



Newsletter

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Make, Do and Mend

We are hoping to see as many of you as possible on our Make, Do and Mend morning **on Saturday 8th February from 9am to 12 noon**. We have some gardening tasks for people who like the outdoors and some straightforward decorating if you prefer the indoors. The more of us there are, the more we will be able to get done! If you have any gardening or decorating equipment that you can bring it would be really helpful, although we have some here already. We're really keen to improve the environment for all the children. Thank you in advance – we really appreciate your help!



Volunteers need to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check – this is free – and undertake a small amount of training, but we hope that some of you will feel able to help, or may know someone who could.

If you are interested, please email me via the school office at office@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March this year. We are hoping that all children will dress as a character from one of their favourite books and so are giving you plenty of warning to prepare!

It would be great if you could encourage children to think of something specific, rather than a generic character, eg a school child or a footballer. It would also be helpful, but not essential, if children could bring the related book along too.

We shall be organising a range of book-related events for the day including a house quiz and story sharing.

Lost Property

We do our best to reunite lost property with owners as soon as possible, but this is obviously made easier when items are labelled with the current owner's name. Please could you ensure that your children's clothing is clearly named: we seem to have an awful lot of unnamed clothing at the moment. If you are using clothing passed down, please check that clothing isn't labelled with the name of a Year 6 from years ago!

Parent & Child Consultations

This term's Parent and Child Consultations will be on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th February from 3.30pm to 7pm. Booking opens in My Child at School on Friday 24th January (today) at 6pm.

Please remember that children are welcome at consultations and that they are necessarily short. If you have a complex issue to discuss, please raise this at another time by making an appointment directly with the class teacher.

Volunteering

We currently have a number of volunteers who support the school by offering regular time. This enables us to support more children across the week than we would be able to within our own resources.

We are looking for a few more volunteers, particularly to help support children with their reading, but also in other areas too. Even an hour a week would be helpful – but it does need to be weekly and ideally at the same time.

Congratulations to...

- Victoria (Class 4) for sharing her certificate for donating some of her hair to The Princess Trust. The Princess Trust make wigs from donated hair for children who have lost their own to help them feel more confident at school and out and about.

Reminders

- Booking opens for Parent & Child Consultations tonight at 6pm.
- School is closed on Friday 14th February due to staff training.

5-a-side Football

Well done and thank you to Daniel, Alfie, Raffy, William, Jake and Zac (Class 4) who played in a small 5-a-side tournament at Melbourn Village College on Tuesday night. We didn't win the competition, but we did have a good time and scored a number of goals in this fast-moving game.

There's a Year 3/4 version in a fortnight too.

Photography Exhibition

Ella Barrett (a former Fowlmere pupil) is holding a photography exhibition at the school this weekend – from 10am-4pm both Saturday and Sunday – to raise funds for an expedition. Please come along to support if you can.

Apologies

We recently circulated dates for the 2020/21 school year. Our apologies that, in the update, the original May Bank Holiday date for this year remained. We have sent an update which corrects it as in the dates to the right.

Best wishes,
Mr Philip Atkin
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

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| Wednesday 29th January | Class 3 visit to Cambridge Museums |
| Saturday 8th February | Make, Do and Mend Day |
| Monday 10th February – Thursday 13th February | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Monday 10th February | Parent & Child Consultations |
| Tuesday 11th February | Year 5 Day at MVC |
| Wednesday 12th February | Science Workshops for all classes NEW |
| Wednesday 12th February | Parent & Child Consultations |
| Friday 14th February | INSET Day (School Closed) |
| Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February | Half-Term |
| Thursday 27th February | First of 6 Reception Balanceability Sessions |
| Thursday 5th March | World Book Day |
| Thursday 5th March | PTFA Book Sale NEW |
| Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March | Science Week |
| Friday 13th March | PTFA Bags2School Collection |
| Friday 13th March | Cambridgeshire Music Live Streamed Concerts for Children NEW |
| Friday 13th March | Year 5/6 Science Visit to MVC |
| Wednesday 18th March | Tag Rugby Competition |
| Friday 20th March | Cambridgeshire Music Live Concert and Workshop NEW |
| Friday 20th March | PTFA Quiz |
| Wednesday 25th March | Year 5 Big Read and Write 'Meet the Author' Event |
| Wednesday 1st April | Vision Screening for Reception Year |
| Wednesday 1st April | KS2 Team Building Afternoon |
| Friday 3rd April | Last Day of Term |

Summer Term 2020

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| Monday 20th April | INSET Day (School Closed) |
| Tuesday 21st April | First Day of Term |
| Thursday 23rd April | Reception & Year 6 Measurement Programme |
| Friday 24th April | Bikeability for Year 3 |
| Monday 27th April | Swimming Resus Training (Parents) |
| Friday 8th May | Bank Holiday (School Closed) |
| Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May | Key Stage 2 SATs Week |
| Monday 18th May | Class Photographs |