

FOWLMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER 3
17th December 2014

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have been very busy as usual, particularly as we approach the end of term and enjoy all the Christmas based activities.

We have been active in supporting a range of charities this term. Our recent achievements have been for Save the Children Fund (wear a Christmas Jumper day) which raised £88.50; and the combined total from the performances raised £331.80 for the *Beads of Courage* programme at Addenbrookes hospital. We are also collecting used stamps for the *Beads of Courage* programme, and a collection box is in the main entrance. You have raised a total of £1,493.78 for our chosen charities this term, thank you so much for your generosity.

We say goodbye to:

The Gearon family, who have moved to Mildenhall. Our best wishes go to Philomena and Christopher, and to William who was also a pupil here. Many thanks to Julie who worked both as a mid-day supervisor, and in the school kitchen, and to both Julie and Frank for their support for the school. We wish you well in your new home.

Madeleine Davies, who will be starting at the Stephen Perse school in January. Thank you Denise and Jonathan for your support over many years whilst both Jennifer and Madeleine have been at Fowlmere school.

On behalf of the staff, I wish you all a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Yours Faithfully,

Heather Mephram
Headteacher

Performances

EYFS

Well done to the children in Class 1 for an entertaining version of the Nativity. Maurice the donkey was a little impatient with all the creatures that inhabited his manger, but he managed to cope, particularly when he discovered the baby Jesus nestling amongst his hay. The children sang enthusiastically, and performed their roles with gusto. Thank you to Mrs Symmons, Mrs Morris, and Mrs Compton for preparing the performance, and to parents for providing costumes.

KS1 & KS2

Cinders the panto was performed at the village hall, with all the children taking part. Class 2 dusted, polished, mopped and laundered on request from the genies of Aladdin's lamp. Yes, the pantomime was Cinderella, but props appeared from other pantomimes too! Class 3 managed to coerce innocent members of the audience to take part in rat catching, a bake-off, strictly come dancing, and 'voluntary' singing. The strictly judges were very harsh in their feedback: Darcey felt that the dance did not resemble a waltz at all; Len was not feeling generous enough to award a 7; Bruno played his usual flamboyant self; whilst Craig reported "a disaster darling". Even Paul and Mary were unenthusiastic about the quality of the cake decorations. Thank you parents, you took part in true pantomime fashion. Class 4 played the pantomime character roles with a great deal of talent and humour, with some excellent individual performances. Judging from your feedback, a very good evening was enjoyed by all. My thanks go to Mr Atkin for directing the panto, and to Mrs Toule and Mr Martin for their part in preparing the children.

Sporting Events

Children in Y5/6 took part in the annual cross country competition on Royston Heath. Joshua Eades came in 13th out of 143 Year 6 boys and Emily Haydock came in 23rd out of Year 5 130 girls. Well done.

The football team played a league match against William Westley at Whittlesford. It was a closely played game, but we lost 1-0.

A letter of Introduction

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Veronique Sanders and I am a modern languages specialist linked to Melbourn Village College.

I have been teaching French at Fowlmere Primary School this term and wanted to let you know what we have been up to during the lessons this term.

The lessons with Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 have been based around games and nursery rhymes. The pupils can now recognise and say their first colours as well as count up to 10 with confidence and introduce themselves.

Years 3 and 4 have been enjoying various songs and nursery rhymes, as well as covering the basics such as colours, numbers to 30, alphabet, classroom instructions and being able to introduce themselves.

Years 5 and 6 have covered numbers to 100, introduced themselves in more details and will shortly be able to give the date in full.

The pupils have responded very positively to the introduction of languages and I have been impressed by their enthusiasm. They seem to enjoy it as much as I do!

Please feel free to get in touch with me at school at any time if you have any questions at all.

Best regards

Veronique Sanders

Break/Lunch Time Clothing

We will continue to play on The Butts as much as possible, and remind you that your child needs an appropriate change of footwear, and clothing.

