

Newsletter



Friday 27th September 2024

Dear families,

We are at the end of another busy week at Place Farm, where the children have so much to be proud of in terms of their attitude towards their learning and the pride that we are seeing children take in their work.

Parents' evening information has been communicated on Class Dojo today. I have also included this information in the newsletter below. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and gain an insight into how your child has started the new school year. Information on how to book an appointment is also communicated below.

Your child's class teacher will be sharing a 'Meet the Teacher' video on Class Dojo today. Please take the time to watch this as it will contain important and useful information for you in relation to this new school year.

Please continue to check the 'Upcoming Dates' section of the newsletter below as more events are being added as staff members begin to plan trips and enrichment activities for this school year, one of which you can see here of Year 6 and their workshop with the Knife Angel. We will shortly be sharing dates for the class library visits that Miss Jenkins and Miss Atherton have been busily organising.



As always, if you have any questions relating to your child, or key messages for your class teacher, please do contact them via a message on Class Dojo, or using admin@placefarm.org.uk.

Wishing you a great weekend,

Kind regards,
Mrs McConnell
Head of School

Upcoming dates:

September

Mon 30th Sept: Y6 Assembly about Castle Manor Academy

October

Thurs 3rd Oct: Carnival Festival lunch menu (see flyer below)

Mon 7th Oct: Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Tues 8th Oct: Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Mon 14th Oct: Theatre workshops Yrs 4-6

Thur 17th Oct: Harvest Festival Assembly for children (further information below)

Mon 21st Oct: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)

Theatre workshops Yrs 4-6

Thur 24th Oct: Autumn term disco (more information to follow)

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 8th Nov: Half-term break

November

Tues 12th Nov: Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum

Wed 13th Nov: Vancols individual student photos (more information to follow)

December

Fri 6th Dec: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)

Mon 9th Dec: Carol Concert at St Marys Church (more information to follow)

Fri 13th Dec: Christmas in a day (more information to follow)

Tue 17th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Wed 18th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Fri 20th Dec: School term ends

Parents Evening

Parents' evening bookings are live.

You are able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher on either Monday 7th October between 3:40pm until 7:10pm or Tuesday 8th October between 3:40pm until 5:20pm.

To book an appointment please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use the event code: k9tz7
Or alternatively use this link: www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/k9tz7

Celebration Assembly



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



We also had pupils celebrated for the Summer Reading Challenge and achievements in gymnastics and dancing.



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.

Attendance

In celebration assembly each week, we also celebrate the classes with the best attendance of the previous week. Attendance is vitally important to a child's success both in school and in later life.

In 3rd place we had 5JG with 96.3%
In 2nd place we had OAP with 96.9%
In 1st place we had 4RG with 97.3%

Our whole school attendance was 93.9%



Reading at Place Farm

Reading News from Miss Jenkins:

Firstly, you may remember, in the 6 week break I posted a message regarding a competition between the Trust schools in Haverhill to get as many children to sign up to the Suffolk Reading Challenge. Well, Place Farm won! Please find attached a picture of some of the children who took part in the challenge and our Year 5 librarians holding the collection of books we won.



Also, thank you to everyone who took part in using the Fonetti app, I found out this week that we have been shortlisted as a finalist for our region. If we win, we are invited to Amazon HQ in London.



I cannot thank you all enough for all your support over the 6-week break!

Year 6 Knife Angel and Church Visit

On Tuesday this week, the Year Six children visited the Knife Angel and took part in some activities at St Mary's Church. The children started the session by discussing some questions about the Knife Angel. They then completed some angel wing fingerprints, explored some art work which had been created in response to the Knife Angel and then wrote some very thoughtful messages on wooden hearts to hang on the metal railings around it.

As well as this, we had a Police Officer from Haverhill Police Station come in to speak to the Year Six children about knife crime and the dangers of this. The children listened intently and had some well-considered questions. Please see below for some photos 😊



Harvest Festival



We are supporting Reach Haverhill again this year with a food collection for their Harvest Festival in support of our local community

In preparation for our Harvest Festival Assembly, on Thursday 17th October, we will be collecting donations for Reach Haverhill. Please see the poster below for the items that they require for this year. Please could any donations be handed to your child's class teacher between Monday 14th October and Wednesday 16th October.

Thank you in advance for your support of this cause.

Harvest shopping list 2024

Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!

