



Dear Parents/Carers,



At the time of writing this first newsletter of the new school year, we learn of the sad death of our much-loved monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

It is just a few months since we were all cheering and waving flags on the playground celebrating her Platinum Jubilee and marvelling at the length of her amazing reign. We give sincere thanks for the incredible life of Queen Elizabeth and will help explain the loss to the children over the coming days.

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families joining the school this term and hope both you and your children will quickly settle into our school community. Welcome too, to everyone returning back into new classes, we hope you have all had a very enjoyable break. This week we start another school year which we are sure, once again, will be another very successful year for everyone. The children seemed to have settled in very quickly and seem really pleased to be back with their friends.

In Reception we have welcomed new children from two of our three staggered entry groups and are looking forward to welcoming the last group into school on Monday. Our Reception Class is smaller this year but a such a delightful group of excited young children and Miss Rudki is enjoying getting to know them all.

Welcome New Staff

This term we are also delighted to be welcoming two new members of staff. Miss Barakat and Mrs Aslam join the staff to assist in Reception, the teaching of Little Wandle phonics and assisting at lunchtimes.

We are delighted that two excellent new members of staff have joined our team and know that you will all make them feel very welcome.



Posts of Responsibility in Year 2

At the beginning of every autumn term all the children in year 2 are given significant roles in the school to develop their sense of responsibility to the community.

The roles are:-

- Senior members of the School Council, who lead whole school assemblies discussing how to make our school even better.
- Playground buddies, who keep an eye on the friendship bench and playground in general, they also take any child who needs first aid to a first aider.
- Eco team members, (we are an Eco School) who lead whole school assemblies teaching everyone how we can look after our environment.

In line with the Government's requirement that the children are taught about democracy, they used a secret ballot to vote with the following results:

Playground Buddies:

H, C, R, M, A, L, B, A, J, A

ECO team members

F, J, A S, S, D, A, A, Y, C, O

School Council

Chair: L

Secretary: G

Bursar: I

Congratulations, and enjoy your special jobs!



School Council



Eco Team



Playground Buddies

Afterschool Clubs

We are pleased to inform you that we will be offering 'After School Clubs' on 5 days a week commencing from Monday 12th September. We offer an Art & Craft club on Mondays and sports clubs on Tuesday to Friday. Each club starts at 3:00pm straight after school and will extend the school day until 4:00pm. In the autumn and spring terms our clubs are open to children from Years 1 & 2. We hope to offer the Reception children an invitation to join a club from the Summer Term 2023.

Mondays – Art & Crafts
Tuesdays – Football

Wednesdays – Football
Thursdays – Multi-sports

Fridays – Gymnastics

Arrival at School and Parking

As you know, we are very keen to avoid congestion in Alderbourne Lane and ask all parents to avoid driving down the road if possible and to be respectful of local residents' driveways.

Currently, parents are able to make use of the newly enlarged car park at the back of the Black Horse at drop off and pick up times each day. We are extremely grateful to the publican for allowing this to happen – it is a great goodwill gesture in support of the local community. Thank you.

Gardening News

The Summer brought wonderful news for the school and all our keen gardeners. Before we broke up in July we were able to share with you that Fulmer Infant School had won the Stoke Poges, Wexham and Fulmer Horticultural Society Schools Cup and the judges were very impressed with all the plants the children had grown. In the holidays the society held it's annual show and thank you to all those who were able to attend and support the school. Here we were presented with the Schools silver trophy along with a certificate for growing the best bumper crop of potatoes! Our scarecrow came second.

In August our Year 2 planting bed, which was full of sunflowers, burst into vibrant and large flower heads but sadly missed by the children – we will aim to plant them earlier next year! However, please enjoy the photo.

Our keen and enthusiastic gardeners are hoping to plant bulbs for spring colour later in the term and hopefully some Brussel Sprouts too.



Our potatoes, second on left, weighed the most!



