



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, here we are in February already and it has been a very busy and exciting couple of weeks in school. The term seems to be flying by.

We are delighted to have Mrs Mardell back in school with us after an extended Christmas break and her Year 2 pupils gave her a huge and rapturous welcome on her return on Monday! She was so pleased to see them all and thrilled to discover how hard they have been working! Special thanks to Mrs MacKinder and Mrs Molloy who, supported by Mrs Walker, looked after the class so well.

Thank you to all our parents who are supporting us to keep Covid at bay and being so understanding when we request that children with any flu-like symptoms take an appropriate Covid test before coming into school. We have had a few cases over the last couple of weeks but with your continued support, fortunately it seems to be contained in a few isolated cases.

Amazing Support for Easy Fundraising!

Every fortnight in the newsletter we try to encourage all parents and friends to use the 'Easyfundraising' site when doing any online shopping. Over 3,000 retailers give a small percentage of the total spend back to registered good causes such as schools and we can benefit from your shopping at no cost to yourselves.

In the last few weeks you have really excelled! Most weeks the total goes up by about £10 - £15 but, since the last newsletter, a further **£184.76** has been raised! This is amazing and thank you so much! For further details on how to help us through this scheme please see the Easyfundraising guidance section towards the end of the newsletter.

New Reading Books

Recently, the government has advised schools to look carefully at how reading is first taught in the Reception year and to use early reading material that focuses on the phonics being taught in school each week. Here at Fulmer, for many years we have used the Oxford Reading Scheme to support our reading programme and children have loved all the adventures of Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy. This is an excellent scheme but initially, the early books do not necessarily reflect the phonics teaching happening in class.

We are delighted to say, thanks to a very generous donation from the Friends of Fulmer, that we have been able to purchase a wonderful collection of new early readers called 'Little Wandle'. These books will help Reception pupils read books using words that follow our early phonics teaching.



We are so excited to get started with them and hope to begin at half term. Thank you so much Friends of Fulmer and all the families that support their fundraising initiatives. Reception and Year 1 parents – look out for the new books coming soon!

Special Assemblies

This term pupils have been able to enjoy some special assemblies held altogether in our school hall.

You may be aware that we are an ECO school and, as such, several children in Year 2 are members of our ECO team and their role is to educate us all on how to look after our environment.

Last term 2 members of the team talked to the whole school about recycling. This term, two other members, B O and R R, led an assembly about how we can help the environment by picking up litter. They explained how litter on the ground can hurt animals and glass when hit by the sun's rays, can start forest fires. We all need to avoid dropping litter! All the children in assembly listened very attentively and asked very sensible questions.



Last week Miss Rudki led a very special assembly all about the Hindu religion. We have many families who are followers of this faith and the children found it really interesting to learn all about the artefacts that Miss Rudki brought into school to show them. Once again, they asked really interesting questions.

Within our school library in the main entrance we have a special area to display important artefacts from all the world's main religions and children visit this area frequently with great curiosity to learn.

Currently we have put out a display of precious Hindu objects including some incense sticks that give a fragrant aroma to the library.

Our third special assembly was held virtually last week by MIND, advising children to talk about their feelings.

The children really enjoyed the assembly which supports their mental health and well-being and this is particularly important in these challenging times.



A Police Car Comes to School!

There was great excitement yesterday morning when a real police car drove onto the school playground and sounded its siren! Class by class, children came outside to meet the police officers and explore the car. It was interesting to learn that in a chase the car can go at over 100 miles per hour and typical police car lifespan mounts up to 150,000 miles on the clock. Fortunately, it was a quiet morning for road crime so the car was able to spend a couple of hours delighting the pupils. Even the staff enjoyed the experience too!



Keeping Warm at School

Just a reminder to all parents – We are currently keeping our classrooms well ventilated with windows open to ensure free flowing air and good circulation. Each classroom has been given a carbon dioxide monitor and children take great interest in noting the reading and opening another window if the reading becomes high.

Some children have said they feel cold so we ask that they are dressed appropriately and maybe wear an extra layer – perhaps a warm vest under their shirt and jumper.

Chinese New Year



On Tuesday 1st February it was the Chinese New Year celebration and this year is the Year of the Tiger!

In Year 1, C shared her family celebrations and brought in artefacts to show her classmates.

In Year 2, children created magnificent Chinese lanterns with tiger faces and altogether they make a marvelous display in their classroom.



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 in school are: -

Friday 28th January

Best Listeners: -

Year R – M V

Year 1 – B W

Year 2 – A D

Stars of the Week: -

Year R – A V

Year 1 – G L

Year 2 – C W

Friday 4th February

Best Listeners: -

Year R – J H

Year 1 – S F

Year 2 – G M

Stars of the Week: -

Year R – H M

Year 1 – A C

Year 2 – B O

The best class this week for lining up after playtimes was **Reception!** Well done!

Easy Fundraising Update

Following a record bumper 2 weeks for fundraising we hope this will inspire others to participate in the scheme; it really is so very easy. Our grand total, since we launched the initiative a few years ago, has now raised **£2,523.66!** Please come and join in.

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



Diary Dates

Tue 8th Feb	Early Years Workshop (Zoom) see email for details
Thurs 10th Feb	Year 1 morning of Multi-Skills at Chalfont Community College
Fri 11th Feb	Deadline Parent Governor applications (see book bag)
Tue 15th Feb	SATS presentation to Yr 2 parents at 9:10 in the hall (1 parent per child)
Fri 18th Feb	School Closes at 3:00pm for half-term break
Mon 28th March	School re-opens for the second half of term
Thurs 3rd March	World Book Day – further details to follow
Mon 7th March	Parent Consultations 3:10 – 5:30pm (details to follow)
Wed 9th March	Parent Consultations 4:00 – 6:30pm (details to follow)
Tues 15th March	Class Photographs with Tempest School Photographers
Fri 18th March	Red Nose Day – further details to follow
Tue 22nd March	Year 1 Assembly 9.10am – details to follow (1 parent per child)
Fri 25th March	Mothers Day Event – more details to follow
Tue 29th March	Year 2 Assembly 9.10am – details to follow (1 parent per child)
Thurs 7th April	Easter Hat Parade – more details to follow
Fri 8th April	School closes for the Easter holidays at 1:00pm

And Finally.....

We have all enjoyed a lovely couple of weeks in school and have appreciated the dryer weather. It may be cold but it is so lovely to have every playtime outside.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers