



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

I always stand back in amazement at how *giving* our school community is. Whether that's time given to knitting jumpers for our Chickens, contributions to our fundraising efforts, or simply our pupils giving their best efforts in everything they do. It's an ethos that just spreads throughout our school.

As you read this month's newsletter, you'll see just how much, outside our normal lessons, everyone at Fulfen contributes to school life and beyond. It really does make me proud to be headteacher here!

With only a few weeks until Christmas, we have a jam-packed schedule and a buzzing atmosphere around the school as all the children are preparing for their Christmas shows and festivities. Do take time to note down all the events we've got planned.

I hope that everyone enjoys the run-up to Christmas as much as I do and I will no-doubt see you at one of our Christmas performances!



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Stars of the week!

Rupert Heaven, whole of Reception, Harley Upton, Macy Allen, Hartley Shenston, Olivia Reid, Freddie Blackmore, Leo Read, Ellie Hitchcock, Harry Startin, Daisy Walters, Sophia Davies, Ayvie Butterworth, Nathan Odejimi, Ella Eaton, Violet Beere, Paige Ranger, Isaac Deane & whole of Year 1

Harriet Soetendal, Izaak Johnson-Cashmore, Euan Blower, Maya Cockayne, 2K, Paige Dixon, Pippa Madeley, Delilah Rose, Nancy Upton, Hettie Goldsmith, Belle Taylor, Bodhi King, Phoebe Bourne, Emily Hemming, Zachery Edwards, Miah Williams, Skye Thomas, Evie-Lou Poxon, Arthur Derry, Charles Robinson, Lily Vale, Maisy Moore, Rose Meunier, Oliver Jackson, whole of Y3 & Y4

Sophie Dennis, David Stefan, Luca Bott, Olivia Odejimi, Ruby Long, Milly Scandrett, Tilly Lightfoot, Max Hall, Eva-Marie Goodall Gethin Smith, Maisie copper and Frazer Paget, Ryan Richards, Louie Game, Joel Hunt, Alfie Compton, Poppy Holmes, William Smith, whole of Year 5, Scarlet Munday, Jacob Jones, Ava Harley, Pippa Beadle, Hollie Edwards, Jacob Cattell, Nevaeh Smith, Lexi Kershaw, Rhys Freeman, Veronica Cooper & whole of Year 6

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...

Are you following us on Facebook yet?

Our Facebook page is brimming with photos and news of what's going on in school each day. If you haven't already, please take the time to follow our [page](#) so you can see what we're getting up to and catch a glimpse of your child in action! You can also share this with other members of the family so they can follow our successes.



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

Rudolph Run Raises £1502!

What an incredible fundraising event for St Giles Hospice – a cause very close to our hearts! Here are a few pictures of some of the children who ran on Monday. Every year group and their teachers took part and every participant gained their reindeer antlers!



This is a phenomenal amount of money to raise! If you didn't contribute and would like to do so, the fundraising link is still open – just click on the image below.



Click on
the image
to donate!



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Wolseley Centre Visit for Geography!

Year 5 had a wonderful day at The Wolseley Centre at the end of November. They investigated a lake and river, comparing the diversity and number of species found in each, as well as water temperature, pH levels, what the bed of each looked like and they sketched the River Trent. The children behaved perfectly and were complimented by the Staffordshire Wildlife staff for their behaviour and their river knowledge. Well done Year 5!



Fundraising for Cancer Research

Four children from year 5 have been busy raising funds for Cancer Research! They've been selling home-made bracelets and keyrings and have raised £140! Well done girls!



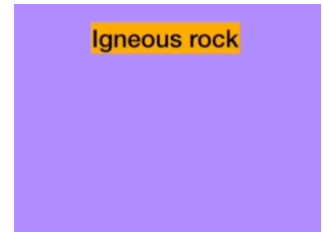
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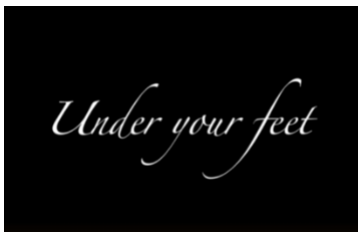
Year 3 Focus

Year 3 have been loving their Science and Geography lessons so far this year!

They started learning about different types of rock in their science lessons. Here are some of their informative **videos** on this topic:



In Geography, they've learnt about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis – watch their videos here:



Did you know?



Parts of our newsletter are interactive! Try tapping on the images above to watch the videos!



Year 3 Focus

Finally, in science, they're learning about light sources and the impact that light has on our lives:



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More Fundraising News!

Our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** raised **£548.78** and we raised a further **£422.23** from our **Poppy appeal!** This is a fantastic effort all-round and just goes to show what an amazing school community we have.

Poppy Art Auction

Following Remembrance Day, we have decided to auction off our beautiful poppy canvases created by each class. If you would like to make a bid to own one of these unique pieces of art, please get in touch with the office.

All money raised from this will go into future art projects.

Thank you for your support.

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Shelter Box



On 6th November, we held a non-uniform day to raise money for Shelter Box which raised £400. The Rotary Club donated a further £220, so together, we have raised £620 for a Shelter Box for the earthquake victims in Morocco.

Our Lead Ambassadors presented Mr Spencer, Chairperson of Burntwood Rotary with a cheque.

"...this makes a huge difference over the winter..."

Burntwood Rotary Club



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Sporting Success!

Year 5 and 6 children represented Fulfen at the Multi-sports event at Chase Terrace earlier this week. They took part in a range of events and had great fun!



Chicken Jumpers for the Fulfen Hens

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken the time to knit our hens some warm pullovers.

Miss Davies received 12 lovely pullovers from Tony at Burntwood Rotary. One of the Rotarian's, Elaine Sharpe, was very helpful in making these for us – the chickens will be immensely grateful!



Useful Information & what's coming up

Can you help raise money for our school funds?

School funds are vital now more than ever. Did you know that you can support our school from the comfort of your own home **at no cost to yourself**? There are thousands of online brands (including Morrisons, Screwfix, Just Eat, Etsy, Shein and many more) that will make a small 'thank you' donation to our school EVERY time you shop online and use easyfundraising.

This is FREE, EASY and QUICK and we ask for you to take 2 minutes to register as every little really does help – especially in the run up to Christmas with all the Christmas shopping!

All you need to do is:

- 1) Download the easyfundraising app: [for apple](#) or [for android](#).
- 2) Search for the cause: Fulfen Primary School
- 3) Set up your profile
- 4) "Enable Donation Reminder" so that you don't miss the opportunity to donate.



Then, every time you go on a website that participates, you'll get an automatic pop-up for you to confirm a donation with no extra effort from yourself other than a tap of a button.

Discounted tickets to the Basketball Trophy Finals

The British Basketball League is proud to announce an incredible entertainment line-up for the 2024 Trophy Semi Finals, with the Men's double-header on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Utilita Arena Birmingham. Fans will be treated to halftime performances from the gravity-defying acrobatics of [Les Barjots Dunkers](#) during Saturday's first Semi-Final. For only £5 a ticket – this is certainly worth looking into for your family – especially if you have a budding basket-ball player in the making!

Book your £5 tickets here: <https://shopbritishbasketball.com/products/trophyprimary>



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Useful Information & what's coming up

Enrichment

As part of our enrichment offer, teaching staff continue to put on a range of extra-curricular clubs throughout the year.

In January, the following clubs will be starting:

Monday – Dance with years 4, 5 & 6

Monday – Martial Arts – Key Stage 1

Tuesday – Art (drawing) – Key Stage 2

Tuesday – Football – Year 5 & 6 Boys

Tuesday lunchtime – Computing – Year 3 & 4

Wednesday – Drama – Year 6

Wednesday – Football Year 5 & 6 Girls

Wednesday – Phonics – Year 1

Thursday – Film Club – Year 5 & 6

Thursday – Martial Arts – Key Stage 2



Parking near the school

It is part of our job in the community to ensure that our children and local community are as safe as they can be. When dropping children at school by car, can you please ensure that you park responsibly around the area of the school. We have had a number of complaints from local residents and are sure that the majority of parents agree that it is important that any inconsiderate parking is not acceptable as everyone has the right to arrive at school safely.

If you're concerned about parking by our school, you can report any irresponsible parking around the school directly to:

parking.enforcement@stoke.gov.uk



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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 th Dec	Reception	9:15am
Friday 15 th Dec	Pre-School	9:00am - 'Christmas Mingle & Jingle'
Mon 18 th Dec	Key Stage 1	9:30am
Tues 19 th Dec	Key Stage 1	2:15pm
Wed 20 th Dec	Years 3, 4 & 5	9:30am
Wed 20 th Dec	Years 3, 4 & 5	2:30pm
Thurs 21 st 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!

December Feel Good Friday!



On 15th December, we will be holding our second Feel Good Friday to give our pupils the power to promote and support positive mental health in our school.

Every child will become a champion of their mental health. Don't forget that this day is no-school-uniform for free.

Christmas Raffle

On 15th December, we will also be holding a Christmas Raffle to help boost our school funds. We have a range of prizes available and tickets are available on ParentPay.

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 15th 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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Christmas Dinner, Santa's Grotto & Christmas Jumper Day!

On 13th 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.

