



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well the term is rapidly progressing and it seems strange to think that within a week we will all be enjoying the half term break. It has been a very successful first half of term with all pupils back and very happy children busy in their learning. So many pupils have told us how they really missed school during lockdown and are so delighted to be back with their friends.

**A Message from the Service Director: Education at Buckinghamshire council**

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you all for working with schools across Buckinghamshire to support the return for pupils. We know that all of you are keen to ensure that schools and pupil 'bubbles' remain open and there is a reduced need for pupils to self-isolate. We currently have over a thousand children within the county who are required to stay at home, and like you we are keen to minimise the impact on pupils and families wherever possible.

You can help with this through ensuring that government guidance is applied in your own lives, and especially when you are at or near your child's school site. Please make sure that you maintain appropriate social distances (2 metres/three paces apart) whilst collecting and dropping off your children and that you maintain hand hygiene before and after touching playground gates etc.

These simple actions, as well as wearing masks if you need to go inside at any time, will help your child's school to remain open and that children do not have to isolate at home unnecessarily. This message is endorsed by Children's Services and Public Health at Buckinghamshire Council as well as primary, secondary and special school head teachers.

Yours sincerely,

**Simon James**

**Service Director: Education**

**Open Day Presentation**

Many of you will remember coming to look around the school when choosing a Reception place for your child. Although it feels we have only just got our current Reception pupils happily settled, it is already the time to be thinking about telling families all about the school for September entry next year.

This year choosing a school is going to be a more difficult experience for parents. Due to Covid we are unable to hold our usual series of open mornings and instead we are producing a video presentation to go on our website from next week.

**We really need your help!** If anyone is aware of a family near them with a 4 year old child starting school in September, we would really appreciate it if you could advise them favourably about how special our school is and how much your children love coming here. Please also direct them to the school website to view our open day presentation. Lots of our current pupils feature in and their singing is quite adorable.

Applications need to be made on line to Buckinghamshire Council by **midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

## Friends of Fulmer Pumpkin Fun

Members of the Friends of Fulmer association have been very busy organising some lovely fun packs and a special mufti day to raise valuable funds for the school. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, just before our half-term break, pupils can choose to wear non-uniform clothes on a spooky theme for a donation of £2. Also, on sale outside the front of the school next Thursday and Friday, will be pumpkin fun packs containing crafts and treats for £5

Please do support these fun activities as the profits raised will be used to support the school. Thank you.

## Fulmer Home Grown Pumpkins

Last term Mrs Howells kindly donated a few little pumpkin plants that she had grown from seeds. The Year 2 pupils at the time planted these in our raised planting beds and watched them grow into enormously long pumpkin vines. In the Summer holidays three little pumpkins grew and in recent weeks we have watched them get bigger and bigger!

This week the pumpkins were harvested and we gave one to each class. All the children had an opportunity to design a face for the pumpkin and the winners from each class had their design carved into the pumpkin. There were some amazing designs and it was very difficult to choose the winners but congratulations go to:-

Year R - Seher Sarwar

Year 1 - Bertie Owen

Year 2 - Jude Vogler



## Dogs at School

A polite notice to all parents who bring their dogs up to school at drop off and pick up times: Please remember that many small children can be easily frightened by dogs, especially large or noisy ones. We request that any dog coming up to school is **ALWAYS** on a lead and supervised by its owner. Many thanks for your co-operation.

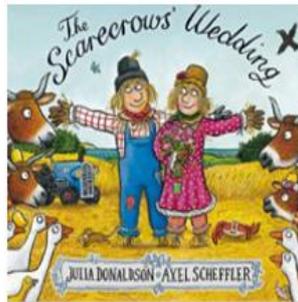
## Parking

Once again, just another reminder about parking. Since introducing two separate start/finish times for our two 'bubbles' this September, we have noticed considerably less congestion and gridlock in Alderbourne Lane. However, we have still had one or two incidents of blocking neighbour's driveways and parking on the white hatchings on the junction with Fulmer Road. This is dangerous and inconsiderate so please don't be the person that puts others at risk!

The enlarged car park at the rear of the Black Horse pub makes an excellent place to park when dropping off and picking up – it's safe, close by and already used by many.

## Year 2 Scarecrow Day

Pupils in Year 2 have enjoyed a wonderful time in school this week reading the story of 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' by Julia Donaldson and basing all their English work on the text. The highlight of the week, however, was a scarecrow mufti day where everyone dressed up as colourful scarecrows! The pictures below show some of the wonderful outfits! Well done Year 2!



## Congratulations

It is always so lovely to hear about pupils' achievements out of school and to celebrate these in our Golden Assemblies every Friday.  
Congratulations go to: -

Barakah in Year 2 for great progress in her swimming at the Nuffield Health Centre  
Evie in Year 1 for amazing progress in her gymnastics  
Bea in Year R for beginning to swim independently

## Easyfundraising – Help us through your On-line Shopping!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about an easy way you can financially help the school. You can really 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.**

## Important Diary Dates



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Halloween Fun Pack on Sale £5 (F of F) Front of School  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Spooky Mufti Day £2 donation please (see emails)  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Halloween Fun Pack on Sale £5 (F of F) Front of School  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – School Closes for Half Term at 3pm

**Half Term Break – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School Closed**

Week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November Parent Evenings – information to follow

## And Finally.....

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing  
Co- Headteachers