

Newsletter



Friday 14th June 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a great week at Place Farm this week, with sports days being a huge success! The children gave it their all and it was particularly wonderful to see that competition was equally as strong amongst parents and staff members alike! Thank you to all who joined in, whether cheering from the side-lines or throwing your hat in the ring with the parent race! Special thanks also to Mr Jones for his planning and preparation, and particularly for bringing his energy to these events!



Unfortunately, we did have to rearrange sports day for Years 1 & 2 to the 24th June, but we very much look forward to you joining us on this date - fingers crossed for good weather!

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete the trust survey for Place Farm. This was hugely positive and we thank you for your feedback. This newsletter contains a summary of the top three areas mentioned, together with what we intend to work on next as a result of your feedback.



This week we received some beautiful flowers and a message from one of the schools who visited us last week to look at our curriculum in action. The note commented that they were “inspired” and that we “have a school to be very proud of”. This was lovely recognition of all the progress we are making as a school.

Wishing you a great weekend,

Mrs McConnell
Head of School

Upcoming dates:

June

Tue 18th June: Year 6 transition meetings for Castle Manor (further information to follow)

Thur 20th June: 5JG Reading Café (9.00-9.30)

3SJ visit to Haverhill library

2SA visit to Haverhill library

Mon 24th June: Years 1 & 2 rearranged sports day (9:00 – 10:30)

Tue 25th June: Year 5 Residential trip – Kip on a Ship (25th – 26th June)

Thur 27th June: 6EJ and 6SL Reading Café (9.00-9.30)

1ES visit to Haverhill library

Year 6 Market Place after school – see further information below

Fri 28th June: PD Day

July

Wed 3rd July: Y6 trip to Gulliver's Land

Thur 4th July: 4KM Reading Café (9.00-9.30)

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

Tue 9th 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 11th July: Summer Disco – see information below

Fri 12th July: Y6 Graduation (2:00pm)

Reports sent to parents

Mon 15th July: Transition week for all year groups (children spending time in their new classes)

Wed 17th July: Year 6 transition days 17th – 19th July (Castle Manor and Samuel Ward Academy)

Fri 19th July: Last day of term

Events this week

Sports Day(s) 2024

With the weather clearing up, we managed to complete three fantastic Sports Days across the week. All of the children worked extremely hard, as did some of the teachers and parents! We would like to thank all of the families who attended this week and cheered on the children, it made a huge difference. With one sports day still to come, keep an eye for some more photos from all of the action to come!



Mr Jones 😊

Year 6 – It's No Joke Production

The children learnt lots of facts around knife crime and the consequences around carrying one. The production focused on the use of comedy to teach the children in a more of relaxed way. They listened incredibly well and gave some brilliant advice at the end. Miss Jenkins and Miss Lister were very proud!



Early Years Booknic

On Thursday, we held our first ever Booknic!

We were joined by the families from OAP and OLP, and we made the most of the beautiful sunshine, and shared 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 our first Booknic, and we look forward to seeing more of you very soon 😊



2LA Library Visit



The children in 2LA visited the Haverhill library on Thursday. They enjoyed exploring all of the fantastic books on offer.



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week. We had lots of children receiving their coloured certificates today. We also had children receiving their PROUD certificates.



We also had several pupils celebrated for their sporting achievements outside of school.



We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. This term, we are presenting certificates to the child in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who achieved the most coins in their year group, as well as certificates for the three children who had the biggest increase in their times table recall speed. We also celebrated the problem-solvers of the week in Year 1 and Rainbow class.

Times table knowledge and fluency are so important in many areas of maths. Please continue to encourage your children to use tt rockstars at home. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Place Farm in the News!

Abandoned trailer loaded with old tyres

A council has described the abandonment of a lorry trailer containing seven to eight tonnes of old tyres as a 'reckless act of environmental vandalism'.

The trailer was found outside Haverhill in a layby on the A1307.

Incidents of fly-tipping like this can pose environmental damage, aesthetic degradation and safety concerns for residents and visitors, say West Suffolk Council.

Materials left behind can be harmful to the soil and waterways and attract vermin and other pests.

The lorry trailer was removed at a considerable cost to the council due to its poor and unroadworthy condition, which meant that it needed specialist recovery. The tyres had to be unloaded and taken for correct processing.

Cllr David Taylor, cabinet member for operations at WSC, said "We are deeply disappointed by this reckless act of environmental vandalism. Illegal dumping undermines our collective efforts to maintain clean and healthy communities.

"This incident serves as a stark reminder of the importance of proper waste disposal practices and the need for community vigilance in



Place Farm Primary Academy pupils Alfie Voller, Peter Slade, Connor Smith and Thomas McConnell during their trip to Colchester Castle. Contributed picture

Youngsters follow in the footsteps of the Romans

Children at a Haverhill school were able to step back to Roman times and sample what life would have been like during an educational trip.

The Year 3 pupils at Place Farm Primary Academy were lucky enough to visit Colchester Castle for a Roman experience day last week, which linked into their classroom studies.

The trip included an interactive tour around the remains of the castle, an artefact trail, and a chance to build a Roman villa and an Iron Age roundhouse.

Kate Callow, assistant headteacher at the Camps Road school, said: "The children enjoyed using their prior knowledge from their history lessons to get the most out of this fantastic experience.

"We would like to thank everyone involved at Colchester Castle."

Year 6 Market Place

On **Thursday 27th June**, **at home time**, please join our Year 6 pupils, **on the playground** to purchase products and play games all to raise money for the school.

The children have been working hard to plan exciting opportunities for all the children and it would be great to have your support. Come along to find:

- A raffle
- Lemonade stand
- Tattoos and face painting
- Lucky dip
- Shooting a hoop
- Hoopla
- Name the teddy
- Lots of food!

And much more...



Everything will be priced at a **50p or £1.00** so start saving your pennies now!



Parent Annual Survey



Thank you for all your feedback and comments. We have been analysing your responses and taking action where most appropriate. We wanted to highlight three of the topics to you so you can see how your feedback supports our work in our school and at the Trust. We are, of course, working to address all of your feedback.



You said...

You feel that your child/children are happy at the school and they feel that they belong.

You have welcomed the increase in the range of clubs provided in school.

You report that you have a greater understanding of how the trust supports the school compared to last year.



We will do...

We will enhance our whole school approach to belonging, for example developing our "School Houses"/teams to enhance a sense of team spirit in school.

We will continue to enhance our enrichment opportunities by aiming to further expand our offer.

We will continue to share information through the usual channels of communication, for example the newsletter.



"Your message to Unity SP was that you don't fully understand what the Trust does to support this school. We promise to communicate this to you and make this more transparent. Thank you."



Summer Disco Thursday 11th July '24

EYFS 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 £3** 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

Suffolk County Council Attendance Update

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing from 19th August 2024

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices issued by DfE, the following changes will come into force for School Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Please note: The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Per Parent*, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent*, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

*Parent

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as:

- All natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case could be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in Criminal records and fines of up to £2,500

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court may show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



PSHE

Summer 2 – Changing Me

PSHE at Place Farm is taught on a weekly basis. There are six puzzle pieces which are split across the year. This term's puzzle piece is all about Changing Me. In this Puzzle, the children will learn about growing up and the changes that brings. It also focuses on the type of person they want to be when they are older and what they want to achieve. KS2 will also learn about the changes that their body will go through during puberty and how they feel about the change.

Below is a link to a parent version of our PSHE sessions that we teach at Place Farm. You will need to click on the link and type in the code for the year group that your child is in. Then it should take you to the resources we use in our lessons.

Year 1 – 000*-6912

Year 2 – 000*-998

Year 3 – 000*-7597

Year 4 – 000*-3751

Year 5 – 000*-4782

Year 6 – 000*-8525

<https://jigsawpshe.online/parent>

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=f1zQy2QFTEapyFTpF1Os7pTle-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

Suffolk Parent Survey

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum's 2024 Annual Survey is now live:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6mxZjQtcgk6kDHd8hX_ygH_pftsTUXdEgeX5DngQ9rtUOEJNS1NLNVBUU0UTzFMT1JCMENKVFpVNC4u

They are committed to being the voice of parents and carers and want to understand the lived experiences of parents / carers and their children and young people to help shape improvements to SEND services in Suffolk. Please follow the link to complete the survey.

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum

Tel: 01473 760933

www.suffolkpcf.co.uk



Working towards a brighter future for
Suffolk's children and young people



Caterlink Survey – regarding school lunches

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>



Eco Warriors Message

The Big Battery Hunt is on again!

But what happens when the battery runs out of power? Should we throw it away?

If you usually throw them in the rubbish bin...think again!

Did you know, each year we throw away about 600 million batteries?

More than 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites – that's as heavy as 4,000 elephants!

Laid end-to-end these batteries would reach from the UK to Australia and back again.

20,000 TONNES OF BATTERIES

4,000 ELEPHANTS

It can take 100 years for a battery to decompose (break down and disappear)

All of the parts of the battery can be separated and used again to make new things.

Did you know the different materials from batteries can be recycled and reused in different ways?

Recycled steel can be used by the construction industry. So your old battery could end up in a skyscraper!

Recycled metals and plastics can be used to make new batteries.

The chemicals can even be processed and used in grass fertilizer!

The chemicals in the battery can pollute the soil and water, which animals and plants need to survive.

Bring in your old 'used' batteries in a bag or box and let's get recycling!

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Haverhill Arts Centre – Cinema Deal

Haverhill Arts Centre is delighted to announce that it will be showing four affordable family-friendly films this June for families who are looking to entertain their children on a budget. The films will be shown on four Saturdays in June at 10:30am, with tickets costing just £4 per person. Each ticket will also include a selected drink and snack.

This new cinema deal has been created to allow families who are struggling due to the cost-of-living crisis to still be able to enjoy a trip to the cinema.

The films included in the deal are:

- Migration (Saturday 1 June, 10:30am)
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (Saturday 8 June, 10:30am)
- If (Saturday 15 June, 10:30am)
- Trolls Band Together (Saturday 22 June, 10:30am)

For more information on each film, please visit the Haverhill Arts Centre website

- <https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/treat-the-whole-family-this-june-with-our-summer-family-cinema-deal/>

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

Upcoming virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Communicating with our children
- Emotion regulation



Book onto a free workshop here: www.nsft.uk/workshops

These free virtual workshops (Zoom) are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are 60 to 75 minutes long.

Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit www.nsft.uk/workshops.



Supporting our Young People with Anxiety

This workshop helps parents to better understand anxiety. It covers what is anxiety, why anxiety, how it effects the brain, how it affects the body, how it impacts on what we do and don't do and how parents can support their children/adolescents who might be struggling with anxiety.

Tuesday 25th June 13:00 PM - [BOOK HERE](#)

Parenting the Anxious Adolescent (two-part workshop)

For parents of children aged 12-18. This two-part workshop is for parents who have seen the "Supporting our young people with anxiety" workshop. It gives parents the practical tools to support their teenage with anxiety.

Please sign up to both parts of the workshop to gain access to all available content.

Part 1: Thursday 13th June 18:00 PM - [BOOK HERE](#)

Part 2: Thursday 20th June 18:00 PM - [BOOK HERE](#)

Getting the Best Out of your Relationships with Your Child

The way we communicate with our children and teenagers can have a big impact on our relationships with them. This workshop provides practical advice on communicating with our children. It is especially helpful if you feel that communication with your child/teen can be explosive or you are struggle in your relationship, and you notice your child is low in mood.

Tuesday 25th June 18:00 PM - [BOOK HERE](#)

Supporting your Child to Regulate their Emotions

This workshop introduces emotion dysregulation and explores what can impact on a child's ability to regulate their emotions. It goes on to provide the practical tools to support your child to develop self-regulation skills.

Tuesday 9th July 13:00 PM - [BOOK HERE](#)

Workshop recording

We want to highlight that a recording is available of the following workshop, as we thought it might be useful with exams and school/class transitions on the horizon.

Building Resilience – Managing the Next Steps

This workshop explores what resilience is and why it is important for our children. The first part of this workshop focuses on five key components to wellbeing and resilience and suggests practical support for our children in each of these five areas. By strengthening resilience, children are more able to cope with the challenges in life, including change and transitions. Part two looks more closely at transitions, and how to support children to build the skills to manage transitions, as well as discussing practical considerations when preparing your child for a transition. It pays particular attention on how to support your child through holiday periods.

View recordings of this two-part workshop: www.nsf.nhs.uk/parent-workshops/#Resilience

Online Safety free sessions

Please see the poster below about free workshops about Cyber Choices and Online Safety. This has also been emailed to all parents/carers. To access the links embedded in the poster, please use version of this poster that was emailed to you.



Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

You are invited to attend two free online sessions to discuss all things "cyber".

These sessions will be suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world and it shouldn't be missed!

Part 1 will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council's Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of;

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

Please visit the NCA website to find out more about [Cyber Choices](#)

Please register for one part 1 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 8th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 5th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Part 2 will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children's) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Benefits of family accounts.
- Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaigns.

Again, please register for one part 2 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 15th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 10th July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

If you have any questions or would like us to cover a certain topic within our sessions, then please complete our [online form](#).

Message from Dental Nurse Visit

Reception were visited by a Dental Nurse this week, who spoke to the children about the importance of good oral hygiene. Please see the poster that she has shared with the key messages for all children.



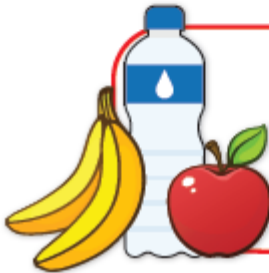
5 steps to good oral care

1

Brush your teeth twice a day

with a fluoride toothpaste, before bed and on one other occasion

Spit, don't rinse; rinsing washes the fluoride protection away



2

Limit sugary snacks & drinks

Remember to eat lots of fruit and vegetables! Try to limit sugary drinks – water or a glass of milk is healthier for your teeth

3

Supervise your child

Supervise your child during toothbrushing until they are at least 7 years old



4

Visit your dental professional regularly

Ensure you and your child visit your dental professional regularly

5

Change your toothbrush every 3 months

If the bristles on your toothbrush are looking worn, they won't remove as much plaque so it's time for a new one!



Clubs outside of school

JOIN OUR PACK

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At 1st Kedington Cub Pack we; sleep in tents, light fires, hike for chips, make new friends, gaze at the stars, sew on buttons, help our community, sing silly songs, earn badges, giggle, eat marshmallows.... the list goes on! For #SkillsForLife and lots of fun, contact us now!
Spaces Now Available for 8 yrs - 10.5 yrs olds!

Email us at:
kedingtoncubs@gmail.com



COMETS

Disability & SEN Football

- Tuesdays
- 5:00pm-6:00pm
- For ages 5-11 years
- Coaches: Rhys & Lois
- The New Croft, CB9 0BW



TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDS INTEREST PLEASE EMAIL:
INFO@THENEWCROFTFOUNDATION.COM

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

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdthetAvVNrjkKDAsvzj4wbjnwxLcPcRZneVXkNeqjgch-p1w/viewform>

SUFFOLK COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE

Suffolk Young Strings



Suffolk Youth Wind Band



Suffolk Youth Orchestra



#quotesfromthe2324season

Applications now open for the 2024-25 CMG season!

County Music Groups are our bespoke programme for Suffolk's finest young musicians. These groups rehearse during the school holidays and members get to attend rehearsal weekends, a residential course and a European music tour as part of the season.

Aimed at musicians under 21 years, and grade 4 standard or above, this is a great opportunity.

Take your musical skills to another level, make music with like-minded people and make new friends.

Closing date for applications
Wednesday 19 June 2024.

Now featuring two discount schemes - refer a friend and sibling discount, all details can be found on our website.



www.suffolkmusicclub.co.uk
county.musicservice@suffolk.gov.uk

01473 263400



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Suffolk Parent Carer Forum

OPEN EVENT

Meet professionals in SEND & Mental Health from Suffolk County Council, Health Services, Voluntary Sector and more

Wednesday 19th June

10:30 – 1:30

United Reformed Church
Ipswich St, Stowmarket
IP14 1AD

Information Stands

Presentations

Refreshments Provided

Free Attendees draw to win an Amazon Voucher

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