



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank everyone in our school community for the wonderful support you have shown us through this last, very challenging week. As many of you are aware, the school has been hit with large numbers of Covid infections amongst both pupils and staff and we are doing our best to remain open with just a small skeleton of staffing.

Thank you so much for being vigilant in testing your children and keeping them at home when they have any signs of infectious ailments. Thank you too for being supportive with reading – with staff shortages we have not been able to hear as many children read in school. Please continue to keep up the good work – we hope to be back to normal soon.

Support for Ukraine

What an amazing response we have had! Last week we sent home yellow and blue envelopes to all families inviting donations to send to the DEC to support refugee families fleeing from Ukraine. We have had so many returned and with incredibly generous donations. Yesterday we opened the envelopes and counted the money. In total we have raised more than £300 which is so generous and makes a thoughtful gift from the school. Thank you.



Red Nose Day



We had a lovely day in school last Friday celebrating Red Nose Day by wearing red accessories and telling jokes! Thank you for your donations, the school has raised the grand total of £66.75 to send to Comic Relief. Thank You.

We hope you all enjoyed reading the funny jokes compiled from our day! There certainly were a lot that really made us smile!

Mental Health

In these challenging times it is more important than ever to be aware of our mental health and the children have now had two sessions from MIND. Apologies once again that we had to postpone your parental training due to Covid but we will let you know as soon as we have another date. Last week the staff had a session from MIND. We were advised that the sooner a child becomes aware of mental health the better and that it's OK not to feel OK.

Although we may not have all the answers the advice from MIND is to listen and let a child talk about their worries so that the little sad feelings don't grow and become overwhelming. There is advice on our website for parents and you can ring the following number to self-refer: 01865 901600. The YoungMinds and MindEd are useful websites.

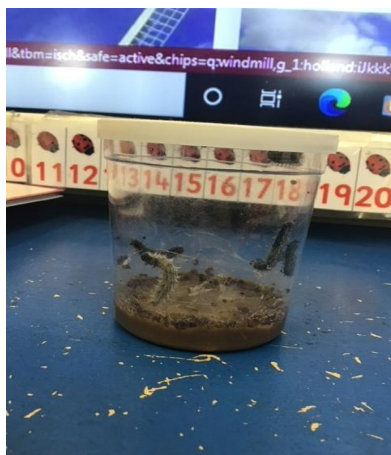
Fun at Playtimes

We have been so lucky this week with wonderful warm and sunny weather. The sunshine makes the children's playtimes so enjoyable as you can see from these photos!



Caterpillars in Reception

Children in Reception have been very excited over the last few weeks because a delivery of tiny caterpillars which arrived in school for the children to watch and learn about the transformation into butterflies. The caterpillars have grown considerably and a few now have entered the chrysalis stage! Eventually they will become Painted Lady Butterflies – hopefully before the Easter holidays!



Chicks

On Monday this week there was great excitement when a delivery of 10 eggs arrived in school to be carefully incubated in our school library area. The children are so excited to see them hatch and to have real chicks in school! This is such good learning for the children. Thank you to Mrs Walker and Mrs Parrett for looking after them and we'll keep you posted with the chicks' progress.



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 18th March

Best Listeners: -

Year R – M A

Year 1 – M F

Year 2 – J V

Stars of the Week: -

Year R – T H

Year 1 – F M

Year 2 – Y W

Friday 25th March

Best Listeners: -

Year R – A M

Year 1 – J M

Year 2 – I M

Stars of the Week: -

Year R – C T

Year 1 – A D

Year 2 – E D

Best class for lining up last week – Reception
Best attendance last week – Year 2

Best class for lining up this week - Year 1
Best attendance this week – Year 2

Tempest School Photographers

Tempest School Photographers came into school on Tuesday 15th March to take informal class photos. We are hoping to receive these before the end of term but are aware that the processing unit in Cornwall has been hit by Covid recently. We will send these out as soon as possible.

Respect



As you all know our four key core values are 'Be Kind, Be Honest, Respect and Achieve' and every few weeks we like to focus on one of them. For the next few weeks we will be focusing on respecting each other and in particular respecting adults when moving around the school. Our corridors are very narrow and so there is sometimes congestion hence we are encouraging the children to stand aside for the 'grown ups'. Children will be rewarded with our rainbow stickers for being extra respectful so please praise them at home if you see your child wearing our special sticker.

Mothers' Day

What a lovely way to end the week and indeed to start the day. The concert was an absolute triumph! The children sang with such joy, we heard every single word and their actions were perfect! Thank you to all the staff for preparing the children so well. Thank you also to the Friends of Fulmer for continuing our tradition of giving a gorgeous bunch of daffodils to all the mothers. Have a very happy Sunday all you 'super mums'!



Good Luck

We would like to say good luck to L and A in Year 1 who are both performing at the Beck Theatre in Hayes on Sunday. Both pupils are taking part in a ballet performance which promises to be a very exciting event for them both.

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



Tue 29th March Year 2 Assembly 9.10am in the school hall

Fri 1st April Year 1 Assembly 9.10am in the school hall

Sun 3rd April Friends of Fulmer Sponsored Walk 11am-12pm (Black Park)

Thur 7th April Easter Bonnet Parade (Yr 1 & Yr 2) 9.15am in the school hall

Fri 8th April School closes for the Easter holidays at 1:00pm

Mon 25th April School re-opens for the Summer Term

And Finally.....

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers