



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the second half of the Autumn Term. We trust everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and that all our children have returned refreshed. This is a very exciting part of the term with lots of exciting events to look forward to.

Year 1 and 2 Pupils Visit to the Iver Environmental Centre

On Friday 15th October, pupils from our Year 1 and 2 classes went out for an educational visit to the Environmental Centre at Iver. Due to Covid, this is the first time we have been able to go out for a visit since 2019 and the children were incredibly excited.

Armed with a packed lunch and their water bottles, they all set off to be intrepid explorers around a 4.5 acre oasis in the Colne Valley.

The children had great fun learning all about trees and plants, plus particularly enjoyed doing pond dipping activities and making creative bug hotels.



Parent Consultations

A reminder to all parents that our parent consultation sessions are taking place next week on Monday and Wednesday after school. We are aware that not everybody in each class has signed up so please make sure you do not miss out. There are a few time slots still available for the Wednesday session.

African Dance Workshop

As part of our celebrations for Black History Week, we were delighted to welcome One Day Creative to the school before half term to offer African Dance sessions to each of our three classes. The children all had a lot of fun and certainly learnt some interesting dance moves – very rhythmic and exciting!



Reception



Year 1



Year 2

Diwali Celebrations

We are currently amidst the 5 day Hindu celebration of Diwali. On Wednesday Miss Rudki led the assembly and told all the children about this lovely festival of light and the significance of good triumphing over evil. Children in Year 1 all made clay Diya lamps for the celebrations and Reception Class were shown how to make colourful Rangoli patterns on the playground!



Driving Speeds

We have recently received reports of vehicles driving too fast along Alderbourne Lane and around the back of the Black Horse car park. On one occasion parents were sprayed with water as the wheels slashed through puddles. We do urge everybody to drive with the utmost care at drop off and pick up times – little children can be very unpredictable and nobody would want there to be an unfortunate accident. Even at 10 miles per hour a lot of injuries could occur!

Open Mornings – 2 Further Dates

On Friday 12th November and Friday 26th November the school will be holding two open mornings. The Open Mornings are a chance for parents looking for a school to come and view what is on offer at Fulmer. Last year our open mornings couldn't take place due to Covid so this year it was wonderful to welcome visitors back into school. Our first open morning was very well attended so hopefully the next two will be as well.

Choosing the right school for your child is a very important decision and with only 28 places available we are likely to be a very popular choice. Pupils in Years 1 & 2 will sing in the hall and both Mrs Hunt and Mrs Dowsing will give a presentation on how well out pupils do in our small, friendly environment.

If any of you are aware of a friend or neighbour with a child due to start school next September please do advise them to contact the school to come and see us.

Reception Class Arrival and Departure Door

When our new Reception children commenced at the school they arrived and departed through the front door – this was a system that worked well and enabled Miss Rudki and Mrs Pearce to be able to see who was waiting through the front windows.

Temporarily we needed to deviate from this system and use the side gate for a while. We are pleased to tell you that from Monday 8th November, following alterations to our front door, we will be returning to the old system. Please can all parents remember to use the front door from next week. Many thanks for your support and co-operation.

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 22nd October 2021

Best Listeners: -

Year R – A S

Year 1 – S S

Year 2 – N S

Stars of the Week: -

Year R – A B

Year 1 – A Y

Year 2 – T H

Friday 13th November 2021

Best Listeners: -

Year R – M S

Year 1 – C R

Year 2 – K S

Stars of the Week: -

Year R – M A

Year 1 – R C

Year 2 – E C

Great News About 'Easy Fundraising'

A really **BIG** thank you to everyone who supports the school through Easyfundraising! We get paid the dividends quarterly and have just received our Autumn payout - **£80.51!** Its amazing to think that we get this money just from your online shopping! Well-Done to you all. We currently have 80 subscribers and, in total, since we launched the initiative, we have raised **£2,260.70!**

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: Every new subscriber who joins in November 2021 will earn a bonus of £15 when they raise £15 over the course of the coming year.

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

Diary Dates

Mon 8th Nov	Flu Nasal Spray (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Mon 8th Nov	Parent Consultations 3:10 – 5:30
Tue 9th Nov	Tempest Individual Photos (am)
Wed 10th Nov	Parent Consultations 4:00 – 6:30
Thur 11th Nov	Remembrance Assembly 11:00am (pupils only)
Thur 11th Nov	Vision Screening (Year 1)
Fri 12th Nov	Second Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.30am to 10.30am)
Sun 14th Nov	Reception Family Brunch 10:00 – 11.30 (School Hall)
Fri 19th Nov	Children In Need Day (information to follow)
Tue 23rd Nov	Reception World Culture Day – More details to follow
Wed 24th Nov	Year 2 Assembly 9:15 (1 parent per pupil in the School Hall)
Fri 26th Nov	Third Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9:30 to 10:30am)
Tue 7th Dec	Nativity (Whole School) 10:00 (information to follow)
Wed 8th Dec	Nativity (Yr 1 and Yr 2) 5:30 (information to follow)
Fri 17th Dec	School closes 1:00 for Christmas Holidays



And Finally.....

We hope you all enjoy the beauty of the Autumn season with it's festivals such as Diwali, Guy Fawkes Night, Remembrance and Children In Need. Make the most of the delightful colours and autumnal sunshine.

With our best wishes

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers