



Newsletter

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Whole-School Responsibilities

With this newsletter, children will have brought home a short form to show their interest in one of the whole-school responsibilities available to them at Fowlmere.

For children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 there is an opportunity to be elected **school council representative** for the class. School Council is a group of pupils who meet with me regularly to consider ways to improve our school for all children. Children in Class 1 will be able to choose their representatives a little later in the year when they have settled in.

New this year is an opportunity for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 to be **play leaders** at break and lunch time. This is an important role supporting younger children with games and activities at break times. We have organised a training session for play leaders on Tuesday 3rd October and have space for up to 20 children.

Finally, children in Year 6 can be elected **House Captain** for their house for the year ahead.

If your children are interested in any of the roles, please can they return the form by Wednesday 27th September. We will hold elections on Thursday that week. Copies of the form are available on the website.

School Rules

As you know, over the summer we updated our behaviour and anti-bullying policies. Our behaviour policy includes a new set of school rules – largely developed by Class 4 at the end of last year, but modified a little to suit the whole school.

These rules are on display in classrooms and we are working through them in assemblies to make sure that we all understand what they mean and what the associated good behaviour looks like. Class teachers of younger children may modify the language for their classes.

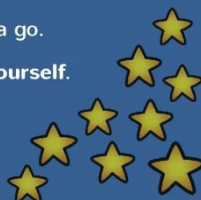
★ Fowlmere Top Ten ★

To help us be good learners and good citizens we have our own top ten rules:

1. **Try your best** at everything and persevere, even when it's tough.
2. **Be good role models** for other people – help them to learn what good behaviour looks like.
3. **Be kind, caring and understanding.**
4. **Include other people** even when it's difficult.
5. **Show respect to resources**, our school, classrooms and the property of others.
6. **Listen** to the ideas of other people, and don't judge them.
7. **Make the most of your learning time** and help others make the most of theirs.
8. **Volunteer** and give things a go.
9. **Try to put others before yourself.**

And finally...

10. **Believe in yourself!**



Parent Workshops

Two parent workshops are already planned for this term. The first focuses on **Phonics** and is aimed primarily at families with children in Classes 1 and 2 on **Thursday 12th October at 5pm.**

The second will be a **Safer Internet** workshop, for parents of children in all years on **Tuesday 21st November at 7pm.**

Reminders

- School Council, House Captain and Play Leader forms need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 27th September.**
- Class 3 will be taking part in a graffiti workshop on **Thursday 28th September.** This is part of their Urban Pioneers project this half-term.
- The PTFA Ball is on **Saturday 30th September.**
- Play leader training is on the afternoon of **Tuesday 3rd October.**
- All parents are welcome to our Harvest Assembly at 8.50am on **Friday 6th October.**

Congratulations to...

- William (Class 3) for his prize for musicianship at Holiday Orchestra over the summer.
- Alfie (Class 3) for his mud-run medals!

With best wishes,
Philip Atkin
Headteacher

PTFA AGM

A small group of parents, teachers and friends met for the PTFA AGM on Tuesday this week. It was a shame more weren't in attendance as the efforts of the committee had been remarkable both over the past 12 months and also in laying the foundations for the 12 months ahead.

As well as coordinating events for families and the wider community, the PTFA has successfully raised in excess of £5,000 to support enrichment and enhancement activities at the school, and so I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank them for their efforts and, of course, all families for their continued attendance at events. Thank you too to outgoing chairs Deborah Brearley and Fiona Kidd as well as committee members who are standing down this year.

A new committee has been elected, but we are always on the lookout for further support. If you think you could help, either at an event, as part of a planning group, or on the committee, please contact the school. Alternatively, new chair, Angela Mullholland, would be delighted to hear from you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Don't forget our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan on **Friday 29th September**, between 10am and 11.30am. Everyone welcome.

Donations of cakes gratefully received.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly is on Friday 6th October at 8.50am. All parents are welcome to attend as each class will be preparing a short presentation, song or poem on a harvest theme which we will tie together with songs and reflections.

If you are able to donate anything to our collection this year we would be most grateful. Non-perishable foods will go towards Jimmy's Nightshelter who are always accepting of store-cupboard staples, and we will sell any fresh produce after school with the money raised going to the same cause. It would be fantastic to have a wonderful display to share on the day.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 25th September, 6.30pm – 8.30pm	Melbourn Village College Open Evening NEW
Thursday 28th September	Class 3 Graffiti Workshop NEW
Friday 29th September, 10am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Saturday 30th September, 7.30pm	PTFA Ball
Tuesday 3rd October, pm	Year 4, 5 & 6 Play Leader Training NEW
Friday 6th October, 8.50am	Harvest Assembly – Parents welcome
Monday 9th October	Individual & Family Photographs
Thursday 12th October, 5pm	Phonics Workshop NEW
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, 6pm	Key Stage 1 SATs Meeting (Y2) NEW
Wednesday 8th November, 6.45pm	Key Stage 2 SATs Meeting (Y6)
Wednesday 8th November, 7.30pm	Burwell House Residential Information (Class 4) NEW
Tuesday 21st November, 7pm	Safer Internet Workshop
Thursday 14th December	Whole-School Panto Visit
Friday 15th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Cambridge Festival of Ideas

The Festival of Ideas in Cambridge runs from 16th – 25th October 2017. There are hundreds of free events over the two weeks of the festival, including some specifically aimed at children. Booking opens on Monday 25th September. www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk

