



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we rapidly race towards the end of May, Half-Term will soon be upon us. This year it is a week later than usual and takes us into the first week of June.

Anyone planning to travel abroad, please be aware that there are many travel restrictions in place and quarantine will be necessary for anyone travelling to a country on the Amber or Red list. This may affect the date your child returns back to school. We would be grateful if you could advise us of any foreign travel plans.

We have enjoyed a busy and purposeful time in school over the last two weeks so please read on to discover our exciting achievements and read important pieces of information.

### **Special Assemblies**

Recently in school, pupils in Years 1 and 2 have enjoyed 2 special assemblies: -

Well done to DT, AC and RA, members of the ECO team in Year 2, who led an assembly last week on how we can save water. They explained how precious water is for us all and gave us some tips on saving water:

- have showers rather than baths
- turn off the taps when brushing our teeth,
- have a water butt in the garden
- have a full load of washing for the washing machine rather than frequent small loads

All the children listened very attentively and asked sensible questions. Well done again to our ECO Team!



Thank you to Mrs Tawni for leading an assembly on Eid. All the children were fascinated, especially to see the Eid tree and learn about fasting, in fact some children said that it was the 'best assembly ever!'.

We hope everyone in our Muslim community enjoyed a wonderful Eid.

## **Mental Health Week**

As a school we have always been concerned about the mental health of all the children and take pride in our nurturing ethos. Last week was Mental Health week and teachers found time in the curriculum to do fun activities with the children focussing on the children's welfare. We also sent out a parent self-care guide to you all as we are aware that families are under a lot of pressure at the moment and your self-care is more important than ever.

## **School Council**



The school council comprising of: Chair, MB, Secretary, RG and Bursar, CP, led an assembly last week. They were sharing their concerns about traffic speeding around the corner at the top of Alderbourne Lane.

The children came up with several sensible suggestions which we will further discuss. In the meantime, please can everyone remember to slow down as you drive around the corner, some children are frightened and think it's an accident waiting to happen. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Half-Term Fun from Friends of Fulmer**

Friends of Fulmer are organising two special initiatives to celebrate the forthcoming half-term holiday: -

### 1) Krispy Kreme Donuts

Everyone loves a delicious donut and so to get half-term off to a delicious start, Friends of Fulmer will be selling these to raise extra 'dough' for the school! Order in advance, in either boxes of 6 or 12, each purchase really helps out! Please see the attached flyer.

### 2) Matchbox Challenge

Over the half term the children will have the opportunity to enter an exciting challenge; to fill a matchbox with as many different items as possible and to decorate it too. The matchbox kit will be sent home on Friday 28th May to be returned by no later than Tuesday 8 June. There will be 4 different prizes available: -

- 1) For the most items in the matchbox
- 2) For the most uniquely decorated box
- 3) For the most unusual item in the matchbox
- 4) For the most money raised by sponsorship.

All the information required will be in the kit provided. This will be an exciting and interesting task for the children over the half-term break so we hope everyone will have great fun joining in! Good Luck!

## School Lunches

Recently, a few parents have raised the issue of being able to individually select the school meals for their children on a daily basis. We have pondered at length on this issue and, on reflection, regret to say this is not possible.

We do not prepare our own lunches at Fulmer and buy them in from another local school with a hub kitchen. They arrive freshly cooked and delivered each morning in time to be served to pupils from 12:00. We do receive a five weekly menu in advance but there needs to be a certain amount of flexibility as the menu does change unexpectedly for valid reasons. It would not be possible to advise parents of these unexpected changes and pupils might be disappointed if they were told to expect a particular thing that couldn't be fulfilled. Everyday there are options catering for every dietary need and all the lunches are provided free of charge for Infant age pupils.

We regularly review our meal provision and the catering choices that we make and currently are happy that we are operating in the most effective way.



Fish Friday is the most popular day!

## Easyfundraising – Its Now an Exciting Challenge!

Please can you help us raise extra funding for the school with the Easy Fundraising scheme?

Can you and your family get onto our Top 12 Leaderboard? We can see the donations granted to us through your online spending and would like to reward the children whose family does well in helping raise money for the school. Each half term we will review the online tally and every child whose family earn £5 for Fulmer we will award 12 Dojo points! Dojo points in class are very highly sought after by our pupils and this is a lovely way to boost your child's score!

Already over 3,000 different retailers participate in this scheme. Maybe you are about to purchase something big like a new sofa, TV or even a holiday. Check out whether you can make your purchase through the Easyfundraising scheme – it's really 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

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

## 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 our first week back are: -

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

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

Year R – SF

Year 1 – TH

Year 2 – AO

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

Year R – GL

Year 1 – ED

Year 2 – MM

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

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

Year R – LR

Year 1 – YW

Year 2 – EI

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

Year R – AC

Year 1 – GP

Year 2 – ZN

## Diary Dates



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – School Closes for Half Term at 3pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School Re-opens

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Tempest School Photographs

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Steel Pan Workshop (details to follow)

## And Finally.....

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the school. Your help and support is so valuable and we really appreciate it. Have a wonderful Bank Holiday on the 31<sup>st</sup> May and a good half-term.

Stay safe and stay well.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing  
Co- Headteachers