



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have all enjoyed another very busy and successful fortnight in school and our pupils have been so hard working. They are currently very busy preparing for the Christmas Nativity Concert and practicing a selection of songs and carols. Their singing is delightful!

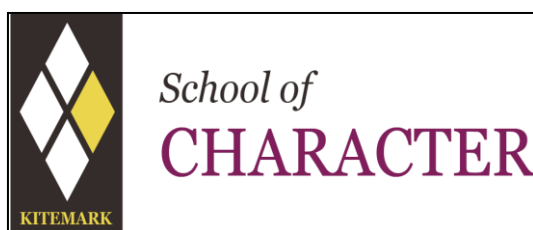
Covid Update

Sadly, having had remarkably little disturbance from Covid other than the national lockdown periods, Covid is finally making its mark on our school routines. We now have two members of staff off work due to this very nasty virus and several pupils too. It was with great reluctance we took the decision to move Year 2 onto remote learning for a day this week and thank you all our Year 2 parents for supporting us and using lateral flow tests. Thank you also to everyone for being so sensible in interpreting any symptoms your child may be displaying. Keeping children off school until they are fully well is the best way to keep everyone safe.

Once again, in the light of the new variant Omicron, and following government advice, we are restricting access for visitors to school unless essential and then only with masks. Thank you to all parents wearing masks once more in the queue at drop off and pick up times. We really appreciate this.

I am sure you will join us in wishing both Mrs MacKinder and Miss Rudki well, we really miss them.

School of Character Accreditation



Well done Fulmer Infant School!

We are very thrilled and very proud to say that, following a comprehensive inspection we have *'met the exacting standards required to be awarded the **School of Character' Kitemark.***

This is a very prestigious award which recognises that we teach the children sound values, enabling them to make good choices. There were rigorous interviews with staff and Governors and two children, Y and E from Year 2, who were both splendid ambassadors for our school. The report is very glowing and here is an excerpt:

'The two pupils who showed me around the school were confident and well-informed regarding the values which the school reinforce at every turn. It is also clear that learning experiences at the school afford them the ability to grow and develop in a nurturing environment, which does not shy away from providing both challenge and personal care in equal measure.'

2021 Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year by buying poppies and Remembrance merchandise through the school. At the time of our last newsletter we did not know the total raised but we were informed last week that the school raised £113.79.

Stranger Danger Assembly



We were really delighted to welcome back P.C. Dobbins into school last week to see the school and to talk to the children.

P.C. Dobbins led an exciting assembly and covered very important issues such as Stranger Danger, Road Safety, Internet Safety and how to keep yourself safe riding a bicycle. He also talked about the sort of videos children should or shouldn't be watching.

The assembly was really interesting and involved lots of participation from our pupils. Afterwards P.C. Dobbins mentioned how very impressed he was with the children's knowledge and with the children's very sensible questions.

Stunning Christmas Tree



Yesterday we received a very kind donation of an enormous Nordic, non-needle drop Christmas tree to decorate and illuminate our School library area. It's really stunning! Thank you very much to Liz and Tom Robinson, parents of H in Year 1, who donated the tree from their stock at Pinewood nurseries. If you have not bought a tree for your home yet there are many trees of all sizes at Pinewood Nurseries and they are premium quality.

A reminder to you all that Santa will be visiting Pinewood Nurseries this weekend and on Sunday morning Friends of Fulmer will be holding their grotto with mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas craft activities.

It should be a lovely fun morning, please attend if you can and help support the school.

Parking

Once again we feel the need to raise this issue again following concerns raised by local residents. Parking around the school is extremely limited and understandably, our neighbours get very upset when their driveways get blocked. You may feel you are only stopping for a few minutes but it really is very inconsiderate and gives the school a bad name within our locality. May we also remind you not to park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school. These are there for health and safety reasons and to give good visibility. Please remember there is plenty of parking available at the rear of the Black Horse pub.

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: -

Please Support 'Easy Fundraising'

Are you doing your Christmas shopping on line? Please remember to always shop through EasyFundraising before you put anything in your basket! A further £19 has been earned for the school since the last newsletter! It's amazing how quickly and easily it mounts up! The grand total has now reached **£2,307.92**

Please remember, whenever you shop on line, you can help us! You can help us raise funds every time you click! Please read the instructions below and remember to use the Easy Fundraising account for any shopping you do online, especially if you are ordering something big like a new washing machine or a sofa! There is also an APP that you can download to your phone and currently there are over 3,000 different retailers participate in this scheme.

It's **SO** simple! All you have to do is: -

Go to: **<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/EG93VX/LDD5US>**

1. Enter Fulmer Infant School in the search box
2. Click Join Us and enter your details and then click on Create My Account
3. 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

Please Note: Easyfundraising are currently running a special Advent Calendar initiative giving you the chance to win prizes for the school – check it out!

Please tell all your friends and family – anyone is welcome to fund-raise for the school.

Christmas Cards

Traditionally at Fulmer many children like to send Christmas cards to their friends and teachers and from Monday there will be special post boxes in each classroom. Parents, please can you check that children write the names and class for each recipient clearly on the front of each envelope to avoid cards getting lost. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

- Sat 4th Dec** Friends of Fulmer Xmas Movie Morning 9.30am
Sun 5th Dec Friends of Fulmer Xmas Photo Day
Wed 15th Dec Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thu 16th Dec Friends of Fulmer Christmas Disco (information to follow)
Fri 17th Dec School closes for Christmas Holidays at 1pm
Tues 4th Jan School re-opens for the Spring Term



And Finally.....

We wish you all a very happy weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers

