

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Year 7 collected goodies and made Christmas Hampers for the residents of Burlington Hall to enjoy over the festive period.



THE FULBROOK VALUE NEXT HALF TERM IS: TRUST



**Fulbrook  
Middle  
School**  
December, 2018

## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of the first term of the school year. The Year Five and Six Christmas 'get together' shows, along with the Carol Service, were fantastic ways to announce the arrival of Christmas at Fulbrook. The children and staff worked hard to produce such wonderfully festive events.

In addition to the end of term festivities, the children have been working very hard, completing end of term assessments, in order to help teachers make a judgement about the progress each child has made. This will be shared with you prior to the spring term Parents' evenings, when we return in January.

It is the most wonderful time of the year to be working in a school... Caring has been our value this half term and we have seen it in abundance at Fulbrook. We are particularly grateful for the returns we have had so far to the consultation on our proposal to become an extended secondary school. Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. If you have not yet responded, and happen to have a spare moment over the Christmas holidays, we would appreciate as much feedback as possible. The consultation period runs until the 21st January.

On behalf of the Fulbrook Family, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Samantha Clancy

### St. Michael's Carol Service

St. Michael's Carol Service was an amazing performance to take part in. We, the pupils, had lots of fun and it was a chance for us to demonstrate our musical abilities.

It is also really fun practising. We spent a long time perfecting the music and performing felt incredible. The music and singing sounded great in the church, even better than when we practised.

But we could not have done it without Mrs. Jones. She organised the whole performance and without her, and many other teachers, it would not have been possible.

I really enjoyed taking part in the Carol Service, it was brilliant!

Evie, Yr7

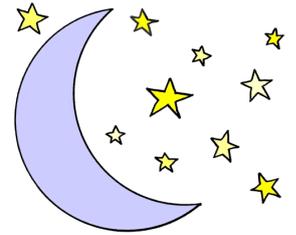


**SLEEPOVER AT FULBROOK**

In November, Fulbrook's Year 5 had a school sleepover to raise money for a charity called Crisis. The sleepover was great fun with the girls sleeping in the library and the boys in the hall. The food was delicious and the film was really funny. We also played a competitive game of bingo to see who would get the thickest mat to sleep on.

In the morning, we had a cereal bar and a drink. We were all quite tired from the night before but it was great fun!

Pippa, Yr 5

**CHRISTMAS PUDDING APPEAL**

The 67 Christmas puddings donated by the families and staff of Fulbrook were collected by Gordon of the Need Project last week.

The puddings will be given to families who struggle to put food on the table at this time of year. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

**SPORTS NEWS**

PE has been thriving during the autumn at Fulbrook. We have offered 40+ clubs over the first term, attended 27 fixtures, experienced 5 PE enrichment sessions and selected our Sports Leaders. We have had much success and triumph during the fixtures and would like to thank all pupils who have had the opportunity to represent the school.



As well as the huge success of extra-curricular sport, we have selected our Sports Leaders. They had to endure a tough selection process and they all showed great characteristics which we deem perfect for a Sports Leader. They have had a significant impact on the PE department and have really made their presence known. Well done!

Finally, Fulbrook has introduced the 'Fulbrook Ultimate Team'. We have based this on the popular computer game 'FIFA'. Two pupils from each year group are recognised each month for their effort, attitude and positivity. Those selected will receive a text home, Headteacher's Commendation and a personalised FIFA card that is displayed outside the gym.

We hope to kick start the New Year with the same passion and enthusiasm.

"Nobody who has given their best regretted it" - George Halas

Mr. Ferrell

### Breakfast Club

Fulbrook's Breakfast Club runs from 8am each school day, with a last arrival time of 8.20am. All pupils are welcome and there are some places still available each day. The cost is £2 per pupil each day, payable on the day or weekly in advance. There is no charge for any pupils who are eligible for 'Pupil Premium' funding.

A selection of cereals, toast and juices are available and there is no need to reserve a place in advance.

### Caterlink

**lunches:** School lunches at Fulbrook are provided by 'Caterlink' in the school hall each day. A range of hot and cold foods is available at a cost of £2.05 per day - £10.25 per week. Next half term is 35 days long. The cost is:  $35 \times £2.05 = £71.75$ . **You can pay for lunches by adding credit to your child's account via <https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/signin>. Cheque and cash payments cannot be accepted for meal payments. All families have received a registration letter with an individual number for each child. Please register to enable you to add credit for meals. Should pupils wish to purchase fruit-flavoured drinks, cash may be brought in each day. Water is always available.**



The PTA have organised several successful events during the second half of the autumn term, raising an incredible £3568. This will be used for the benefit of the children at Fulbrook.

#### Forthcoming Events::

##### **PTA meeting**

8pm, Tuesday 15th January (venue to be advised)

##### **Family Breakfast**

8-8.45 am, Friday 8th February

### YR 5 AND YR6 GET-TOGETHERS

In the Christmas Get Together, we had fun wearing our festive jumpers and we sang 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town'. We read poems including 'The Christmas Spider', 'What the Donkey Saw' and 'The Christmas Star'.

The guitarists played Band Aid's 'Do They Know Its Christmas' while a group of children sang it.

All the forms sang a Christmas song and performed a poem.

We enjoyed our Christmas Get-Together, especially the parents' and carers' singing!

Tiana, John and Archie, Yr 5



### DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### JANUARY 2019

- 3rd—First day of Spring Term  
Y8 Blue Peris Meeting, 4pm  
Y6 SATs Information Session, 4pm
- 7th-10th Y6 Mock SATs week
- 8th—Y5 'The Shires' Launch Meeting at 4pm
- 9th—Consultation 'Drop In', 18.30—20.00 at Fulbrook
- 12th—Consultation 'Drop In', 10.00—16.00 at Fulbrook
- 13th—Y8 Trip to Blue Peris departs
- 15th—PTA Meeting, 20.00, venue to be advised
- 18th—Y8 Trip returns from Blue Peris
- 22nd—Parents/Carers' Evening—1
- 24th—Choir to 'Young Voices', Birmingham
- 30th—Parents/Carers' Evening

#### FEBRUARY 2019

- 7th—Parents/Carers' Evening
- 8th—PTA Family Breakfast, 8.00
- 11th-15th—Half Term

#### MARCH 2019

- 11th-14th Y6 Mock SATs 2 Week
- 21st—Super Learning Day, The Arts  
—Y8 Trip to the Globe to see Romeo and Juliet

#### APRIL 2019

- 5th—Last Day of Spring Term
- 23rd—First day of Summer Term

## **MATILDA: BECAUSE SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BE A LITTLE BIT NAUGHTY.....**

The best maggots in town!

At the end of November, members of Year 7 put on an exciting production of Matilda as part of our remit as a Royal Shakespeare Company Champion School. This was no ordinary production. For a start, there were three Matildas who served to show different parts of the eponymous heroine's personality. Miss Trunchbull is traditionally played by the largest man in the company. Fulbrook chose a particularly slender child but gave her more clout by adding two extra pupils as "muscles", resplendent in biker jackets. Children acted as furniture, doors and desks. Not to mention dancers, singers, adults, mechanics and ...children.

It is hard to pick out individual performances but our Matildas were amazing. Their rendition of 'Quiet' would give any professional a run for their money. Miss Trunchbull was truly terrifying and Bruce's fortitude in consuming a vast chocolate confection was breath-taking, as was his singing. At least three comments were received that claimed some of our audience preferred Fulbrook's performance to that of the professionals.

However, for the cognoscenti the really stunning performances came from children who came to the project lacking confidence and with no experience of acting. Some of these took on quite demanding roles. Their spirit, courage and desire drove the show to ever greater heights.

Performances are the culmination of weeks and, in this case months, of hard work. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the production behind the scenes.



Mrs. Macmillan, Ms. McDowell

### **My Matilda experiences.....**

In the term before the summer a brilliant opportunity arose. Fulbrook was selected to be a Matilda Champion School. I was so excited. The Royal Shakespeare Company came in for three fantastic takeover days. They taught us singing, drama and dance. It was cool being with professional singing, drama and dance teachers who had taught professional actors. We had auditions for everyone in Year 7. I was excited and amazed when I was given such a big role. I was one of the Matildas.

As soon as the auditions were over, we started rehearsals after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. When we came back, in September, we practised it in enrichment and, when it got closer to the time, in full day rehearsals.

Ms McDowell and Mrs Macmillan worked really hard to organise the shows as did many of the other teachers; from taking over lessons to helping with the scenery, lighting, costumes and props. We did six performances which was exhausting but exhilarating. I am quite sad that Matilda is over, but I will NEVER forget the amazing experience that I had.



Evie, Yr 7