



Newsletter

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Welcome back

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope that you managed a restful Easter and were also able to return to some more normal activities, meeting family and friends in the garden, or perhaps being able to visit one of your favourite places.

We too, are looking forward to a little more 'normality'. Although we expect the systems that we have in place at the moment to continue for the duration of the Summer Term, we hope to be able to get out a little more and are simply looking forward to the possibility of a whole term uninterrupted again.

We have also welcomed a new member of staff for the Summer Term. Miss Dorka Nemes is joining us to work with Class 4 for the summer term. She has been getting settled this week and is looking forward to getting started next week. I hope you will make her feel welcome if you do see her about!

Covid Update

As I have just mentioned, we expect the current systems and procedures to remain in place for the duration of the summer term. This means that bubbles, lunchtimes, drop-off and pick-up will remain the same for the term. Thank you for your support with this so far. Hopefully, it may not be too much longer now.

Please don't forget that, by continuing to be careful yourselves, you reduce the risk of us having to close a class or bubble. We really do not want to return to remote learning – for however short a time! Twice weekly home testing is now available for all adults, regardless of whether you have children in school or not. For more information, please see: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting.



Parking

We have really appreciated the number of people who have made walking to school a habit over the last few months, and also, for those of you who come from other villages and have to drive, your decision to not come all the way down to the school whilst children cross the road.

Of course, this means that the top of the Butts is busier than ever with cars and may not be as safe as we would all want. Please consider walking if at all possible if you live in Fowlmere and, if you have to come by car, parking a little further away and making at least part of your journey a walk. It all helps to make those 10,000 steps...!

Summer!

Now that we are consistently seeing some good weather, here are our school expectations for the better weather...

- We will still be outside even if it is wet, so children may still need **coats** or **waterproofs** on rainy days! Please note that if it is raining at playtime and your child doesn't have a coat, they may be asked to stay inside – this is not a punishment for not having a coat but us exercising our duty of care not to allow your child get too wet. This is better than the alternative which would be that no-one goes outside because 1 child has forgotten a coat.
- Please ensure that your child has a **water bottle** in school.
- Children should have a **hat** or **cap** in school. The Butts is quite exposed in sunny weather. We will remind younger children to wear them on sunny days. • Children may keep a **named** bottle of **sun-cream** in school. So that children don't miss too much break time, it is better if children put on sun-cream before coming to school, but a bottle in school means they can top-up on particularly

sunny days. As with hats, we will remind younger children to do this. Children should be able to apply sun-cream themselves, so please train them in this at home. We can help younger children get sun-cream out of the bottle, but we obviously can't apply it to 30 children: they will need to be able to do this independently.

Homework

Our usual fortnightly cycle of homework will begin again from next Friday, 23rd April.

Congratulations to...

Hopefully, now that activities have restarted, we shall begin to see some certificates to celebrate!

If you have anything you would like celebrating in our Congratulations to section, please email me at head@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk with the subject, 'Newsletter'.

Clubs & Lunchtimes

Our summer sports clubs have proved incredibly popular and seem to have run really well this week. We will rotate the activities after half-term and also make sure we give anyone who missed out this time a chance to take part first, before offering more widely again.

Our clubs providers are also working at lunchtimes to provide games and activities. They work with one bubble at a time and so they are shared across all classes throughout the week. This has proved to be very popular too!

We have funded this through our Sport Premium (Olympic Legacy) grant.

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 10th & Wednesday 12th May	Parent Consultations
Monday 17th May	Class Photographs
Monday 17th & Wednesday 19th May	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 26th May	Sports' Day (details to follow near the time once we know more precisely what is allowable)
Friday 28th May	Sports' Day backup date in case of poor weather
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	Half-Term
Monday 7th June	INSET Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 8th June	Class swimming and Family Pool Club begins
Thursday 10th June	Empathy Day
Friday 2nd July	Year 6 Intake Day at Melbourn Village College
Thursday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 22nd July	Last Day of Term

Stay safe and well.

With best wishes

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