



# Newsletter

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## Celebrating School Values

We are planning a week-long celebration of our school values in the week beginning Monday 29th January. We will be exploring what each 'value' means with some special visitors over the course of the week – from opportunities to work as team and show determination to the chance to develop confidence and show care for others. It promises to be a very exciting week and, at this stage, I don't want to give too much away!

As part of the programme of events, I am looking for a few parent or grandparent volunteers who feel as though they could come into school to talk to a class, or the whole-school in assembly, about their work or career – obviously reinforcing our 'ambition' value. I promise that it is not as scary as it may at first seem – certainly easier than talking to a room full of adults! If you think you could help, please contact me by email ([head@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk)). We would really like to give all our children a sense of the opportunities available to them as adults.



## Welcome back

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and that everyone is well rested for our next short, but busy, term.

This week we welcomed three new people to the Fowlmere family.

Emilia (Millie) Cooper joins us in Year 5. I am sure that you will make her and her family feel very welcome.

Mrs Naomi Whitworth began as Class 4 teacher. Mrs Whitworth will also be taking the lead with mathematics across the school, and with PE.

Miss Ellie Bagnall also started yesterday as a new playworker at After-School Club. I'm sure you will help her to settle in quickly.

## World Book Day

This year's World Book Day will be on Thursday 1st March. We would like children to dress up on this day as a character from one of their books. The choice of character is entirely yours, so you can keep it as simple, or make it as ambitious, as you like – everyone will be treated the same, regardless! We will mark the day with some other book-related activities too.

## PTFA Disco

There will be a PTFA Disco on Friday 26th January. 5.45pm – 6.45pm for children in Class 1 and Class 2, and 7pm – 8pm for children Class 3 and Class 4. Please put the date in your diaries.

## Christmas Panto



Thank you to everyone for supporting the whole-school visit to Jack and the Beanstalk before Christmas, especially those who came along to help out – we now know who the secret (and not so secret) panto lovers are!

All the children had a wonderful time and it was a great experience going to the theatre. Thank you to Ms Perkins for her super organisation.

## Congratulations to...

- Gus (Class 4) for passing his Savate Junior Warriors grading at Cambridge Kung Fu.
- Jake (Class 4), Zara and William (both Class 3) who recently passed their piano Prep Test.

## Reminders

- If you have yet to return a booking form for After-School Club, please can Mrs Compton have these as soon as possible.

Mr Philip Atkin  
Headteacher

## Spring Term Priorities

One of the challenges of a short term is getting everything done in fewer weeks than usual. We have some key priorities on our list this term. These include:

- **Embedding everyone's understanding of our school values.** We launched these last term, but now want to make sure everyone understands what they mean day-to-day.
- **Developing leadership capacity.** All of our teachers were in new roles in September. This term we plan to help them all develop their role as leaders in the school.
- **Continuing to improve behaviour.** We have seen some big improvements in general behaviour around the school over the last term. We want to continue this progress and support children to manage their own behaviour still more.
- **Develop the outside area for EYFS.** This was identified in our recent Ofsted report and this term we will get our plans, and funding, in place to make the changes that we would like to see.
- **Ensure everyone makes good progress, regardless of starting points.** We started a range of new systems in September in order to better support good progress for all children. This term we want to make sure that these systems are working and delivering the improvements we expect.
- **Continue to develop the quality of teaching.** Finally, we will also continue to support teachers in developing the best practice they can and support our teaching assistants to continue to develop their skills in supporting children.

As you can see, it is going to be a busy term!

## Thank you from Mrs Rogerson

Mrs Rogerson has asked me to pass on her thanks for your kind wishes and generous gifts at the end of the Autumn Term.

## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Friday 12th January</b>	Piano lessons restart
<b>Monday 15th January</b>	Class 1 visit from British Antarctic Survey
<b>Tuesday 23rd January</b>	Year 4 Day at Melbourn Village College
<b>Tuesday 23rd January</b>	PTFA Meeting, 7pm
<b>Thursday 25th January</b>	Class 1 Visit to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
<b>Friday 26th January</b>	PTFA Disco: KS1/EYFS 5,45pm; KS2 7pm
<b>Monday 29th January – Friday 2nd February</b>	Values Week
<b>Friday 9th February</b>	INSET Day – School Closed
<b>Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>Monday 19th February – Wednesday 21 February</b>	Class 4 Residential Visit to Burwell House
<b>Tuesday 20th February</b>	Class 2 Visit to Sedgewick Museum
<b>Thursday 1st March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Monday 5th March</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Tuesday 6th March</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March</b>	Science Week
<b>Monday 12th March</b>	Reception and Year 6 Measuring Programme
<b>Thursday 29th March</b>	Last day of Spring Term
<b>Tuesday 17th April</b>	First day of Summer Term

