



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone in our school community and we hope you were all able to enjoy a relaxing break over Christmas. Welcome back and here is the first newsletter of 2023!

On behalf of all the staff we would like to express many thanks for all the lovely cards, gifts and kind wishes given to us at the end of last term. We really appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Welcome Back

It has been really lovely to return to school and see all the happy faces of our pupils. The children seem so pleased to be back with their friends, tell their news and to enjoy all the learning activities planned for our first few days. They have settled back into school routines quickly and are working very hard. Long may this continue.

Below are some photos of our three classes pleased to be back in school.



Generous Donation



A **HUGE** thank you to Mrs G (J mother in Year 1) for her very generous donation of **FOUR** brand new balance bikes which are very helpful in developing children's gross motor skills. As you can see the children also thoroughly enjoy riding them

Co-Headteacher' s absence

Sadly, Mrs Dowsing is off work with Flu and a lung infection. She is expected back from 19th January. We know that you will all join us in wishing her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, if any parent has any SEN issues or needs please contact the school office and Mrs Hunt, an experienced SENDCo, will support you with advice. We all wish Mrs Dowsing a speedy recovery.

Our School Values

Please remember that our four school values, chosen by the children themselves several years ago, are: -

Be Kind, Be Honest, Respect and Achieve



We help the children understand the importance of these values and they feature in all aspects of our work. Indeed, when the school was awarded the prestigious 'Association for Character Education Kitemark' the inspector reported:

'It is clear that learning experiences at the school afford them the ability to grow and develop in a nurturing environment, which does not shy away from providing both challenge and personal care in equal measure.'

Each half term we choose one of these values to focus on and at the start of 2023 we will be focusing on 'RESPECT'. Whenever we see children showing respect to others we will award them with a special 'Well Done' sticker!

Look out for these, if your child comes home wearing one then you will know that they have done something very special in school and have set an excellent example for others to follow!

Supporting the School

We are tremendously lucky at Fulmer Infant School to have amazing support from our parent body and local community. We really value the partnership we all share in achieving the best learning outcomes for the children.

At our Nativity show last term it was lovely to have an opportunity to share with the audience all the different ways you can support the school. Everyone is feeling the cost of living increases and with no surprise to anyone, it is affecting our school budget too. Energy costs are due to triple and all supplies and consumables are significantly increasing in prices. Any help you and your family can give to the school is greatly appreciated.

These are the ways you might like to consider helping us with: -

- Donation to School Fund: Many families support us with either a one-off or monthly direct-debit donation. We ask that anyone wishing to do this contact Mrs Howells in the school office to complete the necessary paperwork. As a registered charity we can also claim gift aid from anyone who is employed and this increases the size of your donation. Thank you.
- Support all Friends of Fulmer events and initiatives. Friends of Fulmer purchase many valuable resources for the school and raise valuable funding through the events they organise. In supporting their events you are also supporting the school.
- Support the 'Easyfundraising' online shopping initiative. In every newsletter we give details of how to do this and give you an update on the latest total. This organisation pay us quarterly and in effect this is 'free' money! No cost to you and a welcome bonus for us!
- The Clothing Bank collection bin in in the school car park: Please place any outgrown or unwanted clothes/shoes/bed linen into the big blue collection bin – this is emptied regularly and the school receives quarterly payments. Thank You.

Many thanks to everyone for all support us. Fulmer Infant School greatly benefits!

Easy Fundraising Update

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the 'Easy fundraising' scheme with your online shopping over Christmas. You have done incredibly well and raised our total by a further **£121.45**. This is amazing so **Thank You!**

Please remember, whenever you shop online, you can help us! You can help us raise funds every time you click! It may only be a few pence each time but it soon mounts up. 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! There is also an APP that you can download to your phone and currently there are over 3,000 different retailers participate in this scheme. It's SO simple! All you have to do is: -

Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/EG93VX/LDD5US>

1. Enter Fulmer Infant School in the search box
2. Click Join Us and enter your details and then click on Create My Account
3. 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

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. We also welcome any awards that the children receive out of school, please bring them in for our celebration assembly on Friday and we promise to look after them and return them at the end of the day. The award-winning champions for the first 2 days of the new term are: -

Friday 6th January

Best Listeners: -

Year R – O M

Year 1 – A P

Year 2 – L R

Friday 6th January

Stars of the Week: -

Year R – S B

Year 1 – M S

Year 2 – I M



Diary Dates

Friday 3 Feb 9.05am Parent information morning – asthma & viral induced wheezing

School closes on Friday 10th February at 3pm for half term.

School opens on Monday 20th February

Friday 24 Feb am Reception – Height & Weight check (information to follow)

And Finally

It has been a lovely start to the term and we look forward to seeing you at forthcoming events.

Kind regards

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers