



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well here we are on our last day of term, ready to commence the Christmas break. It has been a very challenging term trying to keep everyone safe and working in bubbles, as well as implementing an ambitious and stringent 'Catch-Up' programme to close any gaps in pupils' learning.

Thank you so very much for all the very encouraging and supportive messages we have received in recent weeks. The staff have worked incredibly hard and your messages of support are always shared and appreciated. We have also really enjoyed seeing how much progress pupils have made in these first few months of the school year.

Please take the greatest of care over the next few weeks. Christmas is traditionally a time for families, fun and celebration but this year we must urge caution, especially as we move into Tier 3. As you know this part of Buckinghamshire has very high cases of Covid and we want you all to stay safe. The children have become very good in regularly washing their hands and applying hand gel – please encourage them to keep this going through the holidays.

Hopefully, we will have no holiday cases of Covid amongst our school community.

### **Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**



Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day last week was a very big success and all the children had a wonderful time. Lunch was very festive with party hats and music and the Christmas jumpers were amazing.

Thank you for your financial support of this celebratory day. In total we raised £140 which we have sent to two charitable causes; The Save the Children fund and to Santa at Wexham Park Hospital for Christmas gifts for the children who are there on Christmas Day.



### **School Council**

The School Council recently requested that the school purchase another rubbish bin for the playground. This term, because the classes play in their 'bubbles', another bin has been needed to enable children in each bubble to throw away their rubbish without mixing.

The School Council representatives made an excellent choice and are very proud to have a special 'black cat' bin in the playground, as the picture here shows!



### Radio Christmas

Three children, from Year 2, took part in a live radio programme on Tuesday in a studio in Amersham. The programme, which was literally beamed around the world, was sponsored by local businesses to raise funds for street children in Central America.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they told jokes to the DJ, chose Christmas music and were thrilled to read out messages sent in from family and the staff. The show runs until Christmas Eve and has already raised an enormous £24,000! Thank you to the children who were real stars!



### School Uniform Changes

A reminder – please remember that from September 2021 the school will be adopting the use of white polo shirts instead of our usual white shirt and tie. The polo shirts can either be plain white, or, if purchased from our school suppliers, will have the school logo embroidered onto the front.

These are already available from our suppliers so anyone wishing to swap to polo shirts before September is most welcome to do so.

### Easyfundraising – Help us through your on-line **CHRISTMAS** shopping!

In every newsletter we like to remind you all about an easy way you can financially help the school. You can really help us by supporting our 'Easyfundraising' scheme. This is such a painless way to raise money for the school and our budget is very tight so please read the instructions below and remember to use the account for any shopping you do online; over 3,000 retailers have signed up to the account! **With Christmas now very close, please follow the instructions below if you are doing any last minute on-line shopping. Thank you for this very valuable support.**

All you have to do is:

1. Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/EG93VX/LDD5US>
2. Enter Fulmer Infant School in the search box
3. Click Join Us and enter your details and then click on Create My Account
4. Choose from over **3,000 retailers, do your online shopping as normal** and our cause will receive a free donation at no extra cost to you for every purchase you make

**There are no catches or hidden charges and the school will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you so much for your support.**

## Help Your Child to Help Themselves

Over the Christmas holidays please could all parents help their child practise doing up their coat zippers and tying their shoe laces (velcro shoes are easier). With 75 children on roll currently it is impossible for school staff to help everyone. Also, bending down to help children means extremely close contact which should be avoided at the moment due to Covid. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Newly Painted Fence and Mural



We would like to say a really big thank you to Mrs Bhatti's daughter Kirit and her two nieces Kareena and Jasmine for spending time over several weekends painting the side fence and also rejuvenating the playground mural. It all looks so much brighter and fresher due to their hard work.



Kirit, Kareena and Jasmine are all pupils at Beaconsfield High School and carried out this work as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. I am sure they will pass this with flying colours! Well done girls.

## 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 Golden assembly and children congratulated. The award-winning champions for the last two weeks are: -

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Best Listeners: -**

SA – Year 2  
CW – Year 1  
B – Year R

#### **Stars of the Week: -**

DT – Year 2  
LN – Year 1  
YG – Year R

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Best Listeners: -**

Year 2 – Whole Class  
Year 1 – Whole Class  
Year R – Whole Class

#### **Stars of the Week: -**

Year 2 – Whole Class  
Year 1 – Whole Class  
Year R – Whole Class

*Awarded to everyone for excellent work with the Nativity concert*

## **Congratulations**

It is always so lovely to hear about pupils' achievements out of school and to celebrate these in our Golden Assemblies every Friday. Please let us know whenever your child receives a special award.

Last Friday we were able to share RA's success at Stagecoach. He attends classes there on Saturdays for acting, singing and dancing. We were thrilled to hear he had won 'Star of the Week' for two weeks running. Well done

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## **Important Diary Dates**



**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – School Closes at 1pm for Christmas Holiday (Please note this a day earlier than originally planned, there is no school tomorrow)**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School Re-opens for all classes. 8:45am start for Year R and 9:00am for Years 1 & 2

## **And Finally.....**

On behalf of all the staff we would like to say a very big thank you to you all for the many lovely cards, gifts and messages that have come into school this week. You are very kind and it really is appreciated. We hope everyone has a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing  
Co- Headteachers