUMMER NEWS 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and I do hope that you all had a very good break and have returned to school refreshed and ready for yet another busy and rewarding term.

#### **Outstanding!**

I am thrilled to inform you that just before the Easter holidays two advisers from Buckinghamshire County Council spent time in the school observing teaching, scrutinising data and interviewing myself, Sue Kirby (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Mardell (Literacy leader) and subsequently judged teaching to be overall **outstanding**, the progress that children make at school to be **outstanding** and the leadership and management of the school to be **outstanding**. This is a team effort and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for the excellent work they do for the school and your children, thank you, you are all very much appreciated.

I would like to share with you just a few comments from the advisers .... 'All pupils were making **rapid progress** throughout their lessons. The work produced was of a **high standard** that was **above national expectations**. Teachers use **highly successful strategies**.... Levels of **engagement and enjoyment are high**. Pupils concentrated well and their **behaviour was excellent** in all lessons seen.

Thank you once again to all the staff.

#### **The Hall**

As you are probably aware, we are moving forward with the construction of the school hall with the demolition of the HORSAs. The contract is now out to tender and it is hoped that building will commence in the Summer holidays. Weather permitting we should have a wonderful school hall after the Christmas holidays.

There were another number of jobs completed over the Easter holidays but most notably was the overhaul of the reading scheme and I do hope your children are enjoying all the new titles.

#### **Buckinghamshire UTC**

Buckinghamshire UTC has asked schools to advertise their newly opened college which specializes in computing and construction and offers a range of short Saturday workshops for adults for £50 per session. If you are interested please check their website for details

[www.buckinghamshireutc.co.uk/about-us/adult-learning](http://www.buckinghamshireutc.co.uk/about-us/adult-learning)

#### **Windsor Trip**

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Windsor Castle this week. Their topic for this term is 'Houses and Homes' so the trip was an excellent way to enhance their learning by looking at the intricate features

of the castle. Mrs Bhatti was extremely pleased with the children's attitude and behaviour and the children were great ambassadors for the school, well done Year 1.

Thank you to Mrs Goodman, who is the link Governor for this class, for helping on the day. As you can see the children had a charming time!

### **Knights of the Garter!!!!**



### **Fulmer Family Fun Day**

I hope that you all saw the leaflets for Fulmer Family Fun Day which went out in the children's book bags on Wednesday. If you didn't notice the details, it is this Monday from 1-5 pm on King George's field. Entry is free and there will be a range of activities from bouncy castles, BBQ and bar, Welly Wanging, Pony Rides, Cricket Training, Coconut Shy, Animal Corner and much, much more. This should be a lovely day out for the family – fingers crossed for good weather.

### **An opportunity to meet the Governors and ask questions about the school**

A reminder that there will be a short presentation about the year's events so far and an update about our finances and the school hall **next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**, here at school, from 7:30pm. The evening will be an informal one with refreshments and it will be an opportunity to meet the Governors and ask questions about the school. Invitations have also been sent to prospective parents. I look forward to seeing you then.

### **£405!!!!**

Congratulations to Wendy Trossel (Charles' mother in Year 2 and George and Sophia's mother in Reception) for organising the Bag2School and raising a fantastic **£405** for the school. Many, many thanks indeed and thank you to everyone who helped fill those bags!

## Living Eggs project



There is great excitement in the library as we are all thoroughly enjoying watching the chicks hatch thanks to the 'Living Eggs project'. It is wonderful to see the obvious enjoyment of your children as they watch the eggs cracking and see the chicks struggle out. Many, many thanks to the PA for funding the project, it is great learning for the children on so many levels. Mrs Bhatti is videoing all the births and we will put the film on the website, meanwhile if you'd like to see last year's chicks being born then scroll down the curriculum page on the school's website and click on the link.

## Green Flag

Thank you so much to Mrs McBride (Eco leader) and Janet Goodman (Eco Governor and Wyatt's mother in Year 1) for all your hard work in achieving the Green Flag award for the THIRD time! This is no mean achievement and I know that Mrs McBride would also like me to thank all the staff for their hard work in supporting this initiative. Well done also to the Eco Team in Year 2! A wonderful achievement indeed!

## Mini Olympics



The children had a wonderful afternoon last week participating in a mini Olympics. The children were put into four groups of mixed ages and it was lovely to see the older children encouraging the younger ones.

They did a variety of activities from running to javelin throwing and then the children, in groups, learned some dances including the Haka!



### **String Quartet**

The children had a wonderful afternoon as they were entertained by the string section of the Amersham Music Centre.

The musicians explained to the children how their instruments worked and then played a variety of compositions which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



### **Country Dancing**

As you can see we have had a very musical week culminating in a whole school visit to Dropmore School, where we all had a very jolly time indeed country dancing. Feedback from the Year 2 parents who watched the dancing was very positive indeed. Thank you to everyone who made the afternoon run so smoothly and to the children for performing so very well, thank you.

### **Summer Production**

Our two Summer productions will start at 1:30 on Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> in the village hall. Please look out for tickets in your child's book bags and don't miss out on what promises to be an excellent concert.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you so very much to Harley's father (Harley Dupree in Year 1) for volunteering his company to trim all the hedges in the car park – the sign is now visible and staff don't have to avoid brambles when parking! This was a very generous gesture, many thanks indeed!

### **Fulmer Day**

Thank you so very much to everyone who contributed to a wonderful Fulmer Day and especially to all the hard working members of the PA and staff. It was a wonderful afternoon with a very friendly atmosphere.

## Water week



The children had an exciting morning working on a range of water activities raising awareness of the importance of saving water. Thank you to Mrs McBride for organising the event.

Thank you also to Mrs Walker and Mrs Rajapakse (Thehan's mother in Year 1) for making this splendid wishing well and to all those parents who kindly donated their loose change, we will be sending a cheque for £70.88 to Oxfam.

## The Story Chair



A HUGE thank you to all the Year 2 parents for the wonderful leaving gift. The children have all enjoyed sitting on the story chair telling each other stories and have produced some inspirational writing. Many thanks indeed, this is a great legacy.

## The Hall

We have finally given the contract for the hall to a local contractor and work should begin in earnest in the Summer holidays. There will be disruption during the Autumn term but it will be kept to a minimum and the site will be safe.

It will all be worth it in the end when we have a wonderful, functional hall for PE, lunches and extra curricular activities. In the meantime, part of the playground will be 'out of bounds' and thus playtimes will have to be staggered over the school in order for the children to have a safe space to play. If you have any free time between 11:30 and 13:00 to help over this extended lunchtime, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you so much to those of you who have already volunteered.

### **Leavers' assembly**

The leavers' assembly was a very lovely and moving 'send off' to all our Year 2 children. I would like to thank Mrs Mardell and Mrs Walker for all their work preparing the children.