



Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017

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New Beginnings

Thank you for all your kind thoughts and wishes as I take on the headship of Fowlmere Primary. There will be an opportunity at next week's curriculum evening to contribute to our planning for school development over the next five years and it would be good to have input from as many people as possible. I am happy to hear from you by email, or in the playground if you have thoughts or ideas as to how we can improve too.

Some of you have seen our lovely space-themed Class 1 cloakroom, but for those of you who don't get into school I've included a photo. My thanks to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Parker for their great work!



Welcome Back

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2017/18 school year. I hope that your children have settled well into new classes and new routines.

We have 14 new children who have joined us in Class 1 this year. They are settling well and it already feels as if we have never been without them! We have also welcomed Jamie to Class 4 and Villó and Stanley to Class 2.

For families who are joining us for the first time, we wish you a happy and successful relationship with Fowlmere Primary School.

Staffing Changes

Mrs Natalie Rogerson is teaching Class 4 this term until Mrs Whitworth joins us in January. She is already making a great contribution to our staff team and I'm sure you will help her to feel welcome. Miss Tanya Love will teach science across the school

and also support with some other subjects in Class 1 and Class 2.

Miss Anelka Tokley and Miss Fenella Thomson join Mrs Compton at After-School Club as play workers. They have both made a great start at the club.

At the end of the summer term, Mrs Raven decided that the lure of sunshine in the South of France was too great and so resigned from her teaching assistant position. She is in the country periodically and so she will continue as a governor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Raven for her contribution to Fowlmere Primary School over the years; from a personal perspective, I have always appreciated the way that Mrs Raven supported pupils with mathematics further up the school - always a daunting task!

We all wish her well; though are probably a little jealous!

Classes and Structure

Classes are organised as follows:

Class 1	14 YR	Ms Lynsey Perkins
Class 2	12 Y1 17 Y2	Mrs Emma Hartshorne
Class 3	10 Y3 13 Y4	Mr Chris Martin
Class 4	15 Y5 16 Y6	Mrs Natalie Rogerson

Ms Perkins takes on the role of Assistant Headteacher in the school with responsibility for Early Years and Achievement for All. Mrs Hartshorne will take on the SENCo role and have responsibility for inclusion more generally too.

Reminders

- Swimming Pool keys need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.
- Data collection sheets should be returned to the school office by Monday please.
- The PTFA AGM is on Tuesday 19th September at 8pm.

Congratulations to...

- Edward (Class 4) for passing his Grade 1 Guitar with distinction.

If your children have a certificate or achievement that they'd like to share in Friday assembly, and in the newsletter, just let us know!

With best wishes,
Philip Atkin
Headteacher

PTFA AGM

The PTFA AGM will be taking place on Tuesday 19th September at 8.00pm in the school hall. Please do attend to find out more about what we do, the money we raise and how we spend it.

There is no obligation to join the PTFA by attending the AGM. However if you are interested in joining and would like to find out more about what it entails then please come along or speak to one of the current committee either via our Facebook Page or in the playground. We have a few spaces on the committee and would be delighted to see some new faces and fresh ideas!

The PTFA plays an invaluable role in raising money for things which directly benefit the children in our school and we cannot do it without your help!

We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday evening.

*Many thanks,
Deborah Brearley*

Macmillan Coffee Morning



We are holding a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 29th September from 10am – 11.30pm. Please join us if you can for tea, coffee, cakes and even a raffle to support this really worthwhile cause.

If you are able to donate any cakes or raffle prizes we would be most grateful. Please speak to Mrs Spry in the office.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

After-School Clubs (Activities)

We are currently working on our clubs provision for the term and trying, as best we can, to ensure that teachers are wholly focussed on their key responsibility to teach great lessons. This does mean that we would be very pleased to hear from any parents who would like to run an after-school activity for a *small* group of pupils. You may have a particular interest which you are willing to share, or may be happy to support a small group with an activity they already know, such as chess or Lego.

If you think that you can help, please contact the school office.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 13th September, 5pm	Curriculum Evening
Tuesday 19th September, 8pm	PTFA AGM – all welcome
Friday 29th September, 10am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 30th September, 7.30pm	PTFA Ball
Friday 6th October, 8.50am	Harvest Assembly – Parents welcome
Monday 9th October	Individual & Family Photographs
Monday 16th October	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 18th October	Parent Consultations
Friday 20th October	School Closed for Staff Training
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October	Half-term Holiday
Monday 6th November – Thursday 9th November	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 8th November, 6.45pm	Key Stage 2 SATs Meeting (Y6)
Tuesday 21st November, 7pm	Safer Internet Workshop
Thursday 14th December	Whole-School Panto Visit
Friday 15th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

2017 Curriculum Evening

An opportunity to contribute to the school's vision for the next five years and meet your children's class teachers and find out about the year ahead.

5.00pm – Class 4 Classroom – School Vision for the next five years

5.30pm: Class 2

6.00pm: Class 1 & Class 4 (different rooms, obviously!)

6.30pm: Class 3

Tea and coffee will be served in the entrance area for anyone who needs to wait between sessions.

Wednesday 13th September, from 5pm