

SUMMER NEWS 2016



APRIL 22nd 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Bag2school

Please start collecting now for our biannual fund raising event when all unwanted clothes, belts, bags etc are brought to school on FRIDAY 13th MAY. These items will be weighed and the school will be paid by the kilo, so the heavier the bags the better. Thank you to Tanvir's mother in year 1 who is organising the event.

Fulmer Day competition

All the children in years 1 and 2 drew pictures of the school for an advert for the Fulmer Day brochure. The quality of art work was excellent so Mrs Walker had a very difficult job to judge the best. Congratulations to **Helena** in Year 1 for winning the competition. Look out for her picture of the school in the Fulmer day brochure on Fulmer Day and indeed if you haven't already done so please put the date Saturday 2nd July in your diary. Fulmer Day is our biggest fund raising event and is always a great family fun day out.

Class photos

All the children will have their photo taken this Monday 25th April so please ensure that they come to school with a jumper or cardigan and tie. On the subject of ties can you ask your children to put the elastic under their collars so that they look as smart as possible, thank you.

Flashing Lights

I hope you have all seen the flashing lights on Fulmer Road reminding drivers that there is a school nearby. Thank you to the Parish Council for paying for them and to Isobel Dorling for her persistence ensuring their installation.

Thank you letter

Well done to **Lili** in Year 1 who received a thank you card from Ward 24 at Wexham Park hospital thanking Lili for giving the children in the ward her spare Easter eggs

May 6th 2016

Trip to Windsor Castle

Thank you to Mrs Bhatti for arranging the trip to Windsor castle and to all her helpers on the day. The children had a wonderful time, their learning about architecture was greatly enhanced and they were great ambassadors for the school with excellent behaviour.

Bag2school

Please remember to collect all unwanted clothes, belts, bags etc and bring them to school next Friday morning, 13th MAY. You should all have received a large plastic bag but if you have lost it then a black refuse bag is just as good. These items will be weighed and the school will be paid by the kilo, so the heavier the bags the better. Thank you to Tanvir's mother in year 1 who is organising the event.

Footsteps Training

Years 1 and 2 will start their footsteps training next week. This excellent training teaches the children how to use our roads safely. Thank you so much to Isobel Dorling who has organised the sessions and to her parent volunteers, without whom the training would not happen:

Mark and Katrina Benton ,
Sue Littman,
Cindy Seymour,
Bianca Barter,
and Sarah Parry. Thank you.

May 20th 2016

Bag2school

A huge thank you to Tanvir's mother in Year 1 for organising the 'Bag2school' fundraising event ,it raised an amazing £306. Thank you to everyone for collecting your unwanted clothes and please start collecting again for the Autumn 'Bag2school'. As a small school we have a very tight budget so these fundraising events are really crucial to ensure that your child has the very best education.

Weeding wonders!

A huge thank you from Sue Kirby, Chair of Governors, and me to Anuli's mother (Year 1), Olivia's mother (Year 1) and Amelie's (Year 2) and Olivia's mother (Reception) for helping with the garden weeding. Many hands make light work so thank you.

Playground markings

I hope you have all seen the wonderful playground markings. Thank you to the previous year 2 parents for donating the brilliant chess /draughts board which was a request from the school council. The rest of the markings were paid for by donations from the PA and the annual voluntary contributions. Thank you to all of you.

After school Craft Clubs

Thank you to the PA for organising after school Craft clubs for the children to make decorations for Fulmer Day. The dates are Wednesday 8th June, 3pm – 4:30pm, Wednesday 15th June 3pm – 4:30pm and Monday 20th June, 3pm – 4:30pm.

Library

A huge thank you to Sarah Parry for all her hard work, over the years, running the library every Friday. Unfortunately she can no longer volunteer and I wonder if anyone can take her place. If you can spare a couple of hours every Friday morning or afternoon or indeed know of anyone who can help then please contact Mrs Hamilton in the office. All volunteers are subject to DBS checks. This is such an excellent resource for the children that I do hope that someone can volunteer. Thank you.

Queen's Birthday

There will be a street party (in the playground) after lunch on Friday 10th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. As the children will have had lunch we will be asking for small contributions for refreshments such as biscuits, crisps and juice. We'll put a list of refreshments on the white board outside for you all to tick nearer the time so that we can monitor the contributions. The staff will organise music and games and it should be a jolly celebration (fingers and toes crossed for fine weather).

10th JUNE 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another action packed half term and I hope that you all had a very good break.

Walk to school day

This was a triumph! Thank you so very much to Isobel Dorling and Gill Davey for organising the day and to all her volunteers, Olivia's mother in Year , Georgia's father in year 1, Sharron Phillips and Tricia Hayne members of the local community and Peter Dorling (Isobel's husband). Every family participated . Thank you so much for saving the planet from car fumes and I hope you all felt healthier for the walk.



Ramadan

Mrs Tawni spoke to the children in assembly about the Muslim festival of Ramadan. The children all listened attentively and asked sensible questions.

Thank you Mrs Tawni and Happy Ramadan.

Footsteps Training

Thank you once more to Isobel Dorking and Gill Davey for organising this invaluable training and to Poppy's mother in Reception, Olivia's mother in year 1, Nancy's father in Year 1 and Joe's mother in Year 1. Thank you also to Martin Adams for volunteering to train the children next time.

Library

Thank you so very much to Amy (Amelie and Olivia's mother in Year 1 and Reception) who has volunteered to run the library every Thursday afternoon. This is a wonderful resource so I am very happy that it is going to continue.

PA Arts and Crafts after school activity

Thank you to Cindy (Olivia's mother in year 1), Tina (Joe's mother in Year 1) Melanie (Carys' mother in Year 1, Amy (Olivia and Amelie's mother in Year 2 and Reception and Palika (Anuli's mother in Year 1), for organising the after school Arts and Crafts club on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful time making had a wonderful time making decorations for Fulmer Dat. I do hope that you all have Fulmer Day in your diary. It is **SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 1:30 – 5pm**. It is a great family day out and is the school's major fundraising activity so I do hope to see you all there.

Queen's Birthday

What a delightful afternoon! The children all enjoyed the snacks, games and songs. Thank you to all the staff for organising such a delightful time, the children will have very fond memories of the Queen's 90th birthday.

New Caretaker

I am delighted to inform you that our new casual caretaker is a former parent, Gavin Bates. A huge thank you to Paul Eggleton who has been our casual caretaker for years but other commitments have now meant that he has, regrettably, to step down.

24TH JUNE 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports day

What a wonderful afternoon, the event went like clockwork. Well done and thank you to Mrs Parrett who organized the event, it was a lot of hard work but very well worth the effort as everyone had great fun. Thank you.

Thank you also to Olivia's Nanny in year 1 who stayed up late the night before Sports day busy baking scones which were absolutely delicious! Olivia's family and Joe's family (Year 1) came back to school after sports day and sorted out and cleaned all the tables for Fulmer Day, thank you. If you would like to help these wonderful PA ladies then please contact them, if you don't know who they

are then please contact the office and we will put you in touch....' many hands make light work' and 'the more the merrier!'

PA funded climbing frame



I thought you'd appreciate seeing the children enjoy the climbing frame which the PA funded. It has been a delight to see the children grow in confidence using our new equipment which we couldn't have purchased without the fund raising events organised by the PA.

Please support their next fund raising event which is ***Fulmer Day Saturday 2nd July 1:30 – 5pm*** which is always a family, fun filled day and the biggest fund raising event for the school. As our school is so small our budget is always very tight which means that we rely on the PA and voluntary contributions to fund all the 'extras'.

The Library

The library is up and running on Thursday afternoons thanks to Olivia and Amelie's mother (Reception and Year 2 respectively). Please note the new time and ensure that your child's library book is in his/her book bag for Thursday.

8TH JULY 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Fulmer day

What a triumph! The sun shone, the place was packed and it was a very jolly, family day out. We have raised at least £1,600 for the school (the PA is going to raffle a couple of prizes at the summer productions so the figure will be higher) and Mrs Parrett's husband 's employer will match what we have raised up to £500!. Thank you Mr Parrett.

Thank you also to the following firms who kindly donated prizes:

Vicki Wuscha Property Consultants,
Brox Hair Dressers - Chalfont St Peter,
Moor Wards Farm Equestrian-Iver,
The whip and Collar – Iver,
Stella and Dot,
Crown Plaza – Gerrards Cross,
Jack and Alice - Gerrards Cross,
Vivus Hair and beauty – Gerrards Cross,
Odds Farm,
The Crown – Farnham Common,
Buckinghamshire Golf Club

And a HUGE thank you to Jonathan Diver (Joe's uncle in Year 1) whose donations were exceptionally generous.

