



Dear Parents/Carers,

The half-term holiday came and went very quickly and we hope everyone was able to enjoy happy days as a family at home. Since returning for the second half of the Spring Term, the last two weeks have been very busy and exciting at school.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent-Consultation sessions this week and we hope you found it useful to have one to one time with the teachers to find out about your child's progress.

World Book Day 2022

On Thursday 3rd March the whole school took part in World Book Day celebrations, and we all enjoyed a fun-filled day. Children were invited to bring into school their favourite books; reading and discussing them with friends in different classes. Buddy reading is very popular and it is so delightful to watch. A child's enthusiasm for a book and the opportunity to share why it is special is a wonderful way to develop both confidence and a love of books.

In addition, each class also enjoyed the story 'Odd Dog Out' written by Rob Biddulph.



This much loved author and illustrator is also well known for his helpful drawing videos initiated during the first Covid lockdown to provide stimulating activities for children.

As well as enjoying the story, all pupils enjoyed watching the video of Rob showing how to draw the odd dog out and create a colourful picture. These are the 'best in class' pictures and we are sure you'll agree, they demonstrate excellent skill progression over ages 4 to 7 years. Well done to A, C and M.



Children from all three classes enjoyed an afternoon session of Buddy reading – sharing their favourite books with a friend from another class.

Special MIND Assembly

Buckinghamshire MIND's representative, Delphine, led an assembly this week on mental health and it was so wonderful for the assembly not to be on ZOOM and to welcome Delphine in person to our hall. She asked the children what they thought they should do if they feel a little sad and it was lovely to hear their responses, here are some of them; sing, talk to a friend, play with a friend and dance.

Delphine repeated the message that children must talk to an adult if they have a problem so that it doesn't get too big and worrying. Perhaps parents might like to reinforce this important message at home.

All the children listened very attentively.



Year 1 Giants

Congratulations to all our Year 1 children who created these incredible giants as a junk modelling project over the half-term break. The giants vary considerably in both size and structure but they all reflect amazing creative skills and imagination. Both Mrs Bhatti and Mrs Parrett were hugely impressed by the quality and originality and express thanks to all the parents for getting behind the initiative and supporting the children so well. A fantastic achievement Year 1!



War in Ukraine

We are sure that all members of our school community will have been really shocked at the news of an unprovoked war commencing in Ukraine. Since the start, every night on all the TV news channels, are horrific images of the damage and destruction to Ukraine cities along with images of displaced families seeking refuge. Many children will have seen these images and it is understandable and normal if they display any signs of anxiety. We are already noticing some children wanting to talk about what they have seen and to seek reassurance.

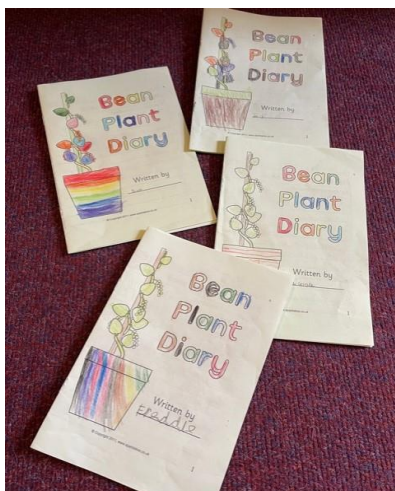


Here at Fulmer we are not initiating any discussion about war but will make a discreet opportunity for children to talk about images they see if it becomes evident they are causing them distress or uncertainty. It is not part of our curriculum but if raised by the children then it will not be dismissed. Our aim is to offer reassurance that people are generally good and that adults will do everything possible to keep everyone safe. We will seek to avoid any misinformation and will balance honesty with reassurance. Fun activities and usual school routines will help keep little minds occupied. We encourage parents to adopt a similar approach at home.

The school is commencing an **Envelope Charity Initiative** to raise funds for the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee). On Wednesday 16th March all children will bring home an empty envelope in their school book bag. We ask that families might like to return the envelope over the following days with a charitable donation that we can forward on as a gift from the school. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

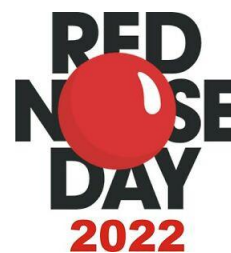
Year 1 Gardening

Pupils in Year 1 have been very busy this Spring learning all about plants and how they can grow from seeds. They have been learning all the correct names for different parts of the plant and what they need to help them grow. Each child has planted a broad bean seed and they are writing a detailed diary of all the changes they observe occurring. It was particularly exciting yesterday because all the class planted their small bean plants into the Year 1 planting bed at the side of the school playground.



Red Nose Day

On Friday 18th March, the school will be celebrating Red Nose Day to raise funds for the charity 'Comic Relief'. Children are expected to wear their normal school uniform but are invited to adorn their clothing with a red accessory such as red socks, a red hair band, red scarf etc. Red noses can be brought to school for wearing at playtimes but, as children often find them uncomfortable, they will not be worn during lessons.



In addition, we would like the children to bring in a joke so that each class can enjoy a fun session in the afternoon sharing a laugh with funny jokes. Please write the joke on a piece of paper and practise it with your child.

Blue Charity Tokens at Gerrards Cross Tesco

Tesco in Gerrards Cross have chosen Fulmer Infant School as one of their three local community charities to support for the month of March. Every time you shop at this branch of Tesco they will give you a small blue token to put in the charity boxes by the store entrance. There you will find the box for Fulmer Infant School with an ever growing pile of blue tokens. At the end of the month the tokens will be counted and a financial donation made to our school. Hurry please – there are just 20 shopping days left in March!



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 in school are: -

Friday 4th March

Best Listeners: -

Year R – A B
Year 1 – R C
Year 2 – M A

Stars of the Week: -

Year R – H C
Year 1 – S S
Year 2 – T G

Friday 11th March

Best Listeners: -

Year R – W A
Year 1 – A Y
Year 2 – T H

Stars of the Week: -

Year R – A P
Year 1 – C R
Year 2 – A D

Best class for lining up last week – Year R
Best class for lining up this week - Joint Years 1 & 2
Best attendance last week – Year 1
Best attendance this week – Year 1

Reception Parents Read to the Children

Thank you so much to all the Reception parents who have offered to read stories to the children. This is such a lovely initiative and all the children really enjoy them.

Thank you to Mrs Mayling who offered to go first and read 'Peace at Last' to the children on World Book Day.



Easy Fundraising Update

Please remember to support the school raise funds through the Easy Fundraising Scheme. Its been relatively slow to increase over the last fortnight so maybe it's time for us all to do some online shopping!

It's **SO** simple! 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



Diary Dates

Mon 14th March	MIND Workshop for Parents - 9.10am in the school hall
Tues 15th March	Class Photographs with Tempest School Photographers
Fri 18th March	Red Nose Day – See email sent 4.3.22 and above
Mon 21st March	Year 2 SATs Meeting – 9.10am in the school hall
Tue 22nd March	Year 1 Assembly – 9.10am in the school hall
Fri 25th March	Mother's Day Singing Presentation – See email sent today
Tue 29th March	Year 2 Assembly – 9.10am in the school hall
Sunday 3rd April	Friends of Fulmer Sponsored Walk (see book bag for details)
Thurs 7th April	Easter Hat Parade – more details to follow
Fri 8th April	School closes for the Easter holidays at 1:00pm
Mon 25th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term

And Finally.....

It has been a very busy two weeks in school but as usual our pupils have excelled themselves with good behavior and lots of hard work! Wishing you all a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers