



# Fulfen Newsletter

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## Foreword

As usual, we have a jam-packed agenda in the run-up to Christmas. Do make a note of all the important dates in the second part of the newsletter so that you don't miss out on anything!

The breadth of activities that our children take part in during each half term really does astound me. Our staff work tirelessly to put on so many extra-curricular and exciting events that really enrich our children's lives. We are so grateful to have such dedicated staff at Fulfen.

I'm looking forward to wearing my reindeer antlers as I take part in the one-mile Rudolph Run with the children on 1<sup>st</sup> December and I can't wait to see all the Christmas activities and performances that we've got planned.

As always, a big thank you to all our parents for supporting us with all of these events.



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# Stars of the week!

Jesse Watson, Polly Jagielski, Skyla Wilkes, Evelyn Henaughan, Lillie Rhodes, Finn Saunders Jessica Lingwood, Freddie Meakin, Ada Legood, Lucy Young, Theo Thorpe, Rainy Peace, Iris Corfield, Jett Roberts, Elana Woodhouse, Lacey Cope, Florence Atkins-Mann, Oliver Ward, Bobby Knowles, Evelyn Curry, Maya Losipescu, Harley Jones, Orla Haigh, Henry Roberts, Siena Milligan, Rex Smale,

Chloe Collis, Bailey Freeman, Jack Corbett, Vinnie Williams, Lottie Lightfoot, Alfie Harris, Niall Jones, Jesse Appleton, Alfie Benton, Billy Berry, Sky Webster, Evie-Leigh Hunt, Matthew Jenkins, Edward Glazier, Abigail Todino,, Kellan Anderson, Ava Grantham, Sarayah Dingle, Cory Fleming, Sophie Dennis, Olivia Odejimi, Jake Hathaway-Osborne, Thea Bynt, Florence Allcutt, Harrison Delamont, All of 4S,

Jessica Barratt, Zack Jagielski, Orla Jones, Tess Hollins, Toby Rock Ellie Warner, George Cope, Rosie Witcomb, Frazer Paget, Isabelle Barratt, Indie Roberts, Isla Davis, Maisie Copper, Baylee-Mae Berry, Skylar Johnson-Cashmore, Chloe Hackitt, Lauren Webster, Sienna Darnley, Lucas Allen, Daisy Goldsmith, Elijah Hurd, Emillie Fry, Billy Taylor, Jack Trickett, Chloe Burley, Ella Newman, Evangeline Collinge

Love of Learning...

- dream big, have a thirst for learning and achieve your ambitions...

Encouraging...

- to be supportive of yourself and others and value everyone's ideas...

Adaptable...

- being versatile, creative and being prepared to take risks...

Determination...

- being resilient when the going gets tough...

## Harvest Celebrations!

The whole school enjoyed our Harvest celebrations just before half term! The performances from all the children were simply amazing! Here are some Pre-School children after their Dingle Dangle Scarecrow performance!



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Year 3 visited the Stone Age!

Children in Year 3 had a wonderful time in the forest area as a celebration of their stone age topic. They tried fire-lighting with Mrs Willows, creating their own cave paintings and practising their hunting and gathering skills and even recreating Stone Henge out of biscuits!



## Charity work by Emily!

Emily in Year 5 has raised £110 for Dementia UK by selling cakes and her own reading books that she has already finished reading.

Emily has also donated the books that were left over to our school library. Thank you, Emily!



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## Pumpkin Party!

In Year 1, the children created their own designs to carve onto pumpkins during their design technology lessons. They had lots of fun scooping out all the seeds and using different tools to carve the pumpkins.



After this, the children also had a go at using the green screen to get a lovely Halloween picture with their finished product.



## Polytunnel and Battery Hen Donations – Thank you!

So far, we've raised a massive £334! Thank you to everyone who has donated.

For every donation we receive, we will create a little "Busy Bee" that will help decorate our Garden Noticeboard in school where the bees are trying to fill our honey jar with lots of donations.

Please continue to donate on ParentPay. Every donation will help to get the chickens to Fulfen before Christmas.



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Art Focus

As everyone knows, at Fulfen, we believe every child is an artist and you'll see evidence of this regularly on our Facebook page. Let's have a little look at some of the joyful and colourful art explorations over the last few weeks.

Years 2 and 3 have been researching the work of Yinka Shonibare during black history week. Look at their amazing work:



Mrs Ashcroft and her army of artists never cease to amaze us with their work!



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## Art Focus cont...

Year 4 have created stunning recycled embroideries in the style of Jessica Grady:



And Year 5 have made Viking pots out of clay:



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## Lest we forget...

As always, the children have been creating fabulous artwork to help us remember.



## Year 4 Singing at Lichfield Cathedral

Our Year 4s have been practising hard for their performance at Lichfield Cathedral on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Here they are in their singing workshop in preparation:



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## Anglo Saxon Excitement!

Year 4 also enjoyed their visit to Tamworth Castle as part of their history topic on the Anglo Saxons!



They have also written some scary battle descriptions and created videos to match! Watch some here:

[Millie's video](#)

[Mason's video](#)

[Thomas' video](#)

[Emilie's video](#)



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## **Garden Update**

### **Chickens**

We are still waiting for our battery chickens and the pen is nearly finished. When they arrive, they may not have many feathers! So, we will need to provide them with knitted tank tops. If you have any spare wool, please can you bring it into the office. If you enjoy knitting why not follow [this link](#) and have a go at making one. We would be very grateful for any help.



