

Newsletter



Friday 16th June, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful this week to welcome you all to school to enjoy our annual sports days. I'm sure you agree that Mr Jones did a great job of organising the event. I hope you all enjoyed the changes that were made, allowing you to be closer to the children to cheer them on! The parent and teacher races also proved really popular - thanks to all those parents who took part. Plenty of time to get in training for next year now!

Thank you to all those parents who contributed to our raffle and Pound in a Bucket, with special thanks also to those companies who donated the wonderful prizes! The raffle will be drawn this afternoon by groups of children. Please look out on Class Dojo for the winners! We managed to raise £288.70 with your help!

Please see a new date added to the calendar - we are holding an Open Classroom event on 11th July whereby you can come along and have a look at your child's work from this year, much like earlier on in the year.

Wishing you a very lovely weekend,

Lisa McConnell
Head of School

Calendar:

June:

22nd June – 6SL Reading Café 9.00-9.30

22nd June – School Discos – see newsletter for info

- **EYFS:** 2.00-3pm;
- **Years 1, 2 & 3:** 3.30-4.45pm
- **Years 4 & 5:** 5.00-6.15pm

27th & 28th June: Kip on a Ship residential (Year 5)

29th June: 3DG Reading café

30th June - Trust-wide PD day (school closed)

July:

5th-7th July: Year 6 Mersea Residential

Thursday 6th July: EYFS New Parents' Meeting 4pm

Friday 7th July: EYFS New Parents' Meeting 10am

11th July Open Classroom 3.35-5pm

Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Disco: 4.45-6.15pm

Friday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation 2pm

Week commencing 17th July: Transition days – more details to follow



Eco News!



Let's show off first!

We have worked really hard this year to achieve the Green Flag from Eco Schools and our plaque and certificate have arrived! Well done to all involved in the Eco Committee for their hard work this year.



Our aims are as before:

1. To create a clean, litter free environment for children and plant life to thrive.
2. Reducing energy use in School, to help save money but also to help reduce emissions.
3. To build on larger projects such as forest School areas, produce plots, nature friendly areas, and recycling drives.

We have worked so hard recently after beginning weekly litter picks at lunchtimes with different year groups. The Eco Warriors have been encouraging others to join them and there has been a big uptake in picking! Great feedback this week: "There wasn't much litter to pick!" which is perfect! Our message is getting through! This will continue as a weekly event, and we will widen our areas to cover the Whole School.

EYFS joined in making some lovely posters, which will be displayed around School.

Remember: If you would like to litter pick locally, you can borrow our litter pickers on a Friday. Just ask your class teacher to pass a message to Mrs Peck, or pop in on Friday lunchtime and ask!



Our energy reduction drive has begun with our lovely reminder posters in each classroom and around the School (Well done Eco-Warriors!) School council have also begun looking into this whilst attending a meeting with the Trust. In this season it is much easier to turn lights off, heating systems off and we are encouraging staff to turn off interactive boards during lunchtimes too. We have conducted secret audits of classrooms and we will meet soon to discuss the findings, and our next steps.



After a really exciting and productive meeting with the new vision setting team last month, attended by staff, parents and pupils, we have focused our EW big project aim as evolving the forest area at school, sorting our 'sensory' garden and generally making outside learning areas a reality. This will be a big project, over several years, but we are excited! Look out for fundraising events, volunteer sessions, children's clubs and linked activities. We will of course still be focussing on batteries for recycling and hopefully have a central battery drop off for all families to bring in used batteries, as this creates a great reduction to landfill, as well as reducing environmental issues they create when binned.

We hope you have enjoyed our Newsletter this week!



Tip for home:

*75% of us are running our fridges too hot and paying £50 a year to run them. Turn them to 4 degrees to help.

*Look up the app 'Too good to go' for 'magic bags' at low prices. This saves food waste from larger companies and supermarkets.



*There are lots of items of packaging which say 'Recycle at your local recycling plant' which are not for 'kerbside' recycling. This can be frustrating, and normally get put in the normal black bin.

Consider having a bag for these items which lives by the back door, so you can drop them in there. These items can then be taken to the recycling plant when the bag is full, or to the 'Keep Haverhill recycling' market stall in town weekly. (Find on [facebook](#))

Tesco Customer service has a box for unwanted electricals including vapes,

Pets at home have a recycling box for clean pet food pouches,

Sainsbury's has a recycling box for carrier bags.

There's lots out there!

Have fun recycling!

Uniform Expectations

Uniform is available from [Kiwij Clothing & Promotions Ltd](#) (an online supplier).

Items *in bold* can only be purchased from one of our suppliers, but other items are readily available in any retailer.

Foundation Stage

Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo

White polo shirt - either plain, or **with school logo** (from supplier)

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore (Girls may wear trousers)

Black school shoes/black, white or grey socks/ black or grey tights (Please note that from September 2023 we will also allow pupils to wear [plain black trainers](#)).



