

# Newsletter



Friday 23.6.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is an action packed newsletter this week, showcasing all the wonderful events that have been happening at Place Farm. This week we have some information shared by EYFS, Rainbow enjoyed their trip to the library, Year 6 had a fantastic day using Virtual Reality headsets, we enjoyed fun-filled discos and rounded off the week with two great performances from the Doorstep Theatre Festival, funded by the school fundraising that has been happening this year - thank you for your support with this.

Please note that there will be a change to our PD days next academic year (2023-2024). We will be removing 20<sup>th</sup> October as a PD day (therefore school will be open). This has been rescheduled to 28<sup>th</sup> June, which is now a trust-wide PD day. This will be updated on our website shortly, together with information about the October half term and 2024-2025 term dates.

As you will be aware, the NEU have proposed two further strike dates: 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. We will update you next week about whether this impacts our school.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Lisa McConnell  
Head of School

## Calendar:

### **June:**

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June: Kip on a Ship residential (Year 5)

29<sup>th</sup> June: 3DG Reading café

30<sup>th</sup> June - Trust-wide PD day (school closed)

### **July:**

4<sup>th</sup> July 5.30-6.30: PSHE Changing Me Information Workshop – please see previous Class Dojo and email

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Mersea Residential

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: EYFS New Parents' Meeting 4pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July: EYFS New Parents' Meeting 10am

11<sup>th</sup> July Open Classroom 3.35-5pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Disco: 4.45-6.15pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Graduation 2pm

Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> July: Transition days – more details to follow

### **September:**

PD Days 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: School closed to pupils

## EYFS

This half term's Theme focus is; Oceans and Skies and, what a busy start to our final Half Term we have had already! The children participated in their sports day, dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up and, enjoyed the Summer disco.

We will be exploring this Theme through the books; Once Upon a Rain Drop, Florentine and Pig and the Lost Pirate Treasure, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, Chicken Licken, Amelia Earhart and, Somebody Swallowed Stanley.



This Theme has come at the perfect time as it has meant, with the hotter weather, we have been able to explore our learning through lots of water play!

Here the children are building and testing waterproof shelters.



Taking on the role of pirates and testing their balance as they walk the plank!

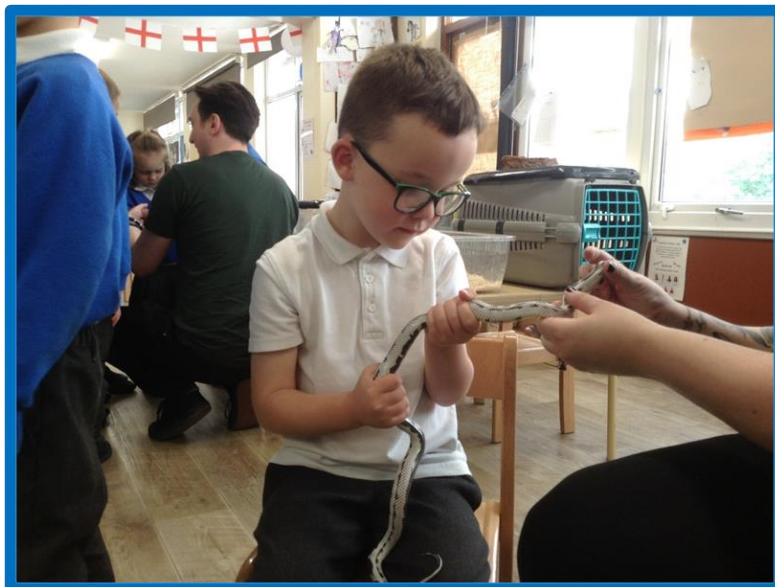








Finally, here are some pictures from last Half Terms animal visit...





**Rainbow** attended the library last Thursday and we were so Proud of their behaviour walking down as well as in the library itself. The library staff all complimented us on our manners, and behaviour and were really impressed with the children! We listened to a story, chose our books, then scanned them out! We can't wait to go back, we LOVE the library!



### Sports Day

Now that the dust has settled from a busy Sports Day week, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to those who came and supported your children this week at Place Farm! We were amazed with how many of you came to cheer on and encourage our pupils and I know that you made a huge difference to their confidence.

We are also very thankful to those who donated prizes for our raffle or bought a ticket throughout the week which allowed us to make a fantastic amount of money which will be put straight back into the school.

A final thank you to those who were brave enough to have a go at the parent races this year which I know produced some very competitive battles! The children absolutely loved this and helped top off a fantastic four days. You now have a year to get practising for next summer! If you have any feedback, I would love to hear from you to help make next year even better.

Thank you, Mr Jones 😊

### **Student Librarians**

This week has been an exciting one for our Student Librarians! We gave out application forms to our current Year 4 children, to apply to become a Librarian in September. The response was wonderful, and the answers to the questions really showed how much our children love the reading culture of our school. The applications were whittled down, and I held interviews on Wednesday afternoon. I really enjoyed listening to the children talk about reading with such enthusiasm. Watch this space for the introduction of our new Librarians, very soon...!!

## Year 5 and 6 Doorstop Theatre Festival

Thanks to your donations through our fundraising events, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, the pupils in Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a performance called 'The Grimm Twins' from Doorstop Theatre. There were lots of laughs and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience! What a lovely Summer Term treat! There are upcoming performances for the other groups to enjoy 😊





## Year 6 VR Day

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Year 6 enjoyed using VR headsets. They created their own world on CoSpace, adding in characters and different objects, making them move and giving them feelings. They were then able to explore different worlds using the headsets. They had a brilliant time.



Huge thank you to Mrs Murrell for setting this all up and to Mr Templeton for showing the children how to work everything! 😊



# ART Exhibition

A celebration of the  
work of GCSE &  
A Level Art,  
Photography &  
Graphic Design  
students

28<sup>th</sup> June  
4 – 7pm

**OPEN  
TO ALL**

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