This is also our Christmas Dinner day! Here is our Christmas menu:

Unfortunately, we are unable to change the dinner options on our ParentPay menu so please follow these instructions:

To order the **Turkey Dinner** please choose **Option 1 (Cottage Pie)**

To order the **Gammon** please choose **Option 2 (Jacket Potato)**

To order the **Quorn** please choose **Option 3 (Cheese & Potato Pie)**

The sandwich option is still available.

Please contact the office if you need assistance with ordering.



Useful Information & what's coming up

We're still collecting Tesco tokens!

Don't forget that you can now vote for Fulfen Garden Appeal at the following Tesco Stores.

2501 Fazeley Tamworth Express	B78 3RB
3073 Lichfield Netherstow Express	WS13 6TS
3126 Shenstone Lichfield Express	WS14 0JR
4671 Lichfield Three Spires Express	WS13 6NF
5064 Amington Tamworth Express	B77 3DG
5338 Dosthill Tamworth Express	B77 1LE
5852 Lichfield Extra	WS13 6DZ



To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>. Simply make a purchase in store and pop your token in the Fulfen Garden Appeal box. You won't need to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Please support our project by spreading the word so we can purchase our poly-tunnel and hens!

Voting is open until mid-January. Thank you in advance for your support.

Pre-School and Reception Admissions

We have had some very busy open days in the last month! Our admissions for both Pre-School and Reception places for next year are still open. Find out more here:

<https://www.fulfen.staffs.sch.uk/page/admissions-for-2024-25/22733>

Christmas Party Day!

On Friday 22nd December, which is the last day of term, all classes will be having their Christmas parties. Children can come to school dressed in party clothes on this day. Class teachers will let you know any extra information you need for each class via Seesaw.



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Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation

The School Age Immunisation Service will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 12th December** to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme to pupils from Reception to Year 6.

If you haven't yet filled in the form to give consent for your child to be protected against Flu, please complete this form by 10am on Monday 11th Dec.

Choose Fulfen Primary School 12th Dec 2023 – Flu

Our School code is: **SS124209-23**

If your child has been unwell in the 14 days before the vaccination, contact the immunisation team on 0300 124 0366.

A message from the NHS

The Orthoptic Department at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton have been in touch to remind parents of the importance of children having regular eye tests at an optician once a year. NHS eye tests are free for all children at any opticians.

Even if your child has apparently normal vision, they should be tested to ensure their vision is developing normally so that any potential eye problems can be identified and treated early to avoid possible lifelong visual loss.



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The Importance of Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are vital in order to get the most out of school. Consistently being late into school soon adds up to having a negative impact on learning.



With this in mind, we would like to remind you of some of our timings and procedures for our school day which can also be found [here](#) on our website.

**Morning registration starts at 8:55am.
Children should be in their classroom by this time.**

Your child is **late** if they are not in school by 9:00am – L Code on the register
Your child is “**unauthorised late**” after 9:10am – U Code on the register.

If your child is persistently late you will be informed of the concern initially via letter. You will be given the opportunity to discuss any barriers to punctuality and the support we can offer you.

If your child receives 5 late codes in a half term then we will write to you to inform you of our concerns over your child's late arrival. If this continues, we will send another letter before setting up a meeting to discuss the situation with you and to find solutions to support you.

All lateness is recorded daily. The time of arrival and the reason for lateness, if known, will also be recorded. This information can be made available to the courts and to the Local Authority in the form of a report should a Penalty Notice or prosecution be the outcome of repeated lateness after registers have closed.

Please collect your child promptly at the end of the school day. Where late collection is persistent and/or significantly late, the school may be required to share these concerns with other agencies.

Can we remind you that you will need to collect children from any school clubs on time. If you are late your child will be put into After School Club and a you will be charged.



Useful Information & what's coming up

School Barrier

The school barrier will be lowered by 8.15am and will not be raised until 4.45pm. The only parent/carers allowed on site will have to have an appointment or have a special permit.

If you would like to discuss any of these points or would like any support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Dates for your diary



Thursday 7th December – R, Y1 & Y2 Pantomime visit

Tuesday 12th December – Flu Nasal Spray Immunisations

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day – bring £1 cash

Wednesday 13th December – Santa's Grotto and Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14th December – Reception Christmas Performance – 9:15am

Friday 15th December – Pre-School Christmas Performance – 9:15am

Friday 15th December – Feel Good Friday – no school uniform (free)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Raffle – tickets on ParentPay from Monday

Monday 18th December – KS1 Christmas Production – 9:30am

Tuesday 19th December - KS1 Christmas Production – 2:15pm

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

Thursday 21st December – Y6 Carols in church – 6:30pm

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Party Day

Friday 22nd December – Last day of term

Monday 22nd January – Young Voices

Monday 29th January – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

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

