



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined us. The children have settled into their new classes wonderfully well and have already been busy with their learning.

Year 1



Year 1 have been enjoying the reading corner and working hard in phonics.



Year 2



Buddy Bench

We have a special bench in the playground that was donated by our Year 2 leavers in July. The bench is there for any child who would like someone to play with them at breaktimes. All they need to do is sit on the bench and this will let the other children know they would like someone to play with and would like to be invited to join in their games.



Thank you Mrs Matthews

Mrs Matthews, one of our volunteer readers, very kindly, did some gardening for us over the summer holidays. She created this beautiful display in the planter in the front garden. Thank you very much to Mrs Matthews. It was lovely to return to school and see such a bright and colourful garden. We are very grateful.



School Champions

At the end of every week staff review the effort and performance of children in each class and make two special awards: the 'Star of the Week' award and the 'Best Listener' award. Certificates are then presented in our Friday assembly and children congratulated. The award-winning champions this week are: -

Friday 13th September
2024

Best Listeners:-

Year R – S M

Year 1 – J M

Year 2 – K A

Stars of the Week:-

Year R – L K

Year 1 – S B

Year 2 – S P

Achievements Outside of School

We love to hear about the children's achievements outside of school and to celebrate these in our Friday Celebration Assembly. If your child receives a certificate or award for something they do outside of school, please do send it into school and we will celebrate it during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open every day from 7:45am. There is no need to book, you can just turn up on the day. Each session costs £7.00 and you can pay by cash or card although card is preferred.

When dropping your child off at breakfast club, please remember to walk them to the hall and wait with them until they are marked in by an adult.

Attendance at School

We all know how important it is for children to attend school regularly. To help with this, please avoid booking any holidays in term time because we need children learning in school every day. We have a school target of 96% and ask you to help us achieve it. 90% attendance may sound quite good, but it actually means your child is missing the equivalent of: -

- **One half day each week**
- **Nearly four weeks every school year**
- **Over one year in a school career**

Best classes for attendance are:

Week ending 13.09.2424: Year 1 with 99 %

Well done Year 1!

If your child is absent from school, please advise the school office by telephone or email by 9:30am on each day they are absent. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parking

We have been advised by The Black Horse that due to changes in their opening hours, parents will no longer be able to use the rear car park to park when dropping or collecting children from school. Parents are able to use the spaces at the front of the car park, **except for the first 5**. The Black Horse have also requested that parents are patient while deliveries are received on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We remain very grateful to The Back Horse for the support they showed to the school by previously allowing us to use the rear car park and in continuing to allow us to use the front car park.

This change to our available parking will obviously impact the traffic using Alderbourne Lane. If you do need to drive past the school, please ensure you are cautious and considerate. Please also continue to respect our neighbours by ensuring driveways are left clear and roads are not blocked.

Thank you for your support in helping to make the journey to school safe for everyone.

Earrings in school

If children have their ears pierced they should only wear a small plain stud to school. Hoop or larger earrings must not be worn for health and safety reasons. On days where your child has P.E. or is taking part in an after school sports club, earrings should be removed at home before they come to school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

School Start and Finish Times

The school gate will be open at 8:45am. Parents must remain with their children on the playground until the class teachers collect the class. School begins at 8:55am. When the bell rings, children in Year 1 and Year 2 should line up on the spots in the playground. The Reception classroom door is opened at 8:50am and children will be welcomed into the classroom from this time.

The school day finishes at 3:00pm. Children will wait on the playground for their adults to collect them. Reception class are collected from the classroom door until further notice.

After school clubs finish at 4:00pm and children can be collected from the pedestrian gate.

Diary Dates



| Date | Event |
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| Friday 20th September | Friends of Fulmer Meeting in hall at 2.15pm |
| Tuesday 8th October | Happy Bags Collection Day |
| Wednesday 9th October | Flu Vaccination (Nasal) (details to follow) |
| Monday 21st October | Parent Consultations 3.10pm-5.30pm (details to follow) |
| Tuesday 22nd October | Year 1 Trip to Iver Environment Ctre (details to follow) |
| Wednesday 23rd October | Parent Consultations 4pm-6.30pm (details to follow) |
| Friday 25th October | School closes at 3pm for half term |
| Monday 4th November | School open |
| Monday 4th November | FOF Pumpkin Party (details to follow) |
| Friday 15th November | Tempest Individual Photos (details to follow) |
| Thursday 28th November | Year 2 Trip to Ufton Court (details to follow) |
| Friday 20th December | School closes at 1pm for Xmas holidays |

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Julie Matton
Headteacher

