

## Governor Bulletin Easter 2021

**From Fiona Thorpe:**



It's absolutely a perfect gift and fulfils a wish I have had for many, many years to own a signed print by my all-time favourite children's book illustrator. The very first book I bought as a primary school trainee teacher was *Don't Put Mustard in the Custard*, silly poems by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Quentin Blake. I loved those illustrations way back then and have collected many picture books featuring his iconic drawings along the way. The Book Cart is particularly apt, as I'm an absolute bookworm and some of my most treasured memories of working with children have been sharing wonderful texts with them. I will treasure this picture always.

I have yet to embark on my travels, for obvious reasons, but one silver lining of the pandemic is finding myself back in the classroom and teaching a class of Year 3 children. I absolutely love it, though I do really miss the community of Fulbourn, the school, families and colleagues with whom I worked for so long. I wish you all the best

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

I recently received my leaving gift, funded by a very generous collection to which you all contributed. I decided to spend the money on something that would remind me of the joy of teaching and bring back many happy memories of my time at Fulbourn Primary: a signed Quentin Blake print. I have chosen an Artist Proof of *The Book Cart*, an illustration from a Quentin Blake picture book, *The Green Ship*.



at this challenging time and thank you once again for this super gift.

With best wishes,  
**Fiona Thorpe**

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### **School Street Scheme:**

The school is urgently looking for volunteers to help with this exciting new scheme, we hope to get up and running next term. School Streets is about trying to shift transport away from the school gates and create a healthier and safer environment for all. The initiative is run by the County Council and is fully supported by the governing body and Fulbourn Parish Council. The scheme's organisers will be contacting local residents to explain how they may be affected. For this to operate though, we need 5 volunteers for each morning and afternoon shift, each shift taking approx. 45 minutes. If you're interested to find out more or willing to offer your time, please contact the school office. Everyone is welcome to join in, so if you know anyone in the village who may be interested, please spread the word. It's a great excuse to get out for some fresh air and meet new people!

### **PtFA – Thank You**

The Governing Body would like to acknowledge and give huge thanks to our hard-working and now outgoing PtFA committee: Laura Boxall and Fran Parris, our wonderful co-chairs, Tamsin Fry, Secretary after her second stint on the committee and John Beresford, Treasurer.

The PtFA have continued to fundraise and organise fantastic events and activities for the community, despite the last year of lockdown. We really do need our PtFA to help build strong links with the community and to raise vital funds for the school – for example, to pay for reading resources and maintenance of the swimming pool. The PtFA have also refurbished the school library and funded the amazing playground equipment.

We really need new committee members to step up to support these vital activities and help maintain the excellent facilities and events our school has to offer children and their families. Please do get in touch to let us know if you are available to help by emailing: [chair@fulbourn.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@fulbourn.cambs.sch.uk) – Thank you!

### **Call for New Parent Governors**

We have 2 vacancies for parent governors, to be part of the governing body. The governing body is a group of volunteers from the community and parent body as well as staff members, who support and hold the school leadership to account for the running of the school. This is a very stimulating and rewarding role – we would love to hear from parents who feel they can contribute in this way. Please contact the school office to register your interest and if you wish to find out more please email Joy Eldridge, Chair of Governors: [chair@fulbourn.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@fulbourn.cambs.sch.uk)

### **And finally....**

Many, many thanks to our fantastic school staff for their resilience over this term and throughout the last very tough year. It's wonderful that the children have been able to return to school this month and enjoy the enriching opportunities that this brings. We look forward to the Summer term and hope that the path back to normality will continue smoothly.

Thank you to all of you, parents and carers, for your understanding and amazing support through this very challenging period and to the children for being able to adapt and cope with so much.

**Happy Easter from the Governing Body – wishing everyone a very well-deserved enjoyable and relaxing break!**