

FOWLMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER 1
9th September 2016

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you had an enjoyable and fulfilling summer and were able to make the most of the wonderful weather.

Your children have settled well into their new year groups/classes. A very warm welcome to the new children in Reception year: Matthew, Claude, Sofia, Abigail, Kylee, Emily, Lilian, Thomas, Isabella, Luke and Harrison.

Welcome too, to the parents and families of our Reception children. We have current parents, new parents to the school, and past pupils of Fowlmere school, and I look forward to working with you all.

We also warmly welcome Mrs Williamson to Class 4 and Mrs Carroll and Miss Edwards to Class 1.

Please make sure that you note the diary dates as we try to give you as much notice as possible of events and activities.

We are looking forward to a productive term.

Yours Faithfully,

Heather Mepham
Headteacher

After School Clubs

Your children are offered a range of after-school activities provided voluntarily by school staff and parents. Few schools provide such opportunities and we are fortunate to benefit from our team of dedicated staff and parents.

We also buy-in specialist coaching for football and tag rugby from Cambridge United FC and Cambridge Rugby Union FC.

Who's Who... and what we do

Mrs H Mepham – Head Teacher

Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), Science Leader, Modern Foreign Languages Co-ordinator, Assessment Leader, PE Leader, School Council.

Mr P Atkin – Assistant Head Teacher, teaching science and music across the school

Mathematics Leader, ICT/Computing Leader, Music Leader.

Mrs C Carroll (temporary)

Class 1 Teacher (Mon – Tues)

Miss M Edwards (temporary)

Class 1 Teacher (Wed – Fri)

Mr C Martin

Class 2 Teacher

History/Geography Leader, Eco-team Leader.

Mrs E Hartshorne

Class 3 Teacher,

Art & Design Leader, Design & Technology Leader, PSHCE Leader,

Mrs L Williamson

Class 4 Teacher,

English Leader, RE Leader

Mrs V Sanders – French Teacher, teaching all classes

Teaching Assistants:

Mr R Hamblin (Mon-Fri)

Mrs W Walker (Mon-Wed)

Mrs S Raven (Mon-Tues)

Mrs C Compton (Mon,Tues,Fri)

Mrs J Anderson (Tues-Thurs)

Mrs J Rands (Wed-Fri)

Office Staff: Secretaries – Mrs G Spry (Mon-Wed)

Mrs W Walker (Thurs-Fri)

Dinner Money Admin – Mrs C Compton (Mon/Fri)

Cleaner/Caretaker: Mrs T Parker

Mid-day Supervisors: Mrs S Ayre (Mon-Fri), Mrs T Parker (Mon-Fri),

Mrs S Gotts (Mon-Tues)

Bus Attendant: Mrs S Ayre

School Cook: Mrs M Pidgeon (Cambridgeshire Catering Service)

Handyman Mr P Evans (2 hours per week)

We are also very fortunate to receive the volunteer support of parent help in classrooms and the library, and specific support in school and after-school clubs. Please do contact the school office if you are able to offer any help. It will be necessary to carry out a DBS check to comply with safeguarding requirements.

Musical instrument lessons are provided by Cambridge Music. If you are interested in your child learning to play a musical instrument, please contact the school office for further details.

Curriculum Evening for Parents

You are invited to meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn about the class routines and curriculum on Wednesday 14th September, at the following times:

17.00 – Class 1
17.30 – Class 2
18.00 – Class 3
18.30 – Class 4

Break Times

We will continue to use The Butts for break and lunch time play throughout the year and we want the children to enjoy some fresh air each day despite the weather conditions. Please therefore ensure that your child(ren) have suitable footwear in school to change into for break times. Ideally we would like every child to have a pair of wellingtons kept in school as they did when they were in Class 1.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are named with your child's name – yes, I know that sounds obvious but we find a surprising number of 'lost' articles that still have the names of children that have left the school and have been passed onto friends.

A reminder that children will need coats in school when the weather turns chillier – again it's easy to overlook this if your child comes to school by car.

Hair

Please remember that if your child has long hair, they will need to wear it tied back/up in school. Loose hair can be hazardous in PE and in other curriculum areas where it may also interfere with their work. Head lice are also transferred more readily in loose hair.

Changes to going-home arrangements

Should your child's going home arrangements change after your child has arrived at school, please telephone the office to let us know rather than by e-mail. All answerphone messages are picked up regularly throughout the day.

Please note that the office telephone is not staffed between 12.00 – 13.00.

The school telephone number is 01763 208203.

Fowlmere Gardening Club

Don't forget your entries for the Fowlmere & Thriplow Gardening Club Show on 17th September.

Every entry needs a clear name on it and a clear entry form; only one child per entry please. If the child cannot write clearly, please print it on the back.

We are happy to pass your entries on to the organisers if you return them to school by 14th September.

School Representation

Your child will today bring home a nomination form for **School Council**. If your child would like to be considered for the council please support him/her to complete the form, and return it to school by Monday 12th September. We will be holding elections on Tuesday and therefore will not be able to accept any late applications.

The **Eco-Team members** from last year will continue for the Autumn term as they were not active for much of last year. This means that Jack will represent Class 2, Oliver for Class 3, and James and Holly Class for Class 4.. There are vacancies for two representatives from Class 1 and one representative from each of Classes 2 and 3. Election forms will be sent home for those vacancies.

House Captains will also be elected in school from the Year 6 cohort, with two captains for each house. The House Leaders are:

Eagles	Mrs Hartshorne
Falcons	Mrs Williamson
Hawks	Mr Martin
Kestrels	Mrs Carroll & Miss Edwards

The House fruit trees in the front garden have produced well this year, particularly the eating apples. The children will be able to pick the fruit and share it with House members. The trees were obtained through the 'Fruit trees in schools' initiative led by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. Each House team planted a tree.

Eagles	– Eating apple tree
Falcons	– Pear tree
Hawks	– Cooking apple tree
Kestrels	– Plum tree

Art Aprons

All children in Years 1 – 6 need an overall/apron for art and other activities where their clothing needs to be protected. An old adult t-shirt or shirt is ideal, with the arms shortened and collar removed.

Harvest Assembly

We will be celebrating Harvest in an assembly on Friday 30th September. We would be grateful for your donations of dry food products which will be donated to Jimmy's Nightshelter. They particularly welcome tea, coffee and sugar. All parents and friends are invited to the assembly at 8.50.

Pupil Contact sheets will be sent home next week. Please sign and return all forms with or without necessary amendments.

We identify a range of charities that we would like to support throughout the year. This enables children to understand their role and responsibilities as citizens in our society. We aim to support a balance of local, national and international charities and are mindful of charities that are meaningful to the children and their families.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning



The Macmillan Support for Cancer event is on **Friday 30th September**. We invite you to come and support the event which will start at 10.00 following our Harvest Assembly.

We are looking for offers of help both to prepare and serve refreshments and to bake or provide cakes. Please contact me if you can help with either of these.

Red, White and Blue Day



SUPPORTING EVERY
MEMBER OF THE MILITARY
FAMILY

Once again, we are supporting the national Red, White and Blue Day on **Friday 9th October**. The day is organised jointly by 'ABF The Soldiers' Charity', 'The RAF Benevolent Fund' and 'The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity'. Each of these three charities is responsible for the welfare of soldiers, sailors and airmen and their families.

The morning assembly will explain the work of the charities, and we are inviting the children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue for a suggested donation of £1.

For further information please visit the website on <http://www.redwhiteblueday.co.uk/>



Children in Need

Friday 18th November – Assembly at 8.50. Wear something spotty for £1.

Save the Children

Wear a Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 16th December



Don't forget to keep collecting those stamps for the Beads of Courage Programme. If after your holidays you have any foreign coins/notes or old coins lying around we are collecting these too. Please place them in the collecting boxes in the school office foyer.

Thank you
Angela Mulholland

Many of you are aware that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, if you would like to support this and "GoGold" you can buy a Gold Ribbon or Wristband for a Donation of £1, please see Angela Mulholland or the School Office. This year she has been busily sewing some special Felt Ribbons with a button, if you would like one of these please message, email or see Angela Mulholland (angela.email@mac.com). Many thanks to everyone for their continuing support.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2016			
Friday	9 th	School Council & Eco-Team Election forms go home	
Tuesday	13 th	School Council & Eco-Team Elections	
Wednesday	14 th	Curriculum Evening for Parents	From 17.00 – see item in newsletter
Monday	19 th	PTFA AGM – everyone welcome – school hall	20.00
Wednesday	28 th	Mathematics workshop for parents of children in YR and Y1	15.15 – 16.15
Friday	30 th	Harvest Assembly	8.50
		World's Biggest Coffee Morning – Macmillan Cancer Support	10.00
OCTOBER			
Tuesday	11 th	Year 5 Favourites lunch	
Wednesday	12 th	National Assessment meeting for the parents of children in Y2 & Y6	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	10.00 – 12.00
		Parent Consultation meetings	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