



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is really good to note that we have now successfully completed three very happy weeks back at school and have had no positive cases of Covid reported! Long may this continue! It is so good to have everyone back in school.

The term is rapidly running away and soon it will be Easter! Hopefully we can all enjoy some brighter mornings and evenings with longer sunny days – hopefully as good as last year. As this is the last newsletter of the term we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy festive break.

Holiday Learning

Whilst we are always great advocators of children relaxing and enjoying a break in school holiday times, this Easter, given the disruption to the school term, we would really like to encourage the continuation of key skills over the 2-week holiday break.

We will be sending each child home with 6 books from our reading scheme and request that your child reads to you aloud every day. If possible, it is good to read each book more than once, and to a different adult. Please always ask questions about the text, the characters and the pictures along with revisiting any challenging words.

Please also keep simple Maths skills alive. Ask questions such as 'What's 1 more? What's 1 less? 2 more? And 2 less? Practise number bonds to 10 and 20, Can they count in 2s? Good mental Maths skills are so valuable and just 5 minutes a day can really help!

Bubble Closure

It was with the deepest regret that we needed to close our Reception Class 'Bubble' on Thursday. Sadly, Miss Rudki has picked up a nasty cold virus (not Coronavirus) and has been unable to come into school. Although on several days we were able to cover the class with help from Mrs Mackinder, she does not work with us on Thursdays so we had no other option but to close the class.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our Reception Class parents for the support you have given us in this matter and for keeping your children at home. It does make us realise the importance of doing everything possible to keep the staff well and healthy, so please do not send your children into school if they are unwell with cold or tummy upset symptoms. Thank you.

Our 'Red Nose Day' Event 2021



Thank you to everyone for supporting Red Nose Day celebrations last week. It was lovely to see the children wearing an amazing array of red clothes and we certainly heard some very funny jokes!

We are delighted to inform you that your donations raised the grand total of **£139.00** which is being sent to the charity Comic Relief.

Fun with the Parachute

Children in Year 1 and 2 have had a lot of fun this week using the school's parachute with Mrs Parrett in PE lessons. The parachute is an excellent resource for developing both team work and social skills. It encourages children to work co-operatively towards a common goal whilst reinforcing the concepts of turn-taking and sharing. Physically, parachute activities develop upper core strength and a lot of whole body movement – so good for general health and balance.



Turn On The Subtitles

A new campaign called 'Turn On the Subtitles' suggests that you can get more out of watching your favourite shows if you do just that – turn the subtitles on! The study even suggested that children didn't notice they were absorbing the words of the subtitles, but were benefitting from them being on anyway. The people behind the campaign found that in a year, children who watch around 11 hours of TV per week, (which is about the average) with the subtitles on read the equivalent of:

- All seven of the Harry Potter books
- All five of the Earthsea books
- PLUS the three books in Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy
- PLUS all seven of the books in the Nania saga
- PLUS all three of The Lord of the Rings books

In India, it has recently become law that at least 50% of children's TV must have subtitles on by the year 2025, as it is so helpful for literacy.

To enhance the children's learning and make it fun, we use short videos in the classroom so we will be trialling the project here at school, you may want to do the same at home. As Sandi Toksvig, former presenter of Great British Bake Off, said, 'I love the Turn On Subtitles campaign. It's stunningly simple, free and yet so powerful.' Prime Minister, Boris Johnson has also backed the campaign, saying it's an 'excellent' idea.

Kind Donations to the School

Spring is here at last and it is the start of the growing season in school. Each class has their own individual planting bed and we have been thrilled to receive kind donations of seeds for the children to plant next term. Thank you so much to Sue Kirby, our Chair of Governors and to Maureen Barton from the Stoke Poges, Wrexham + Fulmer Horticultural Society for their donations of Seed Potatoes, some of which were planted this week. Thanks also to Sam Rose (LR's Mum) and to Nikki Grimshaw (MM's Mum) for all the wonderful seeds which will go into the planting beds next term.

Gardening Photos



Year 1 pupils: EK watering our newly planted broad bean plants and CH watering our seed potatoes.

Please Wear Your Mask

Thank you so much to all the families that are remembering to wear a mask at drop off and pick up times. We realise that these occasions actually take place outside but at times whilst waiting on the path, parents do get quite close. We appreciate the efforts you are making. The children in Year 2 had fun this week creating posters to advise everyone to wear their masks. These have been put on display along our front fence to act as a reminder for parents and our local community. Well drawn Year 2 pupils!



An Important Message from Buckinghamshire Council to All Parents

As you probably already know, everyone working in primary schools and Early Years settings is testing twice a week for COVID-19 to help keep the school community safe. While nursery and primary school pupils do not have to be tested, other members of their households can access regular testing and we urge you to do so - every case we can pick up and isolate helps to stop the virus spreading and ultimately keeps us all safer.

Anyone with a child at a primary school can get tested regularly by attending one of the four rapid test sites in Buckinghamshire, or you can go and collect test kits to do yourself at home. If it's hard for you to go to a site, you can have test kits posted out to you – all the details are on the government's website at www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff

Thank you so much for playing your part in the fight against COVID-19. For more local information about COVID-19 and to find the locations of the Buckinghamshire rapid test sites, you can go to the Buckinghamshire Council website at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

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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 19th March

Best Listeners: -

TF – Year 2
KK – Year 1
DP – Year R

Stars of the Week: -

RS – Year 2
KS – Year 1
JM – Year R

Friday 26th March

Best Listeners: -

RA – Year 2
RR – Year 1
RC – Year R

Stars of the Week: -

ZK – Year 2
EK – Year 1
CW – Year R

Friends of Fulmer Easter Fun – Guess the Number of Eggs Competition

Please support the Friends of Fulmer and help raise money for the school! An email has been sent out to all parents today advising of a lovely Easter competition to guess the number of eggs in a jar, only £1 an entry. Win an amazing balloon if your guess is correct!

Diary Dates

The end of the Spring Term is Thursday 1st April 2021 and we finish after lunch at 1:00pm. Please note our staggered departure will be as follows:

Yr R 12:55 from the front door

Yr 1 1:00 from the side gate

Yr 2 1.05 from the side gate



School re-opens for the Summer Term on Monday 19th April

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on School Cloud on Monday 10th May 2021 and Wednesday 12th May 2021. Further details will follow at the start of next term to enable parents to book appointments

And Finally.....

As the Easter holidays approach, we thank you all for your continued support of the school and hope you all have a very relaxing break with your children. Stay safe and stay well.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers



Our display of wonderful work in the library.