



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the new school year. We are so delighted to be fully open once more and able to have all our three classes back in school together. It has been such a pleasure to see the familiar smiling, happy faces of pupils returning and to welcome the new Reception pupils to the school.

We are pleased to inform you that attendance this week has been excellent, and we have everyone back in school. Thank you for your faith in us to ensure safe working practices and for children to be happy, purposeful learners once more.

New Covid Arrangements

As previously mentioned in earlier correspondence we are needing to make small changes in the way that we operate to keep children and staff safe. These changes include: -

- The school will operate in two 'Bubbles' and they will not mix. We will have an Early Years 'Bubble' for the Reception Class and a Key Stage 1 'Bubble' for our Year 1 and Year 2 classes.
- Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day and hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom, on the playground and in the hall.
- School toilet blocks have been reassigned so as to avoid too much pupil movement and congestion. Only one child will enter the toilet blocks at any one time
- Parents are asked not to come into the school building
- Parents are asked to wear a mask whilst queuing at drop off and pick up times
- We will be encouraging social distancing but recognize that this will not always be possible between children in their 'Bubbles'
- Ties are no longer required

Arrival at School and Parking

As you know we are very keen to avoid congestion in Alderbourne Lane and ask all parents to avoid driving down the road if possible and to be respectful of local residents' driveways.

Currently, parents are able to make use of the newly enlarged car park at the back of the Black Horse at drop off and pick up times each day. We are extremely grateful to the publican for allowing this to happen – it is a great goodwill gesture in support of the local community. Thank you.

Please be aware and support our new staggered starting and finishing times. These have been instigated to keep 'Bubbles' separate and to avoid congestion.

Year R will commence at 8:45 am and finish at 2:45 pm using the front door

Years 1 & 2 will commence at 9:00 am and finish at 3:00pm using the side gate

Parents queuing at the side gate are asked to exit via the car park gate to avoid passing back into the waiting queue.

We have received considerable guidance from both the DfE and Buckinghamshire Council about the safe ways we can proceed, and this is being fully implemented. We hope you will feel all the different procedures this term will keep us all safe.

School Lunches

A school lunch is provided for every child free of charge. Currently, these lunches are a cold lunch comprising of sandwiches or rolls, together with fruit/yogurt/snack but the hot lunch option will commence once more from Monday 21st September. Further information about the menu and allergens can be obtained from the school office if required.

Welcome to our New Reception Class

This week we have had the opportunity to welcome all our new Reception Class pupils in small groups. Miss Rudki and Mrs Pearce have really enjoyed getting to know each child and helping them settle into the school routine.

Reception children join the school with a staggered start and mornings only for the first few weeks. We will welcome Reception children all day from Monday 28th September.



Catch Up Learning

Obviously with 3 – 5 months off school due to lockdown there will undoubtedly be a need for catch up learning to ensure pupils achieve the standards we would usually expect in each year group. We want to be certain that there are no gaps in their understanding and that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Year 1 & 2 staff are working hard to assess pupils as they return to school in all core learning areas and identify areas where additional support is required. We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Mackinder will be increasing her teaching hours this year to work with small groups of pupils to enable them to catch up.

It must be said, however, that our initial assessment of pupils show that many families worked extremely hard on delivering home learning and thank you for doing such a wonderful job.

After School Clubs

We are pleased to inform you that we will be offering 'After School Clubs' on 4 days a week commencing from Tuesday 15th September. All our clubs will be run by Romar Sports and will extend the school day until 4:00pm for those who attend. Currently the clubs on offer are for pupils in Years 1 & 2 only. This is because our Reception Class pupils are currently too young and also because with Covid, we are unable to mix our 'Bubbles'

Further information from Romar Sports will be coming out next week so you can see what is on offer on each day. Each club is £7 per day and you can register for a place online:-

<https://www.romarsports.com/schools/school-clubs>.

Tuesdays – Popmobility
Thursdays – Football

Wednesdays – Multi-Sports
Fridays - Gymnastics

New Chairs

We would like to say a really big 'Thank You' to Mr and Mrs Sahota, parents of Navtej, for their very kind offer to purchase new chairs for the Year 1 classroom. With their kind donation we have found a lovely set of blue Postura chairs which are very durable and perfect comfort and support for hard working children! They look very smart indeed!



Sunflowers

Quite a few of you have commented on the amazing height that our sunflowers grew to in the class gardens. Sadly, these were at their best during August when the school was closed and many were destroyed by Storm Francis last week. However, one cluster is still growing well with bright yellow flower heads and reaching a height in excess of three metres!



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 help 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



Tuesday 14th September – After School Clubs with Romar Sports commence
Friday 18th September – Jeans for Genes Day (Jeans can be worn £1 donation)
Monday 21st September – Hot school lunches recommence
Friday 25th September – Macmillan Cake Sale (£1 donation) – details to follow
Friday 2nd October – Harvest Festival (Donations of Tinned food please)
Monday 28th September – Reception pupils stay all day (8.45am – 2.45pm)

Half Term Break – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October – School Closed

And Finally.....

We hope you, and all your loved ones, are staying well and keeping safe. Thank you so much for your understanding and support in getting the children back to school and we look forward to an exciting Autumn Term. Thank you also to all parents for the lovely messages of support and the gifts received at the end of last term, especially from the Year 2 families who have now left us.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co-Headteachers

