



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the start of the new school year! It has been so delightful to see all the happy faces on the children during the last two days – we think they missed us as much as we missed them!

If you are new to the school because your child has joined us in Reception this year, then we extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. We look forward to working with your child and also to getting to know you better. These newsletters come out fortnightly and hopefully will keep you fully informed of all the lovely things that happen in our school.



Welcome back Year 1 pupils



Welcome back Year 2 pupils

Covid Update

As we return to school this September, we have seen a welcome easing of Covid restrictions across the country. For us here at Fulmer we are looking forward to an easier term, more akin to our usual practices and the opportunity to be more welcoming to visitors in school. In view of this here are a few updates: -

- Parents are no longer required to wear masks outside when dropping off and picking up their children. However, when parents come into the school buildings, for whatever reason, we do ask that you wear your mask.
- We will no longer be working in 'Bubbles' – this means that the children will be able to see their friends from other classes at playtimes and be able to eat their lunch in the hall together.
- The school has had a thorough 'Deep Clean' towards the end of the holidays and we have done our best to make it 'Covid and germ free'! We have plenty of hand sanitizer in school and children are being reminded to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- We will hold regular reviews of Covid precautions in the light of any new advice and guidance from the government.

Sickness

Just a reminder please to everyone that children **do not** come into school if they are under the weather or are demonstrating any symptoms that might be infectious to others. It is important that our school environment is a healthy one and we do not want our staff to fall ill as last term this resulted in a class needing to be closed.

Also, please remember tummy aches, sickness and/or diarrhoea may be symptomatic of Novovirus so children should remain off school for 48 hours.

If your child is not coming into school for any reason we request you notify the school either by email or telephone call before 9:30 am. Thank you.

P.E. in School

Every week children have a timetabled session of PE with a qualified sports coach. These take place both outside on the playground or in the school hall where we have an excellent array of sports equipment. Children need to be wearing their PE clothes for these lessons and so can wear their PE kit into school on their scheduled PE day as shown below: -

Class	Day of the week	Time	Sports Coach
Year 2	Thursdays from 9/9/21	am	Mrs Parrett
Year 1	Wednesdays from 8/9/21	am	Mrs Parrett
Reception	Fridays from 24/9/21	pm	Mrs Mackinder

Summer Gardening

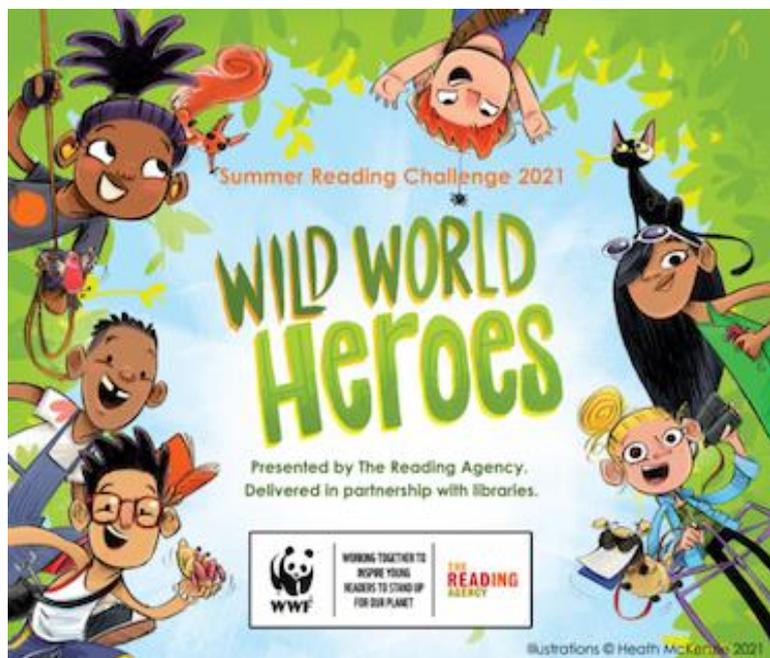
During the Summer Term each class did a few gardening activities and children from Reception all planted some sunflowers. Although nearly 50 seeds were planted actually only 8 germinated and were incredibly slow to grow. So what a lovely surprise when we came back to school this week! They have all shot up and are developing huge sunflower heads.

Congratulations to RC (now in Year 1) who managed to grow the biggest sunflower! His marvelous plant has grown so far to a height of 2.3 metres and has a huge yellow head – much to the delight of a few busy bees!



The Library Reading Challenge

In the last newsletter from July we advised you all that the local Buckinghamshire libraries had initiated a reading challenge for children over the holidays. We were delighted on our return to see that four children brought in medals and certificates to show they had participated and met the challenge! They read 6 books each from their local library – Well Done to RR, JT, KS and SD in Year 2!



Have You Heard of Easy Fundraising?

Lots of our school families are very aware of this wonderful fundraising initiative we follow at the school. However, if you are new to our school community then you may not be aware of how important 'Easy Fundraising' is to us here at Fulmer. Like many other schools across the country, Fulmer Infant School at times really struggles to operate within our very limited school budget. Being a small school, our funds are constrained and so we need to explore every opportunity to raise money. Easy Fundraising allows you to help us financially at no cost to yourselves!

Do you shop online? Are you aware that you can help us raise funds every time you click?

Please read the instructions below and remember to use the Easy Fundraising account for any shopping you do online, especially if you are ordering something big like a new washing machine or a sofa! Already over 3,000 different retailers participate in this scheme.

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

Uniform

Thank you for sending the children into school looking so smart in our school uniform. It is lovely to see so many children enjoying the comfort of the new soft polo shirts and we appreciate the efforts made.

Can we just take this opportunity to remind everyone not to send children into school with flashing lights in their shoes – these can be very distracting to others, especially at carpet time with children playing with their shoes rather than focusing on the task in hand!

Car and Bike Show Fun Day

Do you fancy a nice day out in the sunshine? Pinewood Nurseries are holding a Car and Bike Show Fun Day this **Saturday 4th September from 10am to 4pm**. Friends of Fulmer will be running a refreshment stall and all proceeds raised will be donated to the school. With free entry and everyone welcome why not go along and enjoy the bouncy castle, stalls, entertainment and refreshments and help support the school.



Diary Dates

- Mon 6th Sep** After School Clubs start Yr 1 & Yr 2 (3pm to 4pm)
- Fri 17th Sep** Jeans 4 Genes Day (details to follow)
- Wed 22nd Sep** Reception Welcome with Miss Rudki (1.45pm to 2.45pm - 1 parent only)
- Fri 24th Sep** Macmillan Coffee Day (details to follow)
- Mon 27th Sep** Reception Full time (8.45am to 2.45pm)
- Mon 27th Sep** Yr 1 & Yr 2 Presentation (Maths & English) (2.15pm 1 parent only per child)
- Fri 1st Oct** Harvest Festival Assembly for Yr 1 & Yr 2 (9.15am 1 parent only per child)
- Tue 19th Oct** African Dance Workshop (details to follow)
- Fri 22nd Oct** Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.30am to 10.30am)
- Fri 22nd Oct** School closes for Half Term at 3pm

- Mon 1st Nov** School open for the second half of term

And Finally.....

We have enjoyed a really lovely first couple of days in school and long may this continue. We look forward to welcoming the rest of our Reception class children into school next week and helping them settle into a happy routine. Hopefully too, we will get to meet with many of you all as the term unfolds.

With our best wishes

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers