



Newsletter

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Foundation Bug Hotel

Class 1 have been busy building some accommodation for the mammals and minibeasts who share Fowlmere Primary School with us. They worked with Mrs May to build a tower of pallets and then find as much wood, moss and leaves as they could to make a comfortable winter home for their visitors.



The children planned different layers of the hotel using different materials in order to attract different species. They will be watching out of the window to see who checks in!

Open Evening

Don't forget that we will be holding an Open Evening for parents, prospective parents and members of the wider community on **Thursday 30th November** from **6pm to 7.30pm**.

If you don't get into school very often, perhaps this would be a good opportunity to see the sorts of things that are happening in school at the moment. Please feel free to invite neighbours and friends to come along too.

We shall be asking a few children to come back to school later too, so that they can talk to parents and visitors about their work. If your children have been asked to do this you will receive a letter today.

Inspection Report

Thank you for your kind messages of congratulations following our latest Ofsted Report. As we said in our covering letter, this is the beginning of our journey and we are looking forward to the months, and years, ahead!

If you have missed the paper copy which went home on Wednesday, the report is now on our website.

Christmas Events

As we approach (rapidly) the end of term, I thought it would be a good idea to detail the events which will lead up to Christmas. As in previous years, we will be sharing an advent calendar in assemblies in December as this has always been a popular part of the Christmas celebrations.

EYFS & KS1 Production

- Class 1 and Class 2 children will be performing the play *Children of the World* for parents on **Friday 8th December** at **9.30am**. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Instrumental Concert

- There is an instrumental concert at 6pm on Friday 8th December. If your children are involved in this you will already have had a letter.

Christmas Lunch

- The school Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 13th December. Booking for this will go out next week.

Panto Trip

- Our Whole-School Panto Trip is on Thursday 14th December.

Christmas Jumper Day

- There is a "wear your Christmas jumper" day in aid of Save the Children on Friday 15th December.

Carols Assembly

- There will be an assembly of carols and Christmas items on Tuesday 19th December at 8.50am. All families are welcome.

Children in Need



Thank you for your generous support of our cake sale on Friday, in aid of Children in Need. You raised a magnificent £117.

Reminders

- Reply slips about the Instrumental Concert need to be returned to school for Monday 27th November.
- Reply slips for the Class 3 visit to West Stow are due in by Monday 27th November.
- There is a PTFA meeting on Wednesday 29th November at 7pm.
- Our Open Evening is on Thursday 30th November from 6pm to 7.30pm.
- The PTFA Wine Tasting is on Friday 1st December. Tickets from Angela Mulholland.

PTFA News

Raffle tickets are going home today. Please buy or sell these to friends and family and return any money and bought stubs and unsold tickets to the school office by Thursday 7th December.

Raffle Prizes:

- **1st:** Sonos One speaker (worth £180) donated by Lee Hooker from Linear AV limited
- **2nd:** £100 John Lewis Vouchers donated by Dean and Dean Builders
- **3rd:** Christmas tree donated by Paul & Clive Williamson from Church Farm, Bury St Edmunds

Don't forget to return your Christmas Fayre Helpers slip, or think about donating cakes to sell on the cake stall on the day, or donating a raffle prize. Christmas Tree order forms need to be returned as soon as possible.

Chocolate Tombola Boxes will be in Classrooms from Monday. Please bring in your donations for the chocolate tombola: the class with the most will get a prize!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Coffee morning!

Congratulations to...

- Megan (Class 3) and Freya (Class 2) for their dance performance at the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage last weekend. It sounded spectacular!

Letters from France

Last week, children in Class 4 received letters from school children in France. We have been exploring a partnership between Fowlmere Primary School and Ecole Victor Hugo, a 122-pupil primary school near Rouen in Normandy.



There are also opportunities for other classes in the school to make links (we already have some other letters to distribute) and, as the oldest children in the French school visit the UK in 2018, we are also exploring the opportunity to meet up while they are over here.

If you would like to know a little more about the school, I have included links to their website and the Year 6 pupils' (Class CM2) blog below.

<http://cm2hugobondeville.blogspot.co.uk/>

<http://blog.ac-rouen.fr/ecole-hugo-notre-dame-de-bondeville/>

How exciting!

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 29th November Class 1 visit to Royston Fire Station

Wednesday 29th November, 7pm PTFA Meeting

Thursday 30th November, 6pm – 7.30pm Open Evening
Everyone welcome!

Friday 1st December, 8pm PTFA Wine Tasting

Monday 4th December Class 3 visit to West Stow Village

Friday 8th December, 9.30am KS1 and EYFS Production

Friday 8th December, 6pm Instrumental Concert **NEW**

Sunday 10th December, 2pm – 4.30pm PTFA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 13th December Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December Whole-School Panto Visit

Friday 15th December Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th December, 8.50am Carols Assembly **NEW**

Tuesday 19th December Last day of term

Stop Press...

Please can I remind people to be considerate of our neighbours when parking to drop off or collect children from school.