<input type="checkbox"/> Squash	<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits
<input type="checkbox"/> Custard	<input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit
<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar 1kg	<input type="checkbox"/> Jam
<input type="checkbox"/> Pudding (rice or sponge longlife)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice
<input type="checkbox"/> Crisps/crackers	<input type="checkbox"/> Noodles
<input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes (tinned/mashed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tea
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juice (long-life)	<input type="checkbox"/> UHT milk
<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate treats	

NOT needed:

Beans	Tinned fish	Deodorant
Pasta	Tinned meat	Shampoo
Cereal	Soup	
Dog / Cat food	Tinned tomatoes	
Washing up liquid	Shower Gel	
Pasta sauce	Toilet roll	

www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/harvest

The logo for Reach Community Projects, featuring three stylized human figures in blue, green, and red, with the text 'Reach Community Projects' below them.



Carnival Festival Menu

THURSDAY 3RD
OCTOBER 2024

CRISPY COATED CHICKEN

OR

VEGGIE DIPPERS

CHIPS

BAKED BEANS

PEAS

TOMATO KETCHUP

MINI DOUGHNUTS & FRUIT

Also available: Jacket Potato & Filling,
Homemade Bread, Salad, Yoghurt & Fruit



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PSHE – RSE opt out

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Dear parent/carer,

This school year we have been implementing the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Programme across our school called Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE.

The lessons since September, have built children's emotional literacy, self-esteem and knowledge of who they are and how they relate to each other and the world in a positive and healthy way. We are sure you will have heard about the Jigsaw Friends and Calm Me time.

The Summer Term Puzzles (units) are about Relationships (unit 1) and Changing Me (unit 2).

The Changing Me Puzzle includes, in every year group, 2 or 3 lessons to help children understand the changes puberty brings and how human reproduction happens. There is a very serious safeguarding aspect to this work and obviously the younger year groups are not looking at these issues directly and explicitly but rather learning correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundation work for later year groups. The Years 5 and 6 lessons look more fully at puberty and human reproduction. These topics will also be covered in the OM nurse visits.

The Changing Me Puzzle is all about coping positively with change and includes:

Ages 3-5 Growing up: how we have changed since we were babies.

Ages 5-6 Boys' and girls' bodies; correct names for body parts.

Ages 6-7 Boys' and girls' bodies; body parts and respecting privacy (which parts of the body are private and why this is).

Ages 7-8 How babies grow and how boys' and girls' bodies change as they grow older. Introduction to puberty and menstruation.

Ages 8-9 Internal and external reproductive body parts. Recap about puberty and menstruation. Conception explained in simple terms.

Ages 9-10 Puberty for boys and girls in more detail including the social and emotional aspects of becoming an adolescent. Conception explained in simple biological terms.

Ages 10-11 Puberty for boys and girls revisited. Understanding conception to the birth of a baby. Becoming a teenager.

All lessons are taught using correct terminology, child-friendly language and diagrams.

We hope you will be in agreement with us that this work is vitally important for children, that it needs to be done age-appropriately and that the Jigsaw Programme gives us a secure framework in which to do this.

However, we do as always want to work in partnership with parents and carers, and also wish to inform you of your legal right to withdraw your children from some aspects of this work. Relationships Education and Health Education are statutory for all primary schools. The aspects parents have the right to withdraw their children from is some of the Sex Education curriculum. If you wish for your child to be removed from this, please inform your child's class teacher on Class Dojo.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Graham (PSHE lead)

SEND Parent Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/lkidd11/parenting-padlet-hgdprcnhij3ene5>

Please use this link to have an explore of our new SEND Parent Padlet, which contains lots of information resources and links to provide you with support and advice. There are links to local groups, SEND resources and parenting tips.

Year 6 Parents

Communication has been sent this week to all year 6 parents about applying for your child's secondary school placement with Suffolk Admissions. This was emailed earlier this week. This opened on 12/9/2024 and will close on 31/10/2024. Offers confirming placement allocations are sent on 03/03/2025.

If you need any help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via the admin email address – admin@placefarm.co.uk or by phoning on 01440 702836.

Uniform



It has been so lovely to see the children looking smart and professional in their Place Farm uniform. Just a reminder that children can wear the summer uniform until October half term. All uniform expectations are published on our school website (see link below).

PE uniform consists of:

- Either a plain white polo shirt/plain white t-shirt or **polo shirt with school logo** from supplier.
- Blue shorts
- Blue jogging bottoms (optional instead of shorts)
- Trainers
- Blue socks (optional)

<https://placefarm.org.uk/uniform>

Year 6 SATS week

For reference – Year 6 SATs week this year will be week commencing Monday 12th-15th May. This is the week that pupils in Year 6 across the country will be sitting these statutory assessments.