



Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that we are into our third week of term, we are delighted to say that all our new children have now started, and the school is thriving with 79 pupils on roll attending every day. These pupils are arranged into three classes as follows

- Reception – 29 pupils with Miss Rudki and Mrs Pearce
- Year 1 – 28 pupils with Mrs Bhatti and Mrs Parratt
- Year 2 – 22 pupils with Mrs Mardell and Mrs Walker

We have enjoyed lovely warm weather so far this term and this has enabled children to take all their playtimes and PE sessions outside. Long may this continue!

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 'Jeans' mufti day today – the children have looked very different as the pictures below show.

Approximately half a million children in the UK are affected by a life-altering genetic disorder, which is incredibly sad. All funds raised provide grants for day-to-day support, equipment, respite and events so we see this as a very worthwhile cause to support.

In total today we have raised £83 so thank you very much for your support.



Year 1



Reception



Year 2

School Lunches

We are pleased to inform you that from Monday 21st September the hot lunch provision will be commencing once more. Our new Reception Class will be staying for lunch too and so our lunchtime arrangements will be changing slightly. In order to keep our two bubbles of children separate from each other, Reception will eat their lunch in the hall first at approximately 12:00 noon. The hall and tables will then be sanitized to enable Years 1 & 2 to eat their lunch at 12:30.

Covid Update

With the easing of lockdown and the re-opening of schools we are aware that the advice being given both directly to us and also on national media can, at times, be confusing. In addition, as we approach chillier weather and shorter days we are beginning to notice an increase in seasonal viruses such as colds, sore throats and flu. Many of the symptoms can be similar with Covid and we have had numerous calls from parents unsure whether their children's ailments might be Covid or not. Below is a table which has originated from the BBC that you might find helpful.

Symptoms	Coronavirus	Flu	Cold
 Fever	Common	Common	Rare
 Cough	Common	Common	Mild
 Loss of taste and smell	Sudden	Rare	Sometimes
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny/stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Sneezing	No	No	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Diarrhoea	Sometimes for children	Sometimes, especially for children	No

Source: WHO, CDC

BBC

Please can we remind all parents that any virus can be very infectious and so please **do not** send your child to school when it is clear they are unwell. We need to keep a healthy environment that is as free from germs as possible. Staff, as well as children, are susceptible to infections but, during the Covid pandemic, it is virtually impossible to bring in supply staff cover. We are therefore keen to avoid any staff absence.

Catch Up Learning

Following a variety of assessments over the first few days of school, teachers in Year 1 and 2 now have a very good overview of the impact of lockdown and several months out of school. Naturally many children have some gaps in their learning and will need extra support over the coming weeks to enable them to catch up. Where learning gaps have been identified, parents have been informed and an individual support plan has been created for each child. We are particularly grateful to Mrs Mackinder and Mrs Tawni who will be providing small group tuition and individual support.

Year 2 Posts of Responsibility

School Council

This week Year 2 learnt about democracy whilst studying Citizenship which is part of our school curriculum. They held secret ballots to elect the Chair, Secretary and Finance Officer for the School council. The Chair is Madeleine Briggs, the Secretary is Reet Ghandi and the Finance Officer is Chip Pearce. These children will lead assemblies where they can ask the rest of the school for ideas on how to make the school even better.

Eco Council

The following children have been chosen to be members of the Eco Team supporting the Eco status of the school: Dhriti, Alastair, Zaynab, Sartaj, Barakah, Zara, Rex, Tommy & Rupinder. These children will lead assemblies teaching the rest of the school how to look after our environment.

Playground Buddies

The following children have been chosen to be our playground buddies: Maia, Salman, Kirpa, Emmett, Anjola, Jude, Zayd, Simran & Emily. These children will keep an eye on the 'Friendship Bench' which is by the writing hut. Children use this bench at playtime if they are feeling a little lonely and the playground buddies help them find a friend. The playground buddies will also be in charge of a box of books, paper and colouring pencils which they will bring out every playtime for children who want a quieter playtime. After half term we are going to trial a programme whereby these children lead some organised playground games.

Congratulations to everyone in Year 2 on their new roles of responsibility and we know you will all do an excellent job.



Our new School Council

MacMillan Cake Sale

Usually in September the school holds a parent's coffee morning to raise funds for the Macmillan charity. Sadly, due to Covid, we will be unable to host this event this year. Instead, in order to raise funds for this very important and worthwhile charity, we will be holding a cake sale as an alternative fund raising event.

Parents are not required to bake any cakes on this occasion but a variety of cakes will be available for children to choose on Friday 25th September. For a donation of £1 all pupils can choose a cake to bring home at the end of the day. All dietary needs will be catered for so please do support us.



After School Clubs

Our 'After-School' clubs have successfully started again this week and we have four exciting clubs on offer during the week. We apologise for any confusion over the finishing times as there was a typo on the providers website. Please note, all clubs start straight after school at 3:00pm and last for 1 hour. We would be very grateful therefore if all parents could come to school at 4:00 for collection.

Anyone still wishing to book up for clubs need to contact Romar Sports to enquire about possible vacancies. <https://www.romarsports.com/schools/school-clubs>

Tuesdays – Popmobility
Thursdays – Football (**FULL**)

Wednesdays – Multi-Sports (**FULL**)
Fridays – Gymnastics

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 first two weeks of term are: -

Amazing Year 1 Artwork

Children in Year 1 last week had the opportunity to experience making colourful prints of their faces and presenting them in the style of famous artist Andy Warhol. Working in small groups of 4 – 6 with Mrs Pearce they drew an outline of their face into a foam rectangle and then used a roller to cover the foam in paint. We think the results are quite stunning!

Thank You Friends of Fulmer and Pinewood Nurseries

Thank you to Friends of Fulmer who organized two special days in the holidays at Pinewood



Nurseries for family photos. Working with Tulips and Tales Photography Company, many of our school families had beautiful family group photos taken which provide wonderful memories for many years to come. In addition, these photographic sessions also raised much needed funds for the school totaling £200! Many thanks indeed.

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



Monday 21st September – Hot school lunches recommence

Friday 25th September – Macmillan Cake Sale (£1 donation)

Monday 28th September – Reception pupils stay all day

Friday 2nd October – Harvest Festival (Donations of Tinned food please)

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 for remembering to keep socially distanced at drop off and pick up times and for wearing masks. Your continued support of the school is much appreciated.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers

