

# Newsletter



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. Thank you for all of your continued support at the beginning of what has been a busy start to the new academic year. A very warm 'Place Farm Welcome' to all our new parents and children - I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all. If you have any questions, please either contact the class teacher with a message on Class DoJo or email: [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk)

We have 60 children in our Early Years unit this year and are almost full in every year group, which is really positive. To reduce congestion and crowding around the site, we are maintaining our staggered times for drop off and collection times.

The children are settling into their classes and are beginning to learn the new routines and expectations. It is truly wonderful that school is beginning to return to near normal with children able to enjoy eating their lunches with friends in the Hall and playing with their friends at playtimes. Everyone was excited this morning when the school came together in Assembly for the first time in eighteen months!

Kindest regards

Jane Sendall  
Headteacher



Whole school attendance target - 97%



## Calendar

### September

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan Coffee morning (more details to follow)

### October

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Pizza Lunch day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evenings (booking link to follow)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - PD Days (school closed to pupils)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Half term break (school closed to pupils)

### November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Pupils return to school

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Individual photographs

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need

### December

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas in a Day - Christmas Lunch

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term

## Pick Up and Drop Off Times

We have updating our Covid-19 Risk Assessment which has been published on the school website: <https://placefarm.org.uk/files/resources/school-risk-assessment-september-2021.pdf>

**We are continuing with our staggered start times and will keep this under review:**

FRONT GATE	8.35 – 3.15	EYFS, Rainbow Class and Year One
BACK GATE	8.35 – 3.15	Year One and Year Two
BACK GATE	8.45 – 3.25	Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six

**Suffolk County Council** have written to school to let us know that the School Crossing Patrol, Steve Carter, has a planned holiday from Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> September to the 17<sup>th</sup> September inclusive. This will mean that the patrol point will be unsupervised during this period. Please do take extra care crossing the road during this period.

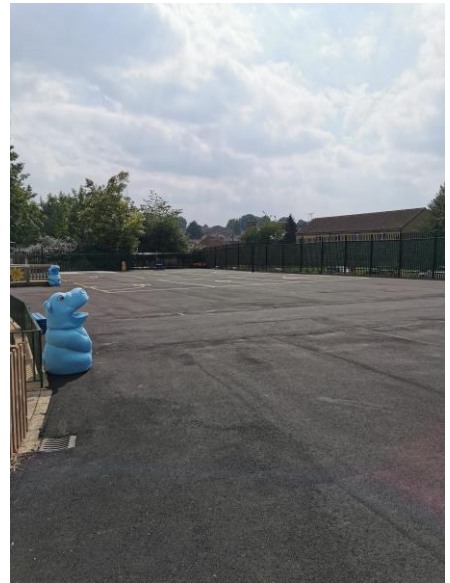
**We worked with Kiiwii in the summer term to source a cheaper polo shirt for our children. This new style polo shirt is now available from Kiiwii clothing at a cost of £6.50**

**Orders can be placed by visiting their website:**

**<https://www.kiwiiclothing.co.uk/page/school->**



**Pictures of some of the areas that have been improved over the summer holiday:**



**The Year One and Two cloakroom area has been completely refurbished with new toilets, cubicles, vanity sinks, mirrors and new flooring.**

**The playground has been resurfaced and initial development work on the playground ... more to come**



***School attendance is once again mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.***

***Where a child is required to self-isolate because someone within their household has tested positive for Covid-19, the absence will be authorised. However, if a contact of you or your child outside of your household has tested positive for Covid-19, your child/ren must still attend school.***

***Every Day Counts!***



### We are here to help

If your child does not want to come to school because of a problem, it is important that you bring them in as usual and talk to either their class teacher and/or Mrs Bavester our Children and Family Support Manager.

If you are finding it difficult to get your child into school and need some support, we are always here to help. We can work with you and your child to improve their attendance.

### ABSENCE

If your child is absent for any reason, you must contact the school office either via email or telephone before 9.30am.

Please do not use Class Dojo as a way of communicating absence as teachers are not always able to check messages and forward them on.

If your child has a medical appointment, please provide the office with an appointment letter or card, where possible, so as the absence can be authorised.



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Holidays should be arranged outside of the term. If you are taking a holiday during school time, then a leave of absence form must be completed and returned to the office at least four weeks in advance of leave. Please note that holidays will not be authorised during term time and a fixed penalty notice may be issued. Parents travelling abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child's education which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return, and avoid any travel that may be likely to involve reduced school attendance.