



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well the first half of the term seems to be racing away and we are already into October! All our new pupils have settled very well into the school and each class is now working very happily with our new routines.

We would like to take this opportunity to express sincere thanks to all of you for your very sensible and supportive attitude towards the Covid arrangements we are having to put in place. Naturally this is not through choice but it is essential that we keep everyone safe and the school open. We are so pleased to have everyone back and enjoying school once more. Thank you for wearing face coverings at pick up/drop off times and for maintaining social distances. Our staggered school hours seem to be working very well and a positive benefit of this, is that traffic congestion in Alderbourne Lane seems much better.

### **Macmillan Cake Sale**

Last Friday we held a very enjoyable day selling cakes in aid of Macmillan, a well-known British charity which supports people diagnosed with cancer and their families. September is usually the time in school we hold a grand coffee morning for parents to raise valuable funds but sadly, due to Covid, we have been unable to do this. Our cake sale was designed to have an enjoyable event with the children and also make sure that the charity did not miss out on a donation from the school. Thank you to everyone for your support.



**We  
raised  
£120!**

### **Greetings Cards**

Over the last few years the Friends of Fulmer have given children the opportunity to create a piece of artwork that is professionally reproduced as a pack of 12 greetings cards. Cards can convey any greeting you wish but with Christmas not far away, many families choose a 'Christmas' or 'Thank You' message/design as appropriate.

Coming out in your child's bookbag today are further details and a template sheet. All profits raised from the sale of these cards go straight to Friends of Fulmer who, in turn, use this money to purchase valuable resources for the school. Please support the initiative if you can.

## School Fund

Now that we have been back in school a month it has been really rewarding to see how many of you have kindly agreed to support our school fund with a financial contribution. This is so kind and really appreciated, especially during these very challenging times.

Sadly, as a result of the Covid epidemic, the school has seen a noticeable cut in our finances whilst, at the same time, we are needing to spend more on facilities to ensure safety for pupils and staff. In addition, we are spending more on resources to ensure learning catch up following a long period of time out of school. We are no longer receiving our valuable income from letting out the school in the evenings and weekends and support from other organisations has dwindled.

We offer a superb education for our pupils in a small and nurturing setting and are so grateful to the families who support us to enable this to happen. We know that many of you are also struggling with reduced funding currently yourselves so your help is particularly valued.

Anyone else wishing to contribute to the school fund can do so by collecting forms from the school office. All donations, whatever size, are always appreciated. Thank you so much.

## Harvest Thanks

Today the children have been learning about 'Harvest' and how Autumn is a wonderful season for gathering in all the fresh fruit and vegetables that have been growing on farms and in our gardens. Thank you to everyone who has sent in tins of fruit and vegetables to share with local organisations helping the homeless. We forward on our harvest offerings and the tins are always gratefully received. Saying 'Thank you' for all the delicious foods we have to eat and learning to share with others are valuable educational experiences for pupils.

Special thanks to some of our Year 2 monitors for helping create this wonderful harvest display which was shown to the children today in Assembly. Well done Max, Kirpa, Simran and Emmett. Their help was invaluable and they created a wonderful display!



## Reception Class Stay All Day!

We are so pleased to have the children in our youngest class now staying all day. Last week they joined us for lunch and this week the length of their day has been extended to 2:45pm.



Several parents have told us how much their children have enjoyed their first few weeks of school and are pleased to be staying longer. Some of them are feeling quite tired but loving all the challenges and fun activities that the Reception Class offers. Miss Rudki and Mrs Pearce certainly plan for very exciting days.



## 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 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**



**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Trim Trail (each class in school)**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Deadline for Tempest Class Photo orders (3pm)**

**Half Term Break – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School Closed**

## **And Finally.....**

We hope you, and all your loved ones, are staying well and keeping safe. It has been a lovely few weeks in school and the children have all settled well into new classes with new routines. Kindness, friendliness and playing well together has been excellent.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing  
Co- Headteachers