



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for the second half of term. We hope everyone was able to enjoy a good half-term break and appreciate the autumnal countryside. It is certainly very colourful at present.

### **Update on Covid-19**

Now that we are back, it is clear that cases of Covid-19 are steadily increasing and the country is now entering a second period of lockdown. We are being particularly vigilant here at the school and working with detailed guidance to keep everybody safe. Our cleaning regime continues to be enhanced with particular emphasis on doors, door handles, table and chair wiping and regular cleansing of taps, sinks and toilets. Hand gel is freely available in all classrooms and dispensed to all children before and after playtimes, along with regular handwashing with warm water and soap. In addition, we are now taking temperatures on arrival as an extra precaution.

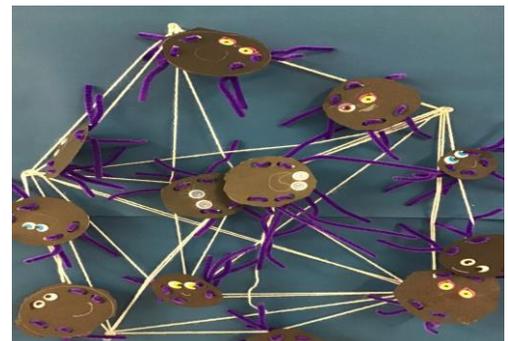
Visitors to the school are strictly monitored with all maintenance visits taking place after the school has closed. We apologise that it is not possible to welcome parents into the school – it seems so unfriendly but we know you understand the reasons why. Thank you for your understanding.

With Covid cases increasing, we are aware that some families in our community are needing to self-isolate. Please be assured that if this happens to you, we will be very discreet about it and Covid absence will not affect your child's recorded attendance pattern in school. Packs of work and activities to do at home are available for any child who cannot come into school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your continued support, especially with the wearing of masks at pick up/drop off times and when talking to staff. This is really appreciated. Please also remember that if your child is unwell, with any infectious germs, whether Covid related or not, please keep your child off school. Currently it is not possible to bring in supply staff and so we need to keep everybody well, especially the staff.

### **Friends of Fulmer Pumpkin Fun**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Friends of Fulmer members for making such a huge effort with the Pumpkin Fun before the half-term break. Naturally, because of Covid, they couldn't run their usual pumpkin party but still managed to create fun times with the mufti day and the sale of fun packs. In addition, their hard work and imaginative ideas have raised over £500 for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported the pumpkin initiatives.



Year R made these lovely spiders as part of the pumpkin fun day.

## Eco Assembly

Earlier this week, TF and ZK, two members of our Eco Team, led an assembly for years 1 and 2 and taught us all how to look after our environment. The focus was keeping our world litter free and the two Eco warriors told us how dangerous it is to leave any glass bottles after a picnic as the glass can cause forest fires, how we must recycle, how litter on the ground and in the ocean can hurt animals and how we must take our litter home if there are no bins.



Thank you TF and ZK for reminding us how to keep our world safe. As our Reception class is in a separate bubble, Miss Rudki read the same book to Early Years ensuring that the whole school gets the same message, in keeping with our Eco School status.

## Uniform Name Check

Now that colder, wintery weather has arrived, we are noticing that children are coming to school with many items of clothing not named. This causes considerable upset for pupils and can waste valuable teaching time while staff try to sort missing items. To overcome this problem we are planning a naming check on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

We will be asking children to show us names on the following items of clothing:-

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| 1) jumper/cardigan | 2) coat         |
| 3) scarf           | 4) hat          |
| 5) bookbag         | 6) water bottle |
| 7) left glove      | 8) right glove  |
| 9) left shoe       | 10) right shoe  |

For every item that is named the children will receive Do-Jo points/stickers up to a maximum of 10.

## British Legion Poppy Appeal

Sadly this year, due to Covid, we will not be able to sell poppies or remembrance gifts as usual on behalf of the British Legion. However, we would like to still fund raise for this charity so all classes will be making craft poppies in school over the next few days. Your child's poppy will be available for you to purchase for a £2 donation which can come into school next week on Remembrance Day (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November). Mrs Mardell and Miss Rudki will be hosting special assemblies for the children on this day which will incorporate a minute of reflective silence.



## Thank You

Thank you so very much to Charlie Gray, TG's father in Year 1, for organising the re-turfing of grass at the front of the school; it looks splendid! Thank you also to the Parish Council for funding the work, it is very much appreciated and really improves the first impression of our wonderful school.

## 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 for the last two weeks are: -

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

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

**MM – Year 2**

**JT – Year 1**

**GL – Year R**

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

**ZN – Year 2**

**CB – Year 1**

**AY – Year R**

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

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

**KB – Year 2**

**EC – Year 1**

**IM – Year R**

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

**JV – Year 2**

**TH – Year 1**

**NB – Year R**

## Congratulations

It is always so lovely to hear about pupils' achievements out of school and to celebrate these in our Golden Assemblies every Friday.

Congratulations go to JV who has gained progress certificates in Skiing over half term and a lovely rosette for riding at the Grove Riding School.

## Easyfundraising – Help us through your On-line Shopping!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about an easy way you can financially help the school. You can really 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!

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.**

## **Parent Consultations – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Thank you to all parents who have signed up for a consultation appointment on SchoolCloud for next week. Anyone who has not yet signed up can do so until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November by 6:00pm.

These appointments are for 10 minutes and the meeting will automatically close after this time to enable the teacher to move onto their next scheduled appointment.

These meetings are virtual, on-line meetings and **not** in school. We request that parents choose a quiet, professional background to be behind them for the meeting and also request that your children are out of earshot. It is a meeting for parents and the teacher only.

## **Flu Nasal Spray for Children**

This is a reminder that the nasal spray vaccination for this year's strain of Flu will be taking place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in school. Parents need to have completed the consent form by 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Flu letter and guidance was sent to you last Monday, please contact the office if you have not received this. To provide on-line consent please use the link <https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and school code EE110227.



## **Important Diary Dates**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Consultations using SchoolCloud  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations using SchoolCloud  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day Poppies – please bring £2 donation  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Uniform Name Check Day in school  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Flu Nasal Spray Day in school  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – School closes 1pm for the Christmas holidays

**Christmas Holiday – Monday 21st December to Monday 4th January – School Closed**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – School open

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

Please stay safe and well through these difficult times.  
With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing  
Co- Headteachers