

Newsletter



Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a particularly exciting week for Year Three - thank you so much for all your support with costumes and supporting your children to engage in their project. There are some lovely photographs on this newlsetter.

The Trust have a 'Hardship Fund' again this year. This is for families who may be facing significant hardship over the Christmas period. If you feel that you may need this financial support, please do get in touch and email sfranks@placefarm.org.uk Mrs Franks will then arrange for you to have a confidential conversation with me.

Mr Wade has provided information on this newsletter about up and coming Christmas activites. As things are very different this year, we have had to adapt how we do things. Please do not feel that you need to buy a new Christmas jumper - you could add a few decorations to any jumper/sweatshirt for your child to wear.

As always, if you would prefer your child not to engage in these Christmas activities, for religious or cultural reasons, please do talk to your child's teacher.

Have a lovely weekend. Keep safe everyone.

Jane Sendall
Headteacher



Whole school attendance this term is 95.77% (Target 97%)

Calendar

December

Monday 14th -18th December: Christmas lunches to be eaten in the Hall:

Mon 14th - Year 1 and Year 4

Tue 15th - Year 2 and Year 5

Wed 16th - EYFS and Year 3

Thur 17th - Year 6 and Rainbow Class

Fri 18th - Normal lunch (Fish and Chips)

Friday 18th December: Last day of the autumn term

January

Tuesday 5th January: First day of the spring term

Join the Place Farm Barmy Army team on 3-4 July 2021 at Nowton Park, Bury St Edmunds



It's a 24-hour walk, it's fun, anyone can join in and we can raise money for Cancer Research at the same time! Mrs Prigmore, Mrs Sutton, Miss Cornish and Mrs Barton (plus families) are so far part of the team, but we would love more people from the Place Farm community to join in!

It's a great weekend; you can stay, bring the family/friends or just join in for a few laps on either Sat or Sun, whichever suits you best but I can promise some good laughs (there's lots of different themed laps and fancy dress!) The event will definitely be going ahead, whether virtually or socially distanced, depending on the Covid restrictions at the time.

Sign in is as follows:

Follow the link https://relay.cancerresearchuk.org/site/TR?fr_id=1958&pg=entry Scroll down to 'join at team' and you'll need the following:

Team Name: Place Farm Barmy Army

Password: castlehill

Alternatively, if you'd like to help us fundraise or contribute, look out for our team page at https://relay.cancerresearchuk.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/General?pg=team&fr_id=1958&team_id=14367 and the Christmas Shop (proceeds to Cancer Research Relay Bury St Edmunds) at <https://bit.ly/38s9jUq>

We look forward to hearing from you, however you'd like to join in! Any questions, contact Mrs Barton at rbarton@placefarm.org.uk

Busy Things

Place Farm have recently signed up to Busy Things. Busy things is a fun and educational website that helps kids to learn and make it fun! The activities are directly linked with the curriculum and the subjects that your children will be learning, including English, Maths, Science, Geography and Music. You can access Busy Things on a computer, laptop or a tablet. As a result of signing up, Busy Things have offered parents 7 days free access to the website. You can do this by visiting www.busythings.co.uk/families.



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Year 3 Egyptian Day

We wrote our name in hieroglyphics.



We made Egyptian Landscapes.



EYFS - People who Help Us

So far this term we have been focusing on 'People who help us.' The children have enjoyed finding out about different professional roles. The police dropped off a box of treats and told us their favourite book was, 'Open very carefully.' The crocodile escaped from the story and the children had so much fun discussing what they needed to do to catch the crocodile. They worked together to make traps, planned ways to get the crocodile and get him to come back. During the week, the crocodile came into Kangaroo and Zebra class and messed up both of the classrooms! Leaving different letters on the floor, glitter around the classroom, chairs upside down and there were pencils everywhere!

During this time, the children were involved in so much valuable learning. They were writing down what they could see and planning how to make the traps. They worked together, problem solving and used detailed language when talking to each other. Their imaginations were running wild. By the end of the week, the children received a letter from the crocodile to let them know that he had gone back to Africa.





Christmas at Place Farm 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see attached Christmas arrangements at Place Farm this year.

Carols on the Playground

Carols on the Playground will be different this year because we cannot all gather on the playground to sing together as we have done in previous years. Therefore, each year group bubble will sing one song on the playground. When each song has been recorded we will then put together a video that we will share with pupils and parents. Please remember to practise the song lyrics with your child so that the children can produce a polished performance when their bubble is recorded. The lyrics have been printed or uploaded to your child's Class Dojo 'Class Story'.

Christmas Jumper Day!

Christmas Jumper Day will be on **Friday 11th December**. The children are welcome to come in to school wearing a Christmas Jumper for the day. Your child will need to bring in £1.00 if they are wearing a jumper. The children are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers on the day of their Christmas parties.

Christmas lunches week beginning 14th December

Christmas lunches will also be different this year because we cannot all gather in the hall for Christmas lunches as we have done in previous years. Therefore, two year group bubbles will have their lunches on one given day of the week beginning **14th December**. On the day where your child is not having a Christmas lunch normal hot lunches will still be provided. However, cold lunches will not be available for the week. If you have any questions or concerns - please ask your class teacher.

The Christmas lunch timetable is as follows:

Monday 14th December - Year 1 and Year 4

Tuesday 15th December - Year 2 and Year 5

Wednesday 16th December - EYFS and Year 3

Thursday 17th December - Year 6 and Rainbow Class

Friday 18th December - Normal lunch for the whole school - Fish and Chips

Christmas in a Day!

Each year group will have 'Christmas in a Day' on the day of their Christmas dinners. This will be time for the children to make decorations, complete Arts and Crafts, board games or watching a film or making Christmas cards with their friends. Additionally, the children will have a class party where food and drinks will be provided by Friends. Children are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers for the duration of the day.

Therefore, the day of your child's 'Christmas in a Day' will be as follows:

Monday - Year One and Year Four

Tuesday - Year Two and Five

Wednesday - EYFS and Year Three

Thursday - Year Six and Rainbow Class

Distributing Christmas Cards

To minimise risk associated with multiple year groups using post boxes - please can we ask children to only give Christmas cards in their year group bubble.

Santa visiting EYFS children

Santa will be visiting EYFS on **Wednesday 16th December** and he will be making a special delivery for the EYFS children.

We hope to give the children a wonderful Christmas experience despite the unprecedented times.

Mr Wade 😊

