# Newsletter



Monday 1st July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you enjoyed a lovely weekend.

Last week was a great week in school with many lovely activities in full swing. We started the week with Year 1 & 2 sports day, which was a huge success, particularly as the sun decided to shine! Thank you to all who joined us; we will share a forms link with you shortly, to capture some of the feedback shared. Thank you once again to Mr Jones for organising another successful event.

Year 4 had a great end to the week with their Viking Day - it was lovely to see the children in costume enjoying the wide range of activities on offer.



Year 5 also had a fantastic trip on 'Kip on a Ship' in London, with

many memories having been made. I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff who organised and supported this visit, who gave up their own time to make this visit happen.

We have several upcoming events planned for the remaining weeks of school, including: the school discos; our Open Classroom event next Tuesday; reading cafes; Year 6 graduation and our music concert for those pupils who take part in our music clubs across school. Please do keep an eye on Class Dojo for the sharing of any further information.

Wishing you a great week!

Kind regards, Mrs McConnell

#### **Upcoming dates:**

<u>July</u>

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Y6 trip to Gulliver's Land

Thur 4<sup>th</sup> July: 4KM Reading Café (9.00-9.30)

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July: Music performance for parents/carers of children in choir or music club (2:00pm)

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> July: Open classroom for parents/carers (3:30 – 5:00pm)

Children's University Graduation (for eligible pupils in Year 5) at Samuel Ward (5:30pm)

Thur 11<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Disco – see information below

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Graduation (2:00pm)

Reports sent to parents

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July: Transition week for all year groups (children spending time in their new classes) Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 transition days 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July (Castle Manor and Samuel Ward Academy)

Fri 19th July: Last day of term

#### **Events last week**

#### Year 5 Kip on a Ship Residential

Last week, Year 5 went on their Residential trip to London. It was an action-packed couple of days that created memories that will last a

lifetime.



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The trip began with the London Eye, where we had clear views across London. We could see Buckingham Palace, Wembley Stadium, Big Ben and much more.

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board the ship, we had dinner, took part in an evening activity and then explored the ship.

We settled down for the night sleeping in traditional bunk

rooms aboard HMS Belfast.











The next morning, we had breakfast on board the ship. We then travelled to Leicester Square where we explored M & M World before having a pizza hut lunch.

We ended our trip by watching the Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre.



## Y4 Vikings day



Y4 had an amazing, immersive day learning all about Vikings. The children played some traditional

Viking games, took part in a quiz and had the opportunity to explore Viking artefacts.

We also learnt some of the old English language and spent some time exploring some of the weapons Vikings would have used. The children were particularly impressed when a melon was cut in half with a sword and then cut further with an axe!

The children asked some fantastic questions and behaved impeccably throughout the day. We hope they had a brilliant day and have learnt lots more about the



#### Year 6 Booknic

On Thursday, we held another popular Booknic, this time for our Year 6 classes.

We were joined by lots of families, including some younger siblings, and we made the most of the beautiful sunshine! We shared lots of stories on the school field. It was so lovely seeing so many people joining us, and the children loved welcoming you all!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Reading Cafes and Booknics, and we look forward to seeing lots more of you very soon 😊















Date: Wednesday 10th July 2024

Location: School playground

When: at the end of the day

All cakes will be 50p

Any cake donations will be gratefully received. Please give them to the class teacher on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> July.





On Wednesday 3rd July 2024, we will be hosting a uniform swap shop at the end of the school day.

There will be uniform free to collect from the playground and a place to donate unwanted uniform.

The available uniform will be suitable for pupils in KS2.

If you have any unwanted uniform, please bring that along to donate. Any donations will be used to support other Place Farm families. Please only provide uniform that is in a good condition to be worn.



# Summer Disco Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July '24

<u>EYFS</u> disco will run during the school day from 2:30pm until 3:00pm. EYFS pupils can wear non-uniform for this day. Tickets cost £1 and will include a snack.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco will run from 3:40pm-4:45pm. Pupils can bring party clothes to school to change into before the disco. Tickets will cost £3.00 and will include a snack. Please collect your child from the playground at 4:45pm. They will exit from their usual classrooms.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 disco will run from 5:00pm- 6:15pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and will include a snack. Pupils will enter the disco via the front gate near the office and exit from their classrooms onto the playground on Crowland Road. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who can walk home alone will need to let the class teacher know in advance that they have permission.