For those children who enjoy playing football or other games where they may get muddy, it would be helpful if they have an old pair of joggers that they can pull on over their trousers/skirts to keep their uniform clean.



Activities

Class 4 are going to see the theatre production of War Horse in London on Thursday, bringing their study of WW1 to a climax.

We all enjoyed a cooking day on Tuesday. Cambridgeshire Catering Service (Cooks on the move) provided ovens and staff to make stained glass biscuits with the children. Staff provided additional culinary activities and crafts, and everyone enjoyed the day.

A group of children from KS2 entertained the Fowlmere Friendship club prior to their Christmas lunch at the Village Hall. They sang a variety of traditional carols and songs, including 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney'.

Christmas Lunch was enjoyed by all with 100% children in attendance. The tables were decorated with runners and serviettes, and crackers were donated from PTFA funds. CCS provided a delicious meal. Our thanks go to the mid-day team for all the work they do in serving and caring for our children at lunch times.

Class 1 visited Fowlmere Playgroup to watch their Nativity performance

GenR8

The GenR8 team from Royston presented their Advent assembly, illustrating the meaning of Advent and preparation for Christmas. The team work voluntarily, and visit us each term to share their Christian messages.

Reception 2015-16

A reminder that if you, or anyone you know has a child who is due to start school next September, the closing date for applications to the Local Authority Admissions team is 15th January 2015.

MVC Performance

Pupils in Year 5 were invited to watch an edited version of the Melbourn Village College end of year performance. The college provided transport for our children, and it was good to see some of our past pupils performing.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER			
Wednesday	17 th	Classes 1 & 2 Christmas Parties	pm
Thursday	18 th	Class 4 visit to London to see theatre production of War Horse	
Friday	19 th	House Quiz (no assembly for parents) End of term	
Sunday	21 st	URC Christmas Bazaar	14:00
Sunday	21 st	URC Carols by Candlelight	15:30
JANUARY 2015			
Monday	5 th	School closed for staff training	
Tuesday	6 th	Term Starts	
Thursday	15 th	Closing date for applications for Reception year starters	
Monday	19 th	PTFA committee meeting - school	20.00
FEBRUARY			
Friday	13 th	School closed for staff training	
Mon - Fri	16 – 20	Half Term	
Tuesday	24 th	High 5 netball competition (A team round 2) MVC	Post school
MARCH			
Tuesday	3 rd	High 5 netball competition (B team) MVC	Post school
Tuesday	10 th	Revd Trudie Morris final assembly	9.50
Friday	13 th	Red Nose Day	
Mon-Fri	16 -20	Bikeability training for Year 6	
Tuesday	17 th	Parent Consultation evening	15.15 onwards
Thursday	19 th	Tag Rugby County competition Parent Consultation evening	All day 15.15 onwards
Friday	27 th	Bags to school End of Term	By 9.00
APRIL			
Monday	13 th	Term starts	
Wednesday	22 nd	Year 5 cluster schools conference Comberton Village College Cross country competition – St Neots	All day Post school
Wednesday	29 th	Resuscitation Training for parents	19.00

Uniform

Unnamed/unclaimed clothing will be on display in the front playground each morning and afternoon this week. Please sort through and take what is yours.

Please would you check over the holiday that all of your child(ren)'s clothing has their name clearly marked

Mr Dean Saunders (father of Joshua) is a professional golfer, and has kindly nominated Fowlmere school to take part in some taster golf sessions, an initiative funded by the PGA.

He will be coaching a **maximum of 14 children** in each group, on the following days from 15.00 – 16.00.

Friday 16 th January	Class 2
Friday 23 rd January	Class 3
Friday 30 th January	Class 4

Please indicate on the slip below if your child would like to take part. We will allocate places on first receipt of the return slip below.

Our grateful thanks to Mr Saunders for initiating this opportunity.

Name of child _____ (please print)

would like to take part in the taster golf session on

Date _____

Signed _____ Name _____
(please print)

Date _____