

Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another great week at Place Farm this week - the children continue to work hard and model our PROUD values brilliantly in all that they do. EYFS and Year 1 are busy preparing for the upcoming nativity - they are working incredibly hard to learn their songs and speaking parts. Last weekend saw several of our pupils take part in the Haverhill Youth and Community Band: well done to Freya, Archie, Isabella and Ivy for your contributions to our community!

The newsletter also contains photographs and information from the Year 1 trip to the church this week, 4RG's Reading café and 1ES's trip to the library - please do take a look.



We very much look forward to welcoming you in the coming weeks to our nativity and carols on the playground - a great opportunity to come together as a community and sing some carols!

Thank you for your continued support of our school. 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 lovely weekend,

Mrs McConnell
Head of School

Upcoming Dates:

December

- 11th December: No school crossing patrol **all week**
- 13th December: Year 3 Stone Age experience day
- 14th December: Reading Café for 4KM - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
Rainbow class Haverhill library visit
- 15th December: Carols on the playground and Christmas in Day
- 19th December: EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity
No school crossing patrol all day
- 20th December: EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity
- 21st December: Class Christmas parties

School term ends 21st December

January

- 3rd January: PD Day – school closed
- 4th January: Spring terms starts – (Thursday)**
- 11th January: Reading Café for 5JG - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 18th January: Reading Café for 5CM - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 24th January: Year 6 Residential to Manor Adventure (until 26th January)

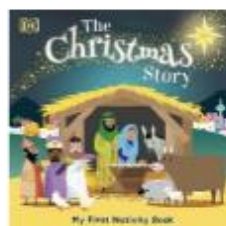
February

- 1st February: Reading Café for OAP - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 8th February: Reading Café for OLP - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 15th February: Reading Café for 6EJ - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- Half term: 19th-23rd February**
- 29th February: Reading Café for 6SL - 9:00-9:30 in school hall

Christmas at Place Farm



EYFS and Y1 Christmas Nativity



The Christmas Story

Tuesday 19th December 9.15am

or

Wednesday 20th December 9.15am

2 tickets per family

Here is the link to the tickets

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/8fnta>

The link is also on Class Dojo

merry christmas

Christmas in a Day

Friday 15th December 2023

Pupils are invited to wear school uniform + a Christmas accessory on this day. This could be a Christmas Jumper, hat, headband or tie.

For lunch, pupils will have their Christmas Dinner in the Hall, with Christmas songs and crackers to get them in the festive spirit!



Carols on the Playground

Friday 15th December 2023

On the same day, parents are invited to join us for our annual Carols on the Playground performance. **Gates will open at 2:55pm**. Please come to the back gate on Crowland Road if you would like to watch us sing Christmas Carols.

Parents and Carers are invited to join in with the singing!

Thursday 21st December

On this day, pupils will be having their class parties. Children from Y1-Y6 are invited to bring party clothes into school to change into after lunch. Children in EYFS can come to school in their party clothes.

Events and Trips at Place Farm

Year 1 Church Visit

Year 1 visited St. Marys church on Monday to take part in some Christmas activities. They took part in 4 activities, where they learnt about Mary, the shepherds, the angels and the wise men.



4RG Reading Café

On Thursday, we held our Reading Café for 4RG. The children loved sharing books with their families, we even had some younger siblings joining us! We are trying something new this year, and giving the children a question or statement to think about when they are sharing stories. We had some lovely responses to "If you could be a character from any story, who would you be and why?". I hope you enjoy reading their thoughts.

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



1ES Library Trip

1ES really enjoyed their visit to the library on Thursday. They walked beautifully to and from school, we even practised our carols on the way. They listened to the library rules after arriving. They then had the chance to have a look and read of some of the books. The children then scanned out their books to take home. Before leaving we listened to one of our favourite stories, 'Charlie Cooks favourite book'.



Celebration Assembly



A huge congratulations to all of the children who received a certificate in celebration assembly.

Other notices

School Crossing Patrol

Due to staff sickness, there will again be no school crossing patrol for all of next week. We apologise for any inconvenience that this causes. As the usual patrol point will be unsupervised, please ensure that extra vigilance is taken when crossing and that children who walk to and from school without an adult are aware of this.

PE Kit

During the colder winter weather that we are now having, please ensure that your child's PE kit includes a jumper and tracksuit bottoms as PE will still take place outside.

Haverhill Newt Pond

A message has been sent to all schools in the area to report that the newt pond in Haverhill is frozen over and they have had some issues with school pupils throwing logs onto the ice. Please remind your children to take care, act safely and act responsibly if near this area and around the frozen water.

Christmas Holiday Activities

- 1. Abbeycroft Leisure:** Please see the document that was posted on the school story this week with the activities that Abbeycroft Leisure will be providing.
- 2. Prestige Sports:** Over the Xmas Holiday Period Prestige Sports have 3 days of Sports & Activity Camps in Haverhill on the 27th, 28th and 29th December.

They have 32 FREE spaces available for children who are eligible for free school meals through the HAF programme.

Parents can book using the following link:

<https://prestige-sports.classforkids.io/camp/128>

After booking online, parents will be asked to provide us with their 16 digit HAF code.

Holiday Camps will involve Sport Activities, Nerf, Laser Tag and a chill out zone with Arts and Crafts, games and much more. The camps for HAF run from 9am - 3.30pm and a packed lunch is provided by Prestige Sports.



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December 2023 Timetable

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm unless otherwise stated

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| Saturday 2nd | Haverhill High Street | 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm |
| Monday 4th | Recreation Road, Hamlet Road Estates | |
| Tuesday 5th | Chimswell Car Parks, Park Road , Hawthorn Crescent | |
| Wednesday 6th | Leiston Community Centre , Cleves Road, Burton End, Downs Crescent | |
| Thursday 7th | Shetland Road, Stockley Close, Pipers Close, Roman Way, Charrington Close | |
| Saturday 9th | Kedington Community Centre | 10 :00 am - 1:00 pm |
| Monday 11th | Dovehouse Road, Chapple Drive, Churchill Avenue | |
| Tuesday 12th | Cambridge Way, Eastern Avenue, Parkway Estate, Castle Lane | |
| Wednesday 13th | Arboretum, Meadowlands, Chapelwent Road | |
| Thursday 14th | Hanchett Village, Strawberry Fields | |
| Saturday 16th | Steeple Bumpstead Village Hall | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| Monday 18th | James Dunn Way, Howe Road, Forest Glade, Arrendene Road | |
| Wednesday 20th | New Croft (Chalkstone Way), Green Road, Millfields Way, Strasbourg Square | |
| Thursday 21st | Boyton Hall, Persimmon Estate, Redrow Estate | |
| Saturday 23rd | Haverhill High Street | 10 :00 am - 2:00 pm |

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

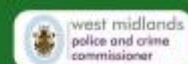
Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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The Blank Page Project

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The Blank Page Project is an exciting new programme providing free high-quality creative activities run by local artists in libraries during the school holidays!

Blank Page activities give 10-16 year olds the chance to express their creativity through a range of mediums.

Each activity day will run from 10AM to 3PM and will include a free lunch.

You can book onto as many workshops as you'd like. All workshops are designed to offer something different.

