

# Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have had a fabulous day at school on this Children in Need day. Thank you so much for your generous donations. So far Place Farm has raised £250...and rising!



School report



You will have seen the Ofsted report which was shared on Class DoJo yesterday. Thank you all for your kind messages of support. Your children have so much to be proud of - they were described as 'professional, resilient, optimistic, understanding and driven' as well as having outstanding behaviour. The personal development of children at Place Farm was also described as 'outstanding'. Working in partnership with you has been important in your children achieving so highly. We look forward to continuing to work together for all the children in our school community. We are now officially a 'Good' school with 'Outstanding' features!

## Inspection of Place Farm Primary Academy

Camps Road, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8HF

Inspection dates: 12 and 13 October 2022

<b>Overall effectiveness</b>	<b>Good</b>
The quality of education	<b>Good</b>
Behaviour and attitudes	<b>Outstanding</b>
Personal development	<b>Outstanding</b>
Leadership and management	<b>Good</b>
Early years provision	<b>Good</b>
Previous inspection grade	Good

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Jane Sendall  
Headteacher

## CALENDAR

### November

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Flu Vaccine (Pick up for previously absent pupils session)

### December

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Carols on the Playground, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (evening) - Castle Manor, Burton End and Place Farm Carol service at St Mary's Church - Haverhill

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of autumn term

January Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - PD Day (School closed to pupils)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - First day of spring term

*Hello everyone,  
Please enjoy this little story or poem ©  
Miss Jenkins*

# Hope Is an Ancient Reptile

by  
**SOPHIE DAHL**

My younger brother Luke wanted a tortoise. He'd been promised one for aeons. Finally, on his seventh birthday, worn down, our mother bought him one from a local pet shop in Oxford.

When they arrived home, bearing a small, lumbering, prehistoric-looking creature with piercing, beady eyes, Mum asked Luke what he'd like to call the new arrival.

'TORTY,' Luke said. 'Obviously.'

'Oh,' Mum sighed, with a look of grave disappointment. 'Nothing a bit more sparky?'

'No. He's called Torty,' Luke said shortly, sweeping out into the garden, his pet clacking behind him like a rusty bumper car.

— And so it was that the most interesting tortoise, with the world's least interesting name, arrived in our lives.

Torty was always a daredevil; an international man of mystery. In 1997, he ended up on a bonfire in the cardboard box he'd been

hibernating in, after a clear-out of the garden shed. Our nanny, Maureen, saved him from the licking flames and when we opened his box, holding our breath, we found Torty, snug in a nest of hay, snoring. A couple of years later, he ran away and lived with the boy who lived five houses down from us for months. Luke had to give him a lot of Pokémon cards and a chocolate orange to get Torty back.

Once, a bird of prey tried to carry Torty off as he ate dandelions, clearly thinking he'd make a good dinner. Torty was a wriggly, scratchy captive and the greedy bird dropped him quite swiftly. After a few minutes of stunned silence, Torty began to munch again as though he was entirely used to large birds of prey scooping him up and dropping him from great heights.

For some reason, Torty ended up living with me about eight years ago. He lives inside in a big wooden house called a tortoise table, but on sunny days he loves to race around the garden and menace our cats and dog. If they're sleeping he sneaks up on them and nudges them with his head, hissing. This makes them leap up in horror. He also likes to creep up on humans and climb their shoes, and often does this to me when I'm writing. It always makes me scream.

Torty likes strawberry tops and cucumber, and I give him a bath, every day, in a funny old washing-up tub. He has a special vitamin powder in the water called REPTO BOOST and after he has soaked, I polish his shell with a little oil. He then walks around in circles, searching for the cats, a swaggering, oily gladiator.

He has run away seven times. The last time he ran away, he was found near the train station by a man named Trevor who was walking his dog late at night. Trevor's dog was sniffing away at a stone: a stone

that turned out to be Torty. Trevor took him home and Torty had a sleepover with his pet rabbit. In the morning, a neighbour realised that this runaway was our tortoise, and rang us. We raced round to Trevor's house to collect Torty, who looked a bit sheepish with old strands of grass hanging out