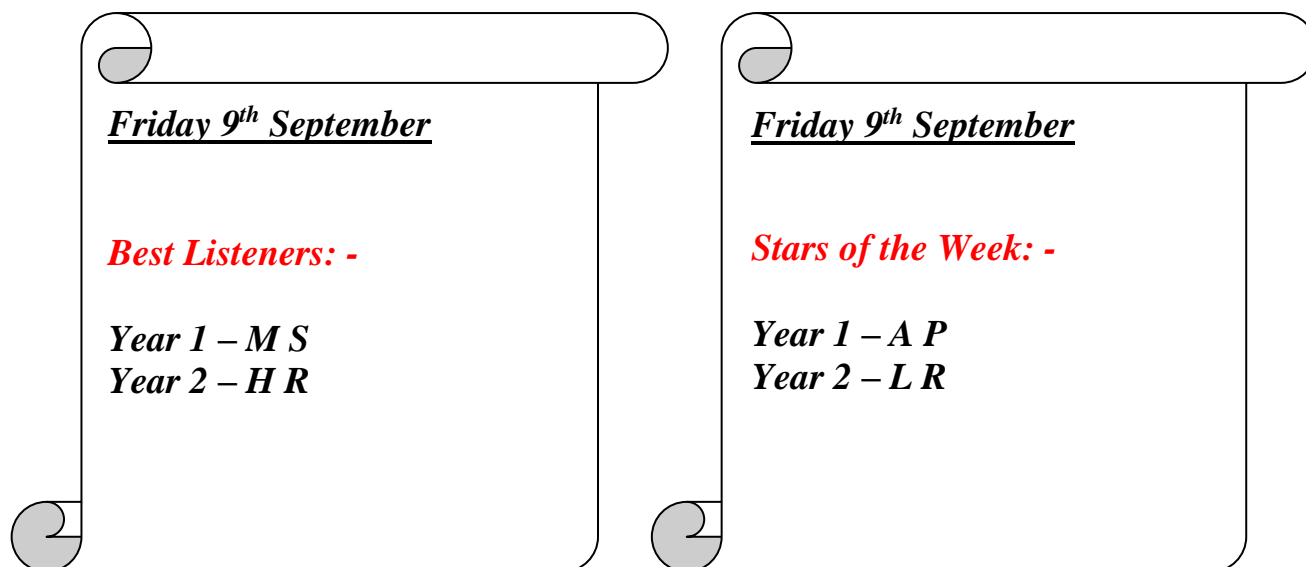
Naming of Uniform

May we take this opportunity to remind parents to kindly name **ALL** items of clothing that your child wears to school – this includes gloves, coats, scarves etc. During the week commencing **19th September**, staff in all three classes will be checking names on pupils' uniform. Children will receive up to 12 'Dojo' points – 1 point for each item named! Please remember to check everything – this really helps avoiding a mass of items in lost property!

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 first week back in school are: -



Easy Fundraising Update

We are so grateful to everyone in our school community who likes to support us with the Easy Fundraising Scheme. Our total to date, since the initiative first launched a few years ago, has now reached **£2,928.65!**

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

Circus Update

Sadly, the circus event scheduled for yesterday had to be postponed due to the bad weather. We are pleased to note that the circus has been re-scheduled for **Monday 10th October.** Should you be unable to attend the new date and need a refund, please contact Friends of Fulmer at www.friendsoffulmer.gmail.com

Diary Dates



Friday 23 rd September	All Day	Bring Your Teddy to School Day £2 Charity donation for Pakistan Flood Relief
Friday 23 rd September	1.45	Early Years Presentation for Reception Parents (Information to follow)
Wednesday 28 th September	2.15	Yr 1 & Yr 2 Maths/English Presentation (Information to follow)
Thursday 29 th September	9:15	MacMillan Coffee Morning – Everyone welcome (Information to follow)
Friday 30 th September	9:15	Harvest Festival – 1 parent per child invited
Monday 10 th October	5.30	Happy Circus (new date for event)
Friday 21 st October	9:30	Open Morning for prospective new parents for September 2023 entry
Friday 21 st October	3pm	School closes for half term

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October – School closed for the half-term break

Attendance – Please see the summary document of our school’s attendance policy overleaf.

And Finally.....

It has been a complete joy to have the children back in school and to welcome new little faces into our Reception Class. Their smiles, enthusiasm and laughter will keep us going through the challenges of the weeks ahead. We look forward to seeing you at the various events coming up through the term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers



A Picture to Colour

Attendance Summary Sheet - Quick Reference



Regular school attendance is essential if children are to achieve their full potential. Good attendance in the first few years of a child's schooling provides an excellent foundation for all their future years of schooling, which, in turn, leads to high academic attainment and the fulfilment of potential.

We aim for 96% attendance across the whole school – please help us meet this target!

1) Arrival at School

The side gate to the playground is opened at 8:45 each morning. A member of staff will be in attendance on the playground.

Parents arrive with their children and **wait** with them until the bell rings at 8:55

Children line up in their class lines and their teachers welcome them and escort them into the classrooms.

Parents leave and the gate is secured. Any child arriving after this point should be taken to the front door.

2) Registration

The class register is taken every day at 9:00am and lessons commence straight afterwards.

The register closes at 9:10.

Please note, however, arrival after 9:00am will mean your child misses the start of the first lesson.

Arrival after 9:10 means a child is recorded as late. If there are no exceptional circumstances accepted for the lateness, then the lateness will be recorded as half a day of unauthorised absence.

Your child's attendance will be shared with parents at the end of the year on the annual report and, if poor, may be shared with the Educational Welfare Officer at Buckinghamshire Council.

3) Dismissal

All classes will be brought outside to line up on the playground at 3:00pm each day. Parents enter by the side gate and each child will be handed over by the class staff to ensure safety. The school operates a secret password system for anyone other than the child's parent collecting the child.

4) Rewards

The school values good attendance and punctuality very highly – this is excellent practice for establishing a beneficial routine for all future life. Every Friday in assembly, the school celebrates good attendance by awarding a silver cup to the class with the highest percentage of sessions in school. In addition, a certificate is awarded to each child termly who achieves 100% attendance.