But, as I always say, the event doesn't happen by magic and there has been an enormous amount of hard work. I would particularly like to thank Christabel (Telemachus' mother in year 2) for being the school's coordinator with the Parish Council and to Tina (Joe's mother in Year 1) and Cindy (Olivia's mother in year 1) for all their hard work behind the scenes.

Finally thank so much to the staff and parents who helped on the day. Thank you.

I have already had the go ahead from the PA to purchase new netting for the two goals and I will let you know what the rest of your money will be spent on.

Reception assembly

What a charming assembly, the children spoke clearly, the songs were delightful, the props were beautiful and the costumes wonderful. Thank you to Mrs McBride and Mrs Bird for all their hard work in preparing the children so well and to their little helpers in Year 2 Kaitlynn and Madeleine.

Country Dancing

This is always a delightful event and this year was no exception. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and feedback from parents was extremely positive. Thank you so very much to Mrs Walker, Mrs Mardell, Mrs Bhatti, Mrs Parrett and Mrs Tawni for all their hard work in preparing the children so well.

Leavers' assembly

Year 2 parents, please do put this date in your diary, Thursday 21st July 09:05 (ish!). The children are really enjoying themselves and I know that it will be a very professional and moving assembly.

Summer productions

The first production is on Monday 18th July at 1:30 and this is for parents with small children and babies. Due to health and safety rules we have to restrict families to 2 tickets each. If you would like more then please do inform Mrs Hamilton who will see how the numbers look and may be able to issue you additional tickets.

The second production is on Tuesday 19th July at 1:30. The same rule applies regarding 2 tickets per family but if there are any surplus tickets then preference is given to Year 2 families. The show lasts approximately 40 minutes and I have heard the singing and it is absolutely fabulous. Thank you in advance to all the staff for all their hard work in producing such a professional production.

Lost Property

Our lost property basket is overflowing! Please can you check that your child has not lost any item of clothing. A lot of the clothing is unnamed so please can you ensure that everything is clearly marked. Many children also have the same water bottles and several are not named, in the interests of hygiene, can you make sure that your child's bottle is clearly marked so he/she uses his/her own bottle.

Thank you.

19th JULY 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Eco School

I am thrilled to advise you that an Eco inspector spent the afternoon in the school last Tuesday and has re-accredited the school with the Green Flag. This re-accreditation acknowledges that we retain our Eco status and values. Thank you to my Eco team in Year 2, Kaitlynn, Sophia, George, Ishaan, Acacia, Matilda, Isobelle, Lili, Siya and Suhani who really impressed the inspector with their knowledge and enthusiasm, especially when they talked about how they led whole school assemblies. Thank you also to my Eco Governor, Mrs Gill Davey, who gave up her afternoon to support the inspection. Thank you as well to my Chair of Governors, Mrs Sue Kirby, for running the gardening club every Friday. The inspector was very impressed with all the plants, flowers and vegetables and indeed with the children's expertise. Finally, thank you to Mrs Isobelle Dorling for all her hard work with the school travel plan. We now have Eco status for another two years until July 2018.

Move up day

Move up day went very smoothly and all the children were very excited to see their new classrooms and meet their new teachers. Children in Year 2 spent the morning at their new schools and they all seemed to have had a good time and are looking forward to their new start in Autumn.

Reports

If you haven't already seen your child's report then please look in their book bag. I spent many an hour reading them and am very happy that all the children across the school have had a very successful year.

Summer Productions

What a triumph! The children sang with absolute joy and the narrators were loud and clear. Well done to all my staff for producing such a wonderful end to the year. Thank you everyone.

100% attendance over the year

Congratulations to: **Daniel** and **Harry** in Reception and to **Ore** and **Hugo** in Year 2 who have attended school every day since September. Well done!

Thank you

Thank you for all your very kind comments and support over the year, it has indeed been another successful year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff for all their hard work, it is all very much appreciated.

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer holiday.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Hunt', is written above a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

Mrs Cathy Hunt
Headteacher
Fulmer Infant School