



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the second half of the Spring Term. We hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break and that it was a happy family time for all. Since returning to school we have had a very busy fortnight so please read on to find out all about it.

### World Book Day

What a wonderful day we had yesterday celebrating World Book Day 2023!

The children looked amazing in their book character costumes and thank you to all parents for your support of this initiative – the costumes sparked a lot of interesting discussion and learning about our favourite books and stories. Thank you to the parents that donated books to the library – this is a very kind gesture.



World Book Day, created by UNESCO 28 years ago, is held annually and children of all ages come together to share the joys of reading together. In the UK World Book Day is held earlier than in other countries to avoid it falling in the Easter holidays but the aim is the same around the world – to share the joy of reading and a good story.

Every child has been given a special World Book Day token. These are worth £1 each and can either be used to exchange for one of the special books written especially for the occasion or to reduce the price of any other children's book by £1. Please do make good use of your token and get a special new book for your child.



## Matchbox Challenge

Over the half term holiday the school held the Matchbox Challenge! All children were given a plain white empty matchbox and were given two specific tasks. Firstly, they were invited to decorate their box in anyway they chose and, secondly, to see how much money they could squeeze inside it.

Our children never fail to impress us and this challenge has been no exception. All money raised by filling the boxes was sent today to the 'Disaster Emergency Committee' (DEC) who have launched a specific appeal to support the people in Southern Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquakes last month. The boxes came back into school last week and we have all been totally amazed at just how well the children did. The decorated boxes are so creative and very pretty, but inside them – well WOW! So much money crammed inside! Collectively, as a school community, we have raised **£839.61!** Thank you so much everyone for your support.

And our competition winners were: -

**Best decorated boxes:** D K, Year R, M V, Year 1 and S S, Year 2

**Most money squeezed into their box:** S R, Year R, A V, Year 1 and A-S A, Year 2

All children who took part were awarded 5 Do-Jo points



Our three winning matchboxes →



↓ Year 2 boxes

Year R boxes ↓

Year 1 boxes ↘



## Year 1 Giants

Also during the half term break, children in Year 1 were set a craft challenge and were asked to make a giant out of card, paper and junk modelling boxes.



The giants vary considerably in both size and structure but they all reflect amazing creative skills and imagination. All the staff have been hugely impressed by both 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!

## Easy Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Easy Fundraising initiative. Started about 4 - 5 years ago now, this initiative pays the school a quarterly payment based on the expenditure you have made. We have just received £66 which is most welcome! We are using it to buy our Reception class a new electronic pencil sharpener, some photocopying paper and some reward stickers! Thank you!

Our grand total is currently £2,543.06 - not bad for 5 years!

Please remember Easy Fundraising is like free money! We would love to get the total higher but really need your support so come on everyone, let's all do some more on-line shopping and let's make the total huge!

Please remember to support the school raise funds through the Easy Fundraising Scheme. It's so easy to do and there is even an app so you can use it from your mobile phone!

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

## 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 this week are: -

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

**Year R – S F**

**Year 1 – N S**

**Year 2 – A Y**

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

**Year R – E S**

**Year 1 – D D**

**Year 2 – S S**

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

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

**Year R – L S**

**Year 1 – A S**

**Year 2 – O Y**

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

**Year R – D K**

**Year 1 – C T**

**Year 2 – C W**

Best classes for lining up: - last week it was Yr 1 and this week it is Year Yr R! Well done!

Best classes for attendance: - Last week it was Yr 1 and this week it is Year 1 again with 99% attendance – Fantastic!

**Achievements outside of school:** We always love to hear about the special things our pupils do and achieve outside of the school day. In this newsletter we would like to congratulate H, S and A for showing their passbooks and badges gained in skiing lessons, A for passing Levels 1 & 2 in swimming, L for her dancing certificate, S for her Taekwondo certificate and D for achieving 2 medals in his half-term holiday football club. Well done to you all!

## Parent Consultation Evenings

This week we have held our two termly parent consultation evenings and it was lovely to see so many of you over the two evenings. Parent evenings are a good opportunity for you to view all your child's work in their books and to discuss your child's progress. Thank you for all the very supportive and complimentary comments, we really appreciate this greatly.

## Donations to School

Last week we put out an appeal for pieces of drainpipe to create flowing tubes for the children in Reception to experiment with. Miss Rudki has been very grateful for the donations that came in and the children are having a wonderful time using them. (we have sufficient now). You also supported us with gifts and donations of balance bikes and these too are proving very popular – thank you so much.

Mrs Walker has our latest request – items needed for Art. Can you help by sending in any clean, empty yoghurt pots? (sturdy plastic pots for water and paint). Additionally we also need old newspapers and carrier bags. Many thanks.

## Diary Dates

Check out these dates! Are they in your diaries?



<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 2 visit to RAF Hendon Museum, packed lunch required
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 2 SATs Meeting (see emails)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mothers' Day Assembly at 9:15, all Mums welcome
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Reception Mums' Stay & Play 1:30 (in Reception class)
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 1 class assembly at 9:15, all Year 1 parents welcome
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Friends of Fulmer Sponsored Walk (see emails)
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 1 & Year 2 Sport Activity Day (see emails)
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Parade 9:15am in the hall (details to follow)
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	School finishes for the Easter holidays at 1:00pm

School re-opens for the Summer Term on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

## And Finally.....

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our school. It has been a lovely two weeks in school and as usual, the children are delightful and a joy to work with. Thank you also to the Friends of Fulmer who have organised today's Krispy Kreme donut sale – if you've ordered some, enjoy your donuts and have a very relaxing weekend.

With our best wishes

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing  
Co- Headteachers

