



# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

Well, looking back, my last newsletter was on 11th December last year, but at last we are back to school, and a semblance of normality for everyone.

Thank you so much for all your hard work with home schooling over the last few months – we know how hard it has been for you and appreciate everything that you have done. The children seem to have settled back into routines well, but as last time, are finding things a little tiring. They're clearly exhausted by Friday – as are we!

Class teachers will spend this three-week period before Easter re-establishing relationships and also finding out where children have made good progress while schools have been closed and any gaps which have developed. We can then hit the ground running for the Summer Term.

Obviously, cases in South Cambs are much lower than they were when we closed in January, but have risen slightly over the last two weeks, so it is important that we continue to follow the rules and keep our distance. Thank you for everything so far.



## Welcome

A warm welcome to Ms Sarah Morecombe as Class 1 teacher. Sarah started after half-term and so only met her whole class in person last week! These are strange times to start a new school but Sarah is settling well and has already learnt lots about your children as well as meeting many of you on the Butts at the end of the day. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her well.

We also welcomed Mrs Chantel Faulds as a teaching assistant working in Class 4. Chantel has recently moved to the UK (what a time to pick!) and started with us on the first day back for everyone. She is doing a great job and has settled well.

## Asymptomatic Home Testing

Don't forget that as households with school age children, you can access free home testing kits from a local collection site. Further information and a link to find local sites can be found on the [CCC Covid Testing pages](#).



**Rapid Covid-19 Home Testing Kits**

Asymptomatic adults in households with school-age children can access free home testing kits:

- pick up at your local collection site
- order online to be sent to your home
- order by phone on 119

Help us **stop the spread** of coronavirus

## Comic Relief 2021



Thank you for your support of Comic Relief this year – we had some great super-heroes and raised a total of £130 for this good cause.

Foolishly, I asked for jokes from the children. Here are four of the best...

What did the princess say while she was waiting for her photos?

*One day my prints will come.*

Jessica (Class 2)

What do you call a Victorian bug?

*An ant-tique.*

Claude (Class 3)

1st person: Yesterday, I tried to catch fog.

2nd person: What happened?

1st person: Missed.

Beatrice (Class 2)

Why did the girl eat her homework?

*The teacher told her it was a piece of cake.*

Dylan (Class 2)

## Congratulations to...

- William (Year 5) who has successfully completed his first Tang Soo Do grading and obtained his orange belt!

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

### Class 3 Ely Museum Virtual Visit



This week, Class 3 have a virtual visit from Ely Museum, to learn all about life in Fenland in the past.

They tasted different foods, looked at artefacts, learned about traditional remedies, and sang songs.

Here are a few photos from the day.

### Thank you

Guitar and ukulele teacher, Penni Walker, would like to say a big thank you to all families who have had online lessons with her during the last closure. She told us that your support had been fantastic!

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 26th March** Last day of term

**Monday 12th April** School closed for staff training

**Tuesday 13th April** First day of term

Our diary is steadily filling up as we get more confident about opening up. We will share dates of other events with you once confirmed.

Stay safe and well.

With best wishes

Mr Philip Atkin

**Headteacher**