### **Garden Club**

We have now finished our club until February when, hopefully, we will be able to begin planting in our new polytunnel.

### **Pumpkins**

Everyone had an amazing time carving pumpkins and making a lot of mess! They even gave us a performance of their Harvest Festival songs. You can see the children singing by clicking on any of the pictures below:



### **Bonfire Celebrations**

In our last week the club worked together to create a magnificent 3D picture of a bonfire. They used all recyclable materials that they found in the garden. They were then treated to a camp fire, hot chocolate, marshmallows and a toffee apple in our Forest School. We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Willows for your support in the forest, it was a lovely end to a busy gardening year.



## Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme

You've already had an email (16<sup>th</sup> October) informing you about this year's Flu vaccination via nasal spray. This is offered to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

If you haven't already, complete the on-line consent form here using the information in the email. The consent form must be completed by someone with Parental Responsibility or Delegated Authority and you should only submit one consent form per child.

## Rudolph Run!

We're raising funds for St Giles Hospice by hosting our own Rudolph Run!

St Giles is very close to Fulfen's heart, with many members of staff and families being supported by this fantastic charity.



In return, all children can take part in the Rudolph Run on **Friday 1st December** where children will run, walk, skip (or gallop) for 1 mile around the school grounds to help raise money.

To get us into the festive spirit, St Giles will donate antlers to every child to wear during this event.

**Here is our JustGiving page for this event. Please support us in this!**

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/fulfen?utm\\_term=aPeyqR672](https://www.justgiving.com/page/fulfen?utm_term=aPeyqR672)

**Thank you for your support**



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Online Safety Top Tips

### 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



#### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



#### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



#### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



#### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



#### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



#### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



#### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



#### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



#### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



#### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

 **National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Christmas Productions!

Fulfen are certainly famous for our amazing performances from our children! This Christmas will be no exception:

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception	9:15am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pre-School	9:15am
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Key Stage 1	9:30am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Key Stage 1	2:15pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3, 4 & 5	9:30am
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Years 3, 4 & 5	2:30pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Year 6 Carols	6:30pm at Burntwood Christ Church



Tickets will be required for the Years 3, 4 & 5 productions with a limit of 2 tickets per household per performance.

No tickets are required for the other performances.

Refreshments will be served before the 9:30 and the afternoon performances.

There will also be a Christmas raffle at £1 per strip, so bring some change!

## Santa's Grotto and Christmas Jumper Day!

On 13<sup>th</sup> December, Burntwood Rotary Club will be bringing Santa's Grotto to Fulfen once again! We are helping the Rotary Club raise funds, so please be as generous as you can in the donation buckets on the day.

All staff and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day too. We ask everyone to bring in £1 for wearing their Christmas jumpers. All proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Club who, in turn award our children with the 'best achiever' award each term and provide a Year 6 leavers' gift for every child.



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## Remembrance Day

Children have been busy buying their poppies and remembrance memorabilia all week. The last chance to buy a poppy will be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. On Friday, we will be holding a one-minute silence at 11:00am. Children who attend scouts, cubs, brownies, guides or cadets are invited to come to school in their uniforms.



## Children in Need



Do your thing for **BBC Children in Need**



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or onsies to show they care for Pudsey Bear. We're asking for a £1 donation (payable on ParentPay). Children can bring in their own teddy too if they wish. Please ensure that you're warm enough!

## Odd Socks Day – Anti-bullying week

Anti-bullying week starts on 13<sup>th</sup> November and we're having an assembly to launch it. At Fulfen, we celebrate differences and, as part of our launch day, we're inviting children to wear odd socks for the day to celebrate what makes us all unique.



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## Christmas Party Day!

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, all classes will be having their Christmas parties. Children can come to school dressed in party cloths on this day. Class teachers will let you know any extra information you need for your class.

**CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

## School Discos

Our autumn term discos are also just around the corner on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:

Year 1/2 – 5:00-5:45

Year 3/4 – 6:15-7:00

Year 5/6 – 7:30-8:15



Tickets cost £3 including a drink and can be ordered on ParentPay from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Christmas Raffle

On 15<sup>th</sup> December, we will also be holding a Christmas Raffle to help boost our school funds. Our lead ambassadors are busy sourcing some prizes as you read this!

Tickets will be available from ParentPay from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Every child in the school will get one free entry. Thereafter, each £1 donation will supply your child with an extra ticket in the draw. Then, on 15<sup>th</sup> December, the winners will be drawn and raffle prizes awarded. The more tickets purchased, the more chance you've got to win! Good luck!



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## Dates for your diary



Fri 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day in School

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Packington Farm Talks in EYFS

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – New to Reception Open Day

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 visit Lichfield Cathedral

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day – wear PJs - £1 on ParentPay

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Y5 trip to Wolseley Bridge

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Rudolph Run for St Giles – see Just Giving link above

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Discos - £3 on ParentPay from Monday

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – R, Y1 & Y2 Pantomime visit

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day – bring £1 cash

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Santa's Grotto and Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas Performance – 9:15am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Pre-School Christmas Performance – 9:15am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Raffle – tickets on ParentPay from Monday

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Production – 9:30am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas Production – 2:15pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Y3,4,5 Productions – 9:30am & 2:30pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Y6 Carols in church – 6:30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Party Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Last day of term

Please see the articles in the Newsletter for mor information about each event.

