



Newsletter

2020/21 Issue 11 – Friday 14th May

Make, Do and Mend

Don't forget our Make, Do and Mend Saturday on **22nd May**. We would really like to see as many volunteers as possible, even if you can only spare an hour! Our new changing sheds for swimming have now arrived and so our priority is to get these installed and the pool area tidied and ready for our first swimming season in two years.

If gardening is your thing, then we have some areas of the school which need some attention and if you are nifty with a paint brush we would really like to get some of the walls in Class 3 looking refreshed.

If you think you can help, there's a quick online form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/caTj5uS1gR>

We would really appreciate your support! We shall start at 9am.

Parent Governors

Thank you to our five candidates standing for parent governor positions. That's a fantastic show of support – I know lots of schools where no-one volunteers! Voting is open until 3pm on Thursday 20th May. You should have received ballot papers with your children and I have sent electronic copies out today. Everyone who has parental responsibility for or cares at home for a child at the school is eligible to vote. Please exercise your right to vote.

Sports' Day

We have been pouring over the latest guidance and feel that parents will be able to attend our Sports Day in two week's time using the guidance around spectators at sporting events. Sports Day is on Wednesday 26th May and will be held in two separate events:

- Key Stage 2 (Class 3 & 4) Sports will start at 9.15am.
- EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Class 1 & 2) Sports will start at 10.45am

Please can you spread out as much as possible on the Butts so that we can keep social distancing measures in place. We will announce races and so it will be possible for you to come forward to see your child's race, if others step back when their children aren't running. There will also be some round-robin activities where all children will take part at the same time.

Please can children come already in their house PE kit on that day.

We have kept Friday 28th May free in the diary in case of bad weather on the Wednesday.

Class Photographs

Class photographs will take place on **Monday 17th May**. **Please can children come to school in their normal school uniform** on this day so that we can have a consistent look for the photos. We will manage in school uniform for those children that have PE on that day.

Congratulations to...

Reminders

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'.

- Make, Do and Mend Day is on **Saturday 22nd May**.
- Parent Governor voting closes at 3pm on Thursday 20th May
- Please can children come in uniform on Monday for their class photos and not PE kit.

Dates for your diary

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

Staffing Changes

Sadly (for us at least), Mrs Ahuja will be relocating to Tenerife at the end of June this year. Whilst you know that Mrs Ahuja has been able to do quite a lot of her work remotely during the pandemic, we have agreed that this is perhaps a commute too far! Therefore, Mrs Ahuja's last day at Fowlmere School will be Wednesday 30th June. We are interviewing next week for a new School Secretary and will let you know the outcome as soon as we are able.

Mrs Mann has also decided to leave her teaching assistant and midday supervisory post at the end of May. Many children will recollect the Eco-Club Mrs Mann ran before the pandemic and also Class 4 are currently enjoying some knitting before school thanks to Mrs Mann's skilled hands. We are currently advertising for a new Teaching Assistant, so if you know anyone who you think would do a great job, please send them in our direction!

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Mann and Mrs Ahuja well in the future.

Stay safe and well.

With best wishes
Mr Philip Atkin
Headteacher