



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone in our school community and we hope you were all able to enjoy a relaxing break over Christmas. Welcome back and here is the first newsletter of 2021!

Lockdown 3 and Home Learning

Please accept our apologies for the confusion at the start of term regarding the reopening arrangements for the Spring Term. We were so hopeful we could open for everyone only to find on the 4th January that the government announced that schools were to close.

Fulmer Infant School is currently open for the children of critical/key workers. We have more children attending than in the first lockdown with 22 present today. We would like to express our most sincere thanks to our class teachers; Mrs Mardell, Mrs Bhatti and Miss Rudki for the excellent packs of work & activities they have put together (at very short notice) for all pupils to complete in the first two weeks of term. We hope all parents have found these to be readily accessible and straightforward to follow at home. All pupils, whether at home or at school, are using the same packs.

From Monday 18th January, now that we have had a little more time to prepare, we are hoping to enhance our provision. You will have received letters about this earlier in the week, sent out for each class. Work packs on a weekly basis will be provided for children to use – they cover all the core areas of the curriculum with specific links to 'Jump Start Jonny' and 'Joe Wicks' for PE. Next week's pack will be uploaded to the website on Sunday evening and will be found under the 'Parents' section within 'Home Learning'.

In addition, we will be organising a 'Well-being' chat with our home learners to take place every Monday morning on the following 'Zoom' link: -

**ID -
Passcode -**

**We hope you will be able to use this link to enable
your child to take part.**

The times are as follows: -

**Year R - 9:10 – 9:20
Year 1 - 9:25 – 9:35
Year 2 - 9:40 – 9:50**

Parent & Child Consultations With Teachers – Every Friday on School Cloud – Years 1 & 2

To **all parents carrying out home learning**, please book an appointment slot for Fridays with your child to speak with the class teacher. This will be an opportunity to raise any questions about the set activities and for each teacher to offer encouragement and motivation to pupils.

School Cloud allows parents to choose their own appointment time and you will receive an email confirming your appointment details. The meetings will take place remotely and not in school.

Appointments can be made between Monday and Thursday to take place on the Friday. They are not compulsory but can be made every week that you feel they would be useful. Your child can attend with you.

Please visit <https://fulmer.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment. – we look forward to seeing you.

Reading

Due to social distancing requirements we are no longer able to routinely hear children read in school. It is therefore imperative that all children are heard to read at home every day. To facilitate this, 6 reading books will be provided every Monday for each child. Books can be read more than once to promote fluency and understanding.

Book exchange times on Mondays are as follows: -

Year R - 9:30 – 11:00

Year 1 - 11:30 – 1:00

Year 2 - 1:30 – 2:30

Please return all books from the previous week and completed work from the work packs so teachers can check over the home learning.

Wonderful Doll Collection Donated to the School

As we face Covid challenges every day and hear sad and depressing updates on media news channels, we thought we would share a lovely piece of news for the school.

We would like to extend a really big thank you to our immediate school neighbour, Mrs Alex Bates for her wonderful gift of a childhood doll collection.

Over 30 dolls from around the world, all in national costume, are now proudly in our



possession. Alex's father, who travelled around many countries, would bring his daughter a souvenir doll from each country he visited and she built up an extensive collection as the pictures show.

These dolls are a fantastic teaching resource for all classes. The children in school have been delighted to see them and they have initiated lots of interesting discussion.

Thank you so much, they will be treasured.

Diary Dates



Lockdown school closure is in place until mid-February and we await further information about re-opening to all pupils.

Half-term is Monday 15th Feb to Friday 19th February 2021

End of Spring Term is Thursday 1st April 2021

Easyfundraising – Please help us through your on-line shopping!

In every newsletter we like to remind you all about an easy way you can financially help the school. You can really help us by supporting our 'Easyfundraising' scheme. This is such a painless way to raise money for the school and our budget is very tight so please read the instructions below and remember to use the account for any shopping you do online; over 3,000 retailers have signed up to the account!

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

There are no catches or hidden charges and the school will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you so much for your support.

And Finally.....

We recognise these are unprecedented times that we find ourselves in and hugely challenging for everyone. We really value your support and words of encouragement – they are truly appreciated.

Please stay safe and well.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers

