



# Newsletter

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## **Covid Update**

This will be the last newsletter of the 2020 calendar year, and what a year it has been. Thank you all for your tremendous support – it has been much appreciated. I know that staff and children are very tired and are looking forward to a break at the end of next week. I hope that you all have as good a Christmas break as you can. Please stay safe – hopefully we can see some light at the end of the tunnel.

It is important that you let us know if you have any positive Covid tests over the break: you can simply email me on [head@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk). The local authority are trying to keep a picture of cases across the county to help with planning and this will continue over the holidays. Any positive tests over the first weekend will be particularly important to share as these will require us to trace contacts in school. After this time there won't be the need to contact trace through school (unless test results have been delayed), but we will want to keep a picture of the situation over Christmas.

You may have heard in the news about some schools' decisions to move staff training days to the last day of this term. Our term dates will remain the same as this seems needlessly disruptive to everyone involved.

## **EYFS and Key Stage 1 Production**

This year's production of *Children of the World* involving children in Class 1 and 2 took place this week – sadly not in front of an audience of proud parents, but instead in front of a camera. We have a little bit of editing to do over the weekend and then we shall be ready for the grand reveal next week. Please keep your eyes on your email.

It was certainly strange, not performing in front of an audience, and perhaps the event loses a bit of its sparkle because of this, but we're sure you will be rightfully proud of your children all the same.



## Christmas Events

Don't forget our remaining Christmas events next week.

1. **Christmas Crafts:** Our traditional Christmas Crafts afternoon will be on Monday 14th December. Children will remain in their classes for these activities and, sadly, you will not be able to attend to help out as in previous years. Children will bring their crafts home after the session.
2. **Christmas Jumper Day:** On Thursday 17th December, children will be able to wear their Christmas jumper to school to support the children's charity, Save the Children. Children should wear normal uniform on this day – it's not a full non-uniform day. Just swap that sweatshirt for your festive best!
3. **Christmas Lunch:** Our school Christmas Lunch will also be on Thursday 17th December. The PTFA have generously donated crackers for the children and HCL will be putting on a special Christmas lunch. We won't all be able to sit down together, but there will still be sprouts to enjoy!

## Congratulations to...

1. Zac (Class 4) for passing his Grade 1 piano exam with merit. Well done Zac!

If you have anything you would like celebrating in our Congratulations to section, please email me at [head@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk) with the subject, 'Newsletter'.

## Reminders and Notes

1. Don't forget that the last posting day for cards (outside of a bubble) and gifts is Tuesday 15th December.
2. Flu Immunisation will take place on Wednesday 16th December.
3. The last day of term will be Friday 18th December.
4. The first day of next term will be Tuesday 5th January.

## Class 4 Visit the Airfield Museum

Class 4 took the long walk out to the Airfield Museum on Wednesday afternoon this week as part of their project about the impact the two world wars had on Fowlmere. They had a really interesting visit, led by the volunteers at the museum. Thank you to them and to Mrs Whitworth for organising.

## Thank you

Staff would like to say thank you for the steady stream of goodies which has come into the staffroom this term. Hopefully, we have been able to thank the donors directly, but there have been a couple of anonymous deliveries, so if that was you, a heartfelt thank you from us all.

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Monday 14th December</b>	Christmas Crafts Afternoon
<b>Wednesday 16th December</b>	Flu vaccinations for all yeargroups
<b>Thursday 17th December</b>	Wear a Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 17th December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 18th December</b>	Last Day of Term
<b>Monday 4th January</b>	INSET Day (School Closed)
<b>Tuesday 5th January</b>	First day of Spring Term
<b>Monday 18th January</b>	First day of Year 6 Bikeability Training

Stay safe and well.

With best wishes  
Mr Philip Atkin  
**Headteacher**