Children can also bring up to 63 with them to purchase small items. Pupils will need to look after any change during the disco so please try to give them the correct amount of money.

Glow sticks= 50p each

bubbles = £1 each





# Place Farm Primary Academy

#### Register your child for FREE at:

https://readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/SVHO-6YRO-OW2Y



Free for children over the 3 months of summer – June until August



Safe and easy for your child to use without supervision



Independent Read-Aloud App with instant feedback



Helps **maintain and improve** reading skills – and helps beat the 'summer slump'



Uses **games, competition, leaderboards** and **prizes** as a proven method to **engage children in a fun competitive way** 



Encourages a love for reading, fires up their imagination and improves their reading age



Winning schools get 4 places to a fully funded day trip to London for an awards ceremony hosted by **Clare Balding CBE** at Amazon HQ



Reading is fuel for our imaginations and reading well out loud is all about confidence so let's get going.

Clare Balding CBE Fonetti Brand Ambassador



# Register Now





Building on the success of last year's inaugural National Read-Aloud Challenge, we are thrilled to announce our further commitment to combat summer reading regression by making this an annual event. The positive feedback from children, parents and teachers, along with the impact data, shows us that when a child is intrinsically motivated to read during a period not typically associated with reading improvement, something truly effective is at play.

Kim Antoniou Founder/CEO, Auris Tech/Fonetti



Children choose from a library of engaging books and simply read them aloud. Progress and stars achieved are shown to inform and encourage.



When read correctly, the words turn green. If skipped or misread, they turn grey. For children, an audible clue can be accessed by simply double-tapping the word.



Children can effortlessly monitor their progress on a daily, weekly, monthly or overall basis! Parents and carers are kept informed with weekly progress updates.

Introducing the **award-winning** Read-Aloud App for children, the perfect tool to improve literacy, fluency and language skills.

Fonetti is proven to boost fluency, reading, and English language skills.

74%

Improvement in 1 or more reading metric

16%

Average accuracy improvement

25

Additional correct words per minute

Measured from a dataset of over 200,000 reading sessions on Fonetti in 2023.

#### Drum Kit Lessons with Martin Everett

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to be able to offer extra curricular drum kit lessons to all year groups at Place Farm. Lessons are £18 per 30 minute lesson and are booked on a termly basis. Lessons will be given on an electronic drum kit and will be held during the school day. A 20 minute trial lesson can be arranged for your child, to help decide if this is something that they would enjoy. To register your interest please complete the form below and further information will follow:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=flzQy2QFTEapyFTpF1Os7pTle-9KdYVOsDBCBoniyE9UNVM0SVIKT0pJTUZFOFJXMFJZVINWMVE2Qy4u

Kind regards, Mr Everett

#### Arbor Reminder

As you should now be aware we have now rolled out the release of Arbor. All parents/carers should have received an email detailing your specific login details. Please do ensure that you are signed up to the Portal. If you do experience any difficulties with your login, please contact the office on 01440 702836 or at admin@placefarm.org.uk

## <u>Caterlink Survey - regarding school lunches</u>

This term, Caterlink are conducting a parent/guardian survey on the meal provision that they provide. The survey closes on 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Please use the link below or the QR code to take part in the survey. Thank you.

<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ</a>



### Clubs outside of school





Please use the link below to register a free two-week trial:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdthetAvVNrjkKDAsvzj4wbjnwxLcPcRZn eVXkNeqjgcH-p1w/viewform

#### Summer Holiday Activities

#### **Prestige Sports**

Prestige Sports will be running their Mega Sports & Activity & Football Camps at Samuel Ward Sports Dome, Haverhill this summer! They will be on Monday 22nd July to Friday 30th August. We are open 9am-3.30pm with early drop off from 8.15am and late pick up until 5.30pm as optional extras. You can book online using the link below:

Mega Sports & Activity Camps - https://prestige-sports-camps.classforkids.io/camp/148





