



Fowlmere Primary School

Newsletter - November 2022

Time is flying!

As we fly into November and the second half of the Autumn term, I am not ashamed to admit that this is always an exciting time of year in school for me. The children have settled into their new year groups, learning aspirations have been set and I begin to see what makes each pupil unique and brilliant. The flurry of festive activities that are just around the corner bring a sense of joy, celebration and community that we are lucky to enjoy together.

Kind regards, Mrs Hinton

Staffing Update

I am delighted to let you know that we have secured two permanent teachers to join the Fowlmere Family in Kingfishers from January 2023. Mrs Barker will be teaching from Monday to Thursday and has many years of experience teaching in local schools. Her father was also a pupil at the school in the 1950's and was even taught in the Kingfisher's classroom! She has substantial leadership experience, particularly in maths, which is a great additional to our team. Mrs Walsh will join the class on a Friday, but will also be our in-school tutor, as well as our Forest School practitioner for the whole school, leading on the re-development of our nature area in the back playground. We will be creating an opportunity for Kingfisher parents to meet with them soon.

Children in Need

The school council have chosen this year to hold a non-uniform day (wearing spots if possible), with a bake sale at the end of the day (donations gladly received), as well as other fun activities throughout the day (such as face painting, beat the goalie, karaoke requests etc). We suggest an initial donation (via a Just Giving page, further information to come via the Friday Flier), and a small cash donation of a £1 in small coins to donate via the activities.

Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day



Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week on **Monday 14th November**. We invite all children to join us by wearing their fabulous, odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness!

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Reach Out'. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Throughout the week, classes will be taking part in activities that support their understanding of bullying and how they can respond.

Open School

We will be holding an Open School event for all children and parents/carers on Wednesday 30th November from 3.15pm – 5.00pm. This is an opportunity for children to share their work with you and to have an informal conversation with your child's teacher/s. The PTFA will be available with refreshments.

The Book Fair is coming

Please join us after school every day from Thursday 24th until Wednesday 30th November for the Scholastic Book Fair. A Scholastic Book Fair is a **pop-up celebration of reading that puts the very best books directly into pupils' hands**. Amazing things happen when a child can choose their own book to read, and with **exclusive titles** and **prices from just £2.99**, a Book Fair helps pupils access the right books for them.

The excitement for reading doesn't end after the event – every book sold at your Book Fair helps to earn free books for your school!



Nativity Production

The Starling and Goldfinch teams are busy confirming arrangements for this year's Nativity Production and would like you to pencil in Monday 12th December for a dress rehearsal at 1.30pm (local pre-schools and grandparents are to be invited) and evening performances at 6.00pm on both Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December.



Confirmed Dates for your diary

Week Beginning 14th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14th November: Odd Socks Day

Friday 18th November: Children in Need Fundraiser (further donation details to follow)

Wednesday 23rd November: Kingfisher's Education Visit – West Stow

Thursday 24th – Wednesday 30th November: Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 30th November: Open School – 3.15pm to 5.00pm

Thursday 1st December: 'When Cambridgeshire Sings' event in School with 'The Young Uns' – Owls

Friday 2nd December: Rosa Parks Day

Week Beginning 5th December: Decorations Week

Monday 5th December: Christmas Jumper Exchange

Thursday 8th December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th December: Starlings and Goldfinches Nativity Productions

Wednesday 14th December: Flu Vaccinations (for those that missed the first session)

Monday 19th December: Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 20th December: Christmas Parties

Wednesday 21st December: Christingle Service / End of Term

Monday 4th January: Staff Training Day – No pupils in school

Tuesday 5th January: Spring Term Begins

Monday 16th January: Young Voices Concert

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