



Newsletter

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Catering Update

As you know, Cambridgeshire Catering will be ceasing trading at the end of the calendar year. We have been working closely with local primary schools to tender for a new meals provider and are pleased to announce that the two-year contract has been awarded to Lunchtime Company, a Cambridge-based school food specialist provider.



92% of our **food**
is made from **fresh**
ingredients every day

Lunchtime Company will be taking over our school meals service from 1st October. We have a lot to sort out in the next month, but we are looking forward to working with Lunchtime Company and seeing what new innovations they can bring. There will be no changes to the cost of school meals and free meals will continue as they do now. We will keep you updated!

Welcome

A very warm welcome back to you all for the start of another year at Fowlmere Primary School. We are all looking forward to the year ahead and working with you all to make it another good one!

Fourteen children started on Wednesday in Class 1 for their first ever day at school. All children started full time and accessed playtime, assembly and lunchtime as if they had always been here – it was so impressive to see.

Our new reception children are:

Oliwia, Sam, Luke, Delilah, Alfie, Aliyah, Aidan, Freddy, Dylan, Isaac, Sebby, Xander, Jasmine and Elliot.

We also welcomed ten other children across the school – something of an unprecedented number. Certainly, I was kept busy trying to meet them all during the

day on Wednesday. Our new children are:

Year 1: Andreas, Christina and Max

Year 2: Charlotte

Year 3: Olivia and Harry

Year 4: Charlie and Bonnie

Year 5: Lorelai

Year 6: Josh

We wish all our new starters the warmest of welcomes and look forward to working with all our new families in the years to come.

We also said goodbye to Kiara (Year 1) over the summer whose family have moved away from the area.

This means that we have 106 pupils on roll (a record in my time here), substantially more than the 95 we were expecting. Our funding is directly linked to our pupil numbers (retrospectively) so this increase is good news for everyone!

Meet-the-Teacher Evening

On Tuesday 11th September there will be a Meet-the-Teacher evening at school. We have decided on a less formal approach this year with opportunities to chat informally to your children's class teacher and attend a couple of workshops on specific aspects of the school. We feel that a lot of information we share on our evenings is also included in the curriculum letter and so we will aim to get this to you on Monday, so that you can bring any specific questions for the class teachers.

The evening begins at 6pm, but you can plan your times of attendance around the workshops you need to attend.

6pm: Teachers available in classrooms.

6.15pm: Introduction to Tapestry for Class 1 parents (KS2 teachers will be available in classrooms) – Class 1 classroom

6.15pm: How we plan to use Tapestry in Class 2 for Class 2 parents (If you also have children in Class 1, you should attend the Class 1 session) – Class 2 classroom

6.30pm: All teachers available in Classrooms

6.45pm: An introduction to our new work on Zones of Regulation – how we intend to develop self-regulation in our children; for all parents – Main Hall with Ms Perkins

7.00pm: An introduction to Growth Mindset – how we intend to develop children's learning

attitudes; for all parents – Main Hall with Mr Atkin

7.15pm: All teachers available in Classrooms

7.30pm: Close

Please drop in to say hello.

Staffing update

As well as welcoming 24 new children on Wednesday, we also said hello to a number of new staff and we extend a welcome to a few others who will be joining us in the next few days.

Mrs Anna Morris joins the team as a midday supervisor and she is already getting familiar with our routines and children's names.

Unfortunately, Mrs Hartshorne is still unwell and so we welcomed Mrs Clare Anderson to the school on Wednesday who will be sharing the teaching of Class 2 with Mrs Helen Morris.

Mrs Sam Pettit joins the school as Finance Officer working in the school office. This role replaces work that we currently pay the local authority to do for us.

Mrs Mara Hawkins joined After-School Club (and seems to be having a great time) and Mr Oliver Dennison will be starting on Monday.

I'm sure you will make them all feel welcome.

Reminders

- There is a PTFA meeting on Wednesday 12th September at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome, whether they are on the committee or not.
- There is a coffee morning for Macmillan on Friday 28th September from 10am.

Best wishes,
Mr Philip Atkin
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 11th September	Meet-the-teacher / Curriculum Evening
Monday 24th September – Thursday 27th September	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 28th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am
Tuesday 2nd October	Y2 and Y6 SATs information evenings
Friday 5th October	PTFA AGM
Monday 15th October	Parent & Child Consultations
Wednesday 17th October	Parent & Child Consultations
Monday 22 October – Friday 26th October	Half-Term
Monday 29th October	School Closed – INSET Day
Friday 9th November	Remembrance Assembly, 10.30am
Friday 23rd November	Open Morning, 9am – 10am
Tuesday 4th December	Flu Vaccinations, Reception to Year 5
Tuesday 11th December	Class 1/2 Production, 9am
Wednesday 12th December	Class 1/2 Production, 2.15pm
Friday 14th December	Parent & Child Christmas Crafts, 2pm
Wednesday 19th December	Carols at St Mary's, 9am
Wednesday 19th December	Last Day of Term

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 3rd January & Friday 4th January	School Closed – INSET Day
Monday 7th January	First Day of Term for Children
Monday 14th January	Values Day
Tuesday 22nd January	Young Voices (KS2)
Monday 11th February	Parent & Child Consultations
Wednesday 13th February	Parent & Child Consultations
Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February	Half-Term
Monday 11th March – Friday 15th March	Science Week
Friday 5th April	Open Morning, 9am – 10am

After-School Club

As you will see from the staffing update, After-School Club is fully staffed again. After-School Club offers 18 places each day and we are full on Thursdays this half-term. Please can I remind you that there is a deadline for booking forms and late returns may mean that your child misses out on a place, even if they have been a regular attendee in the past. Our Admissions Policy for ASC, which covers over-subscription, is available on the website.