Years 1-6

Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo

White collared shirt (Not polo shirt)

Tie

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore (Girls may wear trousers)

Black school shoes/white or grey socks (Please note that from September 2023 we will also allow pupils to wear [plain black trainers](#)).

Summer Uniform

Children may continue to wear their shirts and ties, skirts and trousers for the summer months, or alternatively, they may wear the summer uniform:

White polo shirt with school logo

Grey tailored shorts/trousers Blue/white check summer dress or grey skirt

Black school shoes/white or grey socks (Please note that from September 2023 we will also allow pupils to wear [plain black trainers](#)).

Pupils may continue to wear their summer uniform up until October half term. After this point, shirts and **ties** should be worn.

PE Kit – All Year Groups

Either a plain white polo shirt/plain white t-shirt or *polo shirt with school logo* from supplier.

Blue shorts

Blue jogging bottoms (optional)

Trainers

Blue socks (optional)

Optional Accessories

Embroidered blue book bag

Water Bottles are available from the School Office.

Additional Information:

For health and safety reasons, pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery at school, apart from a maximum of one small stud in either or each ear. Pupils who wear these items will be asked to remove them, and parents will be informed by the class teacher.

Hairstyles must not be extreme.

Pupils should not attend school wearing make-up or nail varnish.

Please note sandals are not part of our uniform expectations due to health and safety expectations.

PSHE

PSHE at Place Farm is taught on a weekly basis.

In the Summer term, we are covering the topics 'relationships' and 'changing me'. The Relationship puzzle piece is all about building positive, healthy relationships with other people. Changing me is all about the changes in which their bodies will go through and how to cope with these changes.

This term we will have a visit from the OM nurse for years 5 and 6.

Sun Safety tips



Follow these five sun ready tips to stay safe in the sun

In partnership with
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Use 5-star rated, high-SPF sun cream



Drink plenty of water



Cover up with a hat and long sleeves



Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes



Stay in the shade between 11 to 3



Rainbow

We have had a busy time in Rainbow with Sports days, Year group visits, Library visits and Reading café's, and the children have been so resilient to change, and open to opportunities!



In Literacy we have been working with verbs, adverbs and adjectives to help us create our own *personal experience* recount; discussing with friends what we did in the half term.

In Reading we have been continuing our work on *Fantastic Mr Fox*. We love this story and are currently looking at retrieval and inference.

In Maths we are studying measure, and have really enjoyed covering capacity and volume and experimenting with ml in this weather!



Our afternoon work has seen us revisit Living things and Everyday materials, also the Great Fire of London and show we have retained a great number of facts about these topics. We have also begun looking, in Geography, at the Yanomami tribe who are very interesting. In Computing we have covered Beebots which the children loved and are currently looking at Scratch, these are both about creating and following a

sequenced programme. In our DT we have been doing lots of cooking, which we hope you enjoyed! Our next Dt is building structures. Very soon we will enter an Art week, and after loving our recent printmaking Art unit, we are looking forward to the Art week!



Have a great weekend!



Unity SEND Trust Review

We have had our Trust SEND review last week and received really positive feedback from the Unity Partnerships Director of SEND. It was great to receive acknowledgement for the high-quality support we have in place at Place Farm Primary to support our pupils.



Rainbow Program Visitors

Last week we also had staff from another school visit our Rainbow Program. They wanted to learn about Rainbow and the positive impact on our pupils. They were very impressed by what they saw and have taken away lots of ideas to implement in their own school. Thank you Rainbow and well done.



Inclusive Schools Award

'The Inclusion Quality Mark Award provides UK schools with a nationally recognised validation of their inclusive practice and ongoing commitment to developing educational inclusion.'

Next week we will have our IQM assessment days. Our assessor will spend two days in school and speak to pupils, parents, staff and the school wider community links. We are very much looking forward to our visit and showing off all the wonderful things on offer at Place Farm Primary and the positive impact they have for our pupils, their families and our staff.

We will share the outcome with you in due course.

Tote bag competition

All year five children entered a competition to design a tote bag to fight against discrimination. 15 children from year five were selected as the winners. On Monday, the winners of the



competition went to visit castle manor and had an amazing opportunity to use their winning designs and create it onto their very own tote bag.

On Tuesday the children in Year 2 visited Wimpole. We began by visiting the farm and spotting lots of different animals including pigs and their young piglets. A highlight was when Charlie the donkey came over to us to say hello. After lunch we took a tour around the house, We were amazed at the decoration on the ceilings and the extravagant furnishings. Our favourite part was looking at the Butler's pantry. We imagined what it must have been like to live there and to ring a bell to get service. We had an amazing day!







Sports Day Raffle and Fundraiser!

Special thanks to all those companies who donated the following prizes:

- A voucher to enjoy a week of free fitness classes with *Just Classes* [Just Classes](#)
- A free 30 minutes golf lesson
- An archery set
- A skateboard
- A Personal Training session with [Ben Carlyon](#)
- Two free spaces on a Prestige Sports Summer Camp
- 5 free sessions at Next Level Fitness
- Free goal-keeping session with Lennon Westley - professional coach with Cambridge United
- Free Kids Yoga Session

Place Farm
Primary
Summer Disco!
Thursday 22nd June '23

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.

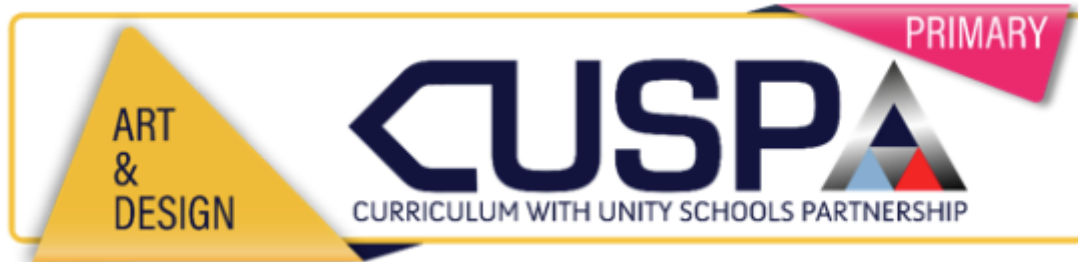
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco will run from 3:30pm-4:45pm. Pupils can bring a change of clothes to school to change into before the disco. Tickets will cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Year 4 and Year 5 disco will run from 5:00pm- 6:15pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

There will also be small items, such as glow sticks, available to purchase on the day so children are welcome to bring additional money if they wish.

Any money raised will go back to the pupils in the form of an enrichment activity (such as a visitor into school).

Please pay for your ticket on ParentPay or on entry to the disco.



Unity Schools Partnership Art Festival 26th June - 29th June

Theme: Celebrating togetherness through art

We are incredibly excited to announce that there will be an art festival held across the trust after half term, during curriculum time. The festival will launch with a live assembly and will then include live art workshops, guided digital exhibition tours and pupil exhibitions and all year groups will be involved in producing some fabulous pieces of art.

The guided digital exhibition tours will consist of the following themes:

- EYFS: Horses
- Year 1: Surprised!
- Year 2: Suffolk Landscapes
- Year 3: Pointillism
- Year 4: Leonardo Da Vinci
- Year 5: Renoir
- Year 6: Rembrandt

These weeks provide wonderful opportunities to the pupils of Place Farm and are heavily subsidised by school funds. To support the success of this week, we are asking that parents please consider providing a donation of £1 (more if you feel able) to go towards the resources used to create the artistic pieces - we thank you hugely in advance for your support with this! This could be provided through ParentPay (payment has been set up), or through cash handed to the class teacher.

[Thank you so much to those who have already donated!](#)

Quad Kids

Today Mr Jones took some pupils to a Quads Kid athletics event at Samuel Ward. Our children had a great time and represented the school beautifully! Well done!





Year 2 parents - are you ready for September?

Your child will no longer receive Universal Infant Free School Meals when they move to Year 3 unless you **apply now** and are eligible.

You will save over £435 a year and your child's school will receive extra funding to support your child with their learning.

If you have already applied and have been found to be eligible, you do not need to reapply.

To be eligible for Free School Meals you must receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 4 week run on



Applying online only takes a few minutes and is easy. Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the May half term. The grant will be ordered by your child(ren)'s school and will be issued as a £15 Edenred supermarket voucher for each eligible child. The grant is to help families with their essential living costs during the school holiday.

Please note that this grant will be issued to you via the email address that the school holds for you so please ensure that this address is up to date.

The voucher must be spent before the expiry date as failure to redeem by that date will mean you cannot be reissued, and you will lose the grant.

We hope that this discretionary grant goes some way to help in supporting your family during the school holiday, whether buying food or freeing up some income to go towards energy and water bills or other essential living costs.

If you are financial struggling and require additional support, further information can be found at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support/.

Yours faithfully

Suffolk County Council

SUFFOLK COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE



Applications now open for the 2023-24 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 of grade 4 and above, this is a great opportunity to take your musical skills to another level and make music with like-minded people and make new friends.

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Youth Theatre

For young people who are learning disabled, neurodivergent or identify as having SEN to participate in creative play that is inclusive and accessible.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

AGES 4-7: SATURDAYS 10:00-10:40

AGES 8-12: TUESDAYS 16:15 -16:50

AGES 13-18: TUESDAYS 17:00-17:40

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