

FOWLMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER 2
30th September 2016

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that we have made an appointment for the Early Years Foundation Stage Leader/teacher post. The successful applicant will start in January but will be able to visit school during this term to enable a smooth transition. I will be able to let you know more details once all the necessary pre-employment checks have been completed.

I am also very pleased to announce that, following Mrs Toule's decision not to return following her maternity leave, we have appointed Mrs Hartshorne on a permanent contract.

Yours Faithfully,

Heather Mepham
Headteacher

Any Volunteers?

Do any of you have a Sunday morning to spare? We need a general tidy-up of the wildlife area and clear some of the pond weed. If this is something you would be able to help with I would be very pleased to hear from you. Coffee (and maybe even cake) provided.

THANK YOU

Well, what a fantastic group of parents and staff you are! I had been worried that there wouldn't be enough cake for the Macmillan coffee morning, and then you and your children and staff arrived with a most delicious range of cakes, buns and tray bakes. Thank you all so much – I feel humbled by your response. Thank you to those who came to the coffee morning and especially to those who helped – I couldn't have done it without you.

The children enjoyed showing off their wonderful cooking at break time and buying one another's goodies.

We have currently raised £176.87, and the children will be trying to sell you even more cakes after school today.

As if this wasn't enough, you also provided a mountain of food for Jimmy's Nightshelter. Mr Griffiths was delighted with your gifts and impressed by the questions asked in assembly by both children and adults. Again, my grateful thanks for your generosity.

Library Update

The Library stock is being refreshed and we are excitedly awaiting a large delivery of new books. This has been made possible by money you help raise through the PTFA.

All children in the school have a weekly Library session and the opportunity to choose their own books to borrow, as well as developing personal library skills.

Recommended website for KS2 children: Davidficklingbooks.com

Looking for a new book? This website offers you sample chapters of all the books available on the site. Have a browse, if you have any requests for our School Library, let Mr. Martin or Mrs. Williamson know.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. McCreery and Mrs. Anderson for all their help with the Library.

The Governing Body

The Governing Body members are:

Mrs K. Young (Chair of Governors)

Mrs S. Burge (Vice-Chair)

Mrs H. Mepham (Headteacher)

Mr P. Atkin (Staff member)

Mrs C. Joubert (outgoing Chair)

Mrs G. Heathcote (Chair of Standards Committee)

Mrs E. Loukes (Chair of Finance & Premises Committee)

Mrs S. Raven (Health & Safety)

Mrs D. Roberts

Mr N. Schonken (Safeguarding)

My grateful thanks to Mrs Cathy Joubert, who has recently finished her term of service as Chair of Governors. Cathy is staying on the board during the period of handover.

Thank you too, to Mr Simon Brearley who has also completed his term of office. He has been succeeded by Mr Nico Schonken.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2016			
Thursday	6 th	Football League match v Thriplow	15.15
Tuesday	11 th	Year 5 Favourites lunch	
Wednesday	12 th	National Assessment meeting for the parents of children in Y2 & Y6 We are looking to change this date as it clashes with St Bede's Open Evening. New date to follow.	18.00 & 18.45
Friday	14 th	Red, White & Blue Day Assembly– wear red, white & blue for £1	8.50
Tuesday	18 th	Small schools 7 a-side football competition – Impington VC Parent Consultation meetings	10.00 – 12.00 15.15 – 18.00
Thursday	20 th	Parent Consultation meetings	15.15 – 18.00
Friday	21 st	Photographer (individuals and with siblings)	8.30 onwards
Mon - Fri	24 - 28	HALF-TERM BREAK	
Monday	31 st	School Re-opens	
NOVEMBER			
Friday	4 th	Class 2 Assembly	8.50
Monday	7 th	Bikeability Training for Y6 all week	
Tuesday	8 th	Mathematics workshop for parents of children in Years 2 & 3	
Friday	11 th	Remembrance Day Assembly (parents and friends welcome)	10.40
Sunday	13 th	Remembrance at the War Memorial	tba
Tuesday	15 th	Y4/5/6 Tag Rugby Competition – MVC	13.00 – 15.00
Friday	18 th	Children in Need Assembly	8.50
Tuesday	22 nd	Year 4 Favourites lunch	12.00
Wednesday	23 rd	Scholastic ½ Price Book Fair arrives for a week	After school
Thursday	24 th	School Open Afternoon School Open Evening	
Tuesday	29 th	Years 3/4/5/6 Cross Country Competition – Wimpole Hall	10.00 – 12.30
DECEMBER			
Friday	2 nd	Christmas Craft afternoon – parents welcome to join us	13.15 – 15.00
Sunday	4 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – Fowlmere Village Hall	tba
Tuesday	13 th	Year R Nativity Performance	14.00
Friday	16 th	Save the Children 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' Day Assembly Treat Day Class Christmas parties	8.50 afternoon
Monday	19 th	School Pantomime Production – Fowlmere Village Hall (provisional)	Eve.
Tuesday	20 th	Christmas Lunch End of Term	
JANUARY 2017			
Wednesday	4 th	Staff Training Day	
Thursday	5 th	Term Starts	
Tuesday	10 th	Mathematics workshop for parents with children in Years 4/5/6	18.00 – 19.30
Wednesday	25 th	Provisional Date for Young Voices event - Birmingham	All day/evening
Tuesday	31 st	Year 3 Favourites lunch	12.00
FEBRUARY			
Friday	3 rd	Class 4 Assembly	8.50

Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)

The New PTFA Committee is already well underway organising a range of fund-raising and social events. Please would you consider whether you are able to join the committee (we only meet once or twice per term), as well as offering help and support for the events? The money raised through PTFA organised events is invaluable to the enrichment of all the children in the school. The new library books are the first acquisition of the year, and there are plans to purchase IT equipment, support for school journeys, and class books.

The PTFA committee is a committed group, but more hands would lighten their load and ensure the continued funding for the enrichment of all the children. Thank you.

