



# Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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## Foreword

I'm not sure how we manage to fit so much into such a short Spring term!

Please enjoy the photographs and videos of what we've been up to over the last few weeks, in particular, the Year 6 Geography videos – they really showcase our digital strategy. These videos contain so many facts and the visual information is presented so well.

There are numerous events coming up before Easter, so please make a note of all the important dates from the second half of our newsletter. I'm looking forward to taking part in the Easter egg hunt and keeping my eye out for the Easter bunny – be sure to get your ticket on ParentPay as there are a limited number available!

With various trips and special days planned for different year groups over the coming weeks, our children are sure to enjoy the enrichment and breadth of their education as we supplement what they learn in the classroom.



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# Stars of the week!

Lainey McDaid, Ruby Clift,  
Leo Everiss, Charlie Taylor,  
Ace Queensborough, Rosie  
Jennings, Hunor Beck, Jude  
Keogh, Rosie Jennings, Fynn  
Pitcher, Ella Eaton, Jack  
Faircloth, Trixie Sayer, Oliver  
Brindley, Eleanor Jackson,  
Max Clift, Harrison Upton,  
Riley Brookes, Pippa  
Madeley,

Orla Haigh, Jack McGeown,  
Bailey Freeman, Delilah  
Rose, Bodhi K, Olivia F, Oliver  
M, Ollie Manning, Rex  
Smale, Niall Jones, Theo  
Roberts, Lottie Lightfoot,  
Vinnie Williams, Elissa  
Dafforn, Chloe Warner,  
Eddie Glazier, Olivia  
Newman, Jaxon Wright, Leo  
Jones, Jessica Fisher, Orla  
Jones,

Oliver Jarvis, Callum  
Tweddle, Lola Jennings Rosie  
Witcomb, Louie game Ella  
Woodward, Lawson bird  
and Eva Bartlett, Florence  
Watson, Skylar Johnson-  
Cashmore, Riley Pickering,  
Stanley Sayer, Max Mudhir,  
The whole of 6P, Zach Burn,  
Freddie Attwood, Scarlet  
Munday, Layla-Beau  
Shippey, All of 6FH

## 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.

You can also see our latest Facebook feed at the bottom of the home page of our website and, if you want more information about our exciting Enrichment opportunities, look at our [Enrichment page](#) in the parents' section of our website.



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

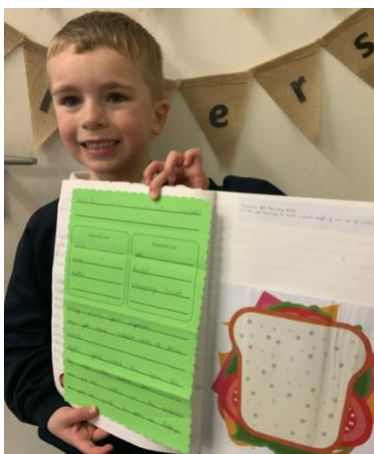
## Amazing Archers!

Some of our Key Stage 2 children took part in an archery tournament, competing against 18 other teams from local schools! Well done everyone who took part: our teams came in 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place.



## Year 1

Children in Year 1 have designed, made and eaten their own sandwiches! They've also written a set of instructions on how to make a sandwich – they had so much fun during this unit!



### How to make a Jam Sandwich.

Put the instructions in the correct sequence.

1. ✓ Get some jam, some butter and a knife.	2. ✓ Get two slices of bread.	3. ✓ Spread the butter onto one slice of bread.	4. ✓ Spread the jam onto one slice of bread.
5. ✓ Place the other slice of bread on top.	6. ✓ Eat your sandwich.		

# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Year 6 have been learning about South America!

Children in Year 6 have been learning about South America in their Geography lessons. They have been comparing it's location to where we live. Take a look at these videos (by clicking on the image) to see what they found out:

Daisy's video:



Taylor's video:



Zarina's video:



## Did you know?

Parts of our newsletter are interactive!

Try tapping on the images above to watch the videos!



## Chicken Chat!

Our lovely ladies have been named! We had over 1000 votes and we're proud to officially introduce you:



**Dorothy**



**Nugget**



**Henny Penny**



**Madge**

Do you have a favourite? (Just don't let the other chickens know!)



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Polytunnel and Battery Hen Donations



Our Busy Bees have been busily filling our honey jar with lots of donations! So far, we have raised a massive £334! Thank you to all who have donated.

For every donation we receive, we create a little Busy Bee that is added to our garden notice board in school.

Please continue to donate on ParentPay. Every donation helps us improve our garden facilities for our chickens.

We have ordered our new 18ft by 16ft Polytunnel using money awarded to us from Burntwood Town Council Community Infrastructure Levey Community Fund, Hopefully this will be up a running after Easter.



## Aquanauts Swimming Lessons for Year 5

Our Year 5 children have started swimming lessons at Chase Terrace Academy. Together with our own Mr B, the aquanauts swimming coaches are supporting our pupils in gaining vital water safety skills whilst having a 'splashingly good' time! This is what the children think:



"Swimming is a life skill - the teachers are amazing and they make learning fun."  
Macy

"My favourite thing was putting my face under the water and learning how to float."  
Ryan

"It's really good because they challenge and encourage us, along with having fun and developing our skills."  
Maisie

"The teachers know your level, and don't push you too hard."  
Gethin



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Feel Good Friday

Before half term, we had a wonderful Feel Good Friday, continuing to work towards becoming mental health champions supported by our One Goal programme.

EYFS and KS1 focused on the book 'ish' by Peter Reynolds which emphasises the importance of trying your best and being proud of what you achieve. The book celebrates perfect-ish. They produced some fantastic art work:



Key stage 2 focused on the book 'The weather in me' and have been inspired by a Place2be art room activity. The children observed their own feelings and used their art skills to portray this in their weather windows:



# 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. So far, we've raised £369.93 from parents using this app – thank you to all those

## Pre-School Open Day – 29<sup>th</sup> February

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2021, we still have a few spaces in our fantastic Pre-School, so pop along to our open day on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 10am** to see what we have to offer!

Please book a place on our open-day using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/T5WUVbL2ex>

You can apply for a place by emailing [nursery@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk). Places will be allocated at the end of March and emailed to parents by 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**Join us for our open day and experience what Fulfen has to offer!**

**Pre-School places for 3 and 4 year olds**

**15 and 30 hours funded and fee paying places available for September 2024**



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## School Spider App

If you haven't started using our app yet, we highly recommend that you do! The School Spider app allows you to:

- see our latest newsletters
- access our calendar of events
- receive messages directly to your mobile phone using push notifications (ensure notifications are turned on)
- book parents' evenings
- complete online surveys and forms for each child
- book extra-curricular clubs
- report an absence if your child is ill



Please note: If your child is absent from school due to a **medical appointment**, the office needs to see evidence of the appointment. If you wish to request a **holiday**, a 'leave of absence' form needs to be completed (at least 2 weeks in advance), which can be collected from the school office. Only absence due to illness should be reported on the app.

Find out more [here](#).

## Fulfen Before and After School Club

Don't forget that bookings for our before and after school club need to be made by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Invoices will be sent out within the next seven days to the email address that you specify on the booking form. Payments are due by the last day of the month. This will be the same *every* month.

Exciting news: There are some new activities coming to Club after Easter including the return of our sessions run by a football coach and, hopefully Laser Tag! We will also still be continuing with our popular Street Dance provision.

More details will be coming about these when we send out our next booking form on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.





# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Enrichment

As always, enriching the lives of the children who attend our school is at the heart of what we do. As part of this, we provide a wide range of extra-curricular clubs throughout the year. Our clubs for this half term are now in place (from w/c Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb until Easter):

**Monday** – Martial Arts – KS1

**Tuesday** – Rugby – Y5/6

**Tuesday** – Drawing Club – KS2

**Wednesday** – Archery – KS2

**Wednesday** – Cookies & Cross-stitch Y4/5

**Thursday** – Martial Arts – KS2

If your child didn't get a place in one of these clubs, there will be plenty of opportunity throughout the year.

**Please note:** All children **MUST** be collected from extra-curricular clubs on time. If parents are more than 5 minutes late, the child will be taken to After School Club and parents will be charged for the session.



## World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day!

On this day, pupils can dress up as their favourite book character and bring along the matching book too if they'd like. During the day, the children will be visiting different teachers across school to share a story.

Our whole school text this year is 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and all children will be engaging in activities linked to this book.

As always, your child will also receive their book token to spend in bookshops and supermarkets to purchase their free book. Here is a list of this year's book choices: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/> (make sure you use your token between 15<sup>th</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> March).



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Rags2Riches Collection

The Rags2Riches team are collecting from Fulfen on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. By bringing in your good quality unwanted clothes and shoes, you will be helping others around the world as well as helping to raise money for our school funds.



### Clean and reusable items that can be donated:



### They cannot reuse the following items:



If you are unsure what to put in the bags, then **STOP AND THINK - WOULD SOMEONE ELSE BUY & WEAR IT?**

Donated clothes and accessories are being sent to Ukraine to be reused by the less fortunate.

Fulfen gets 40p for every kilo of reusable items, so please bring your donations in from **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**.



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## School Discos

Our Spring term discos are also just around the corner on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**:

Year 1/2 – 5:00-5:45 pm

Year 3/4 – 6:15-7:00 pm

Year 5/6 – 7:30-8:15 pm



Tickets cost £3 including a drink and can be ordered on ParentPay.

## Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

This year, we're asking for a £1 donation either on ParentPay or can be sent in on the day. For this, you can wear anything red or 'something funny for money'!



If you wish to purchase a red nose from school, please PRE-ORDER on ParentPay before Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## Easter Egg Hunt – 19<sup>th</sup> March



Tickets for our egg-siting Easter egg hunt can be purchased on ParentPay. They are only £4 and include a chocolate egg for every child joining in the hunt!

The hunt will take place after school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March for families to join their child to solve the clues.

**All children taking part MUST be collected from school and take part in the hunt with an adult.** If it's raining, bring a brolly – the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance whatever the weather! There are clues suitable for all ages so everyone can take part. Tickets are limited, so get yours before they all go!

If you're feeling peckish, bring some pennies as we will also be selling homemade shortbread on the playground.

NB The staff carpark will be closed for the duration of the hunt to ensure the safety of all our families as they leave with their Easter goodies.



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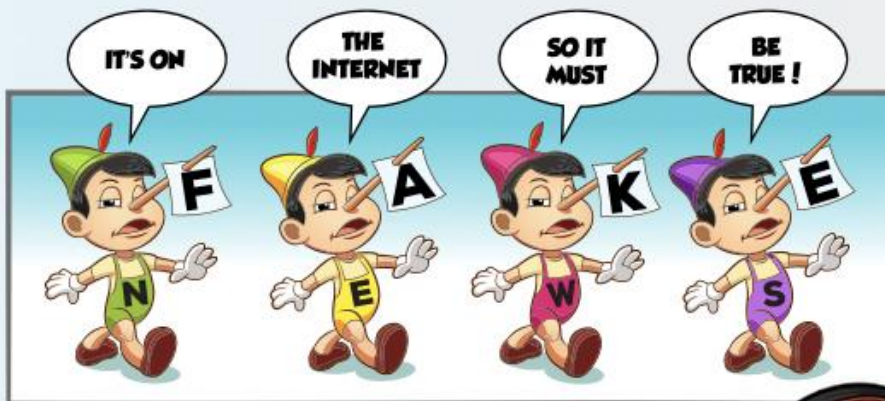
## Online Safety – Don't always believe what you see online!

As children spend more time online, they will encounter exaggerated, fake, biased and AI generated 'information'. It's all too easy to click and get dragged into inappropriate material. Please be aware of the pitfalls...

**Skips** Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

### A Parent's Guide to Fake News



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



**Don't believe everything you see online!**

Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Dates for your diary



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – Pre-School Open Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Tag Rugby Tournament

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Gotta Dance & Girls' Football Event

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y4 Trip - Museum of Cannock Chase

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rags to Riches Collection (bring in items from 7<sup>th</sup> March)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Discos

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Girls' Football Tournament

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Red Nose Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y5 Greek Day – option to dress up as an Ancient Greek!

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Feel Good Friday – no school uniform

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – EASTER BREAK

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Apr – Welcome back to school

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Apr – Year 1 Trip – Black Country Museum

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Apr – Music Live

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Apr – Girls' Football event

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Apr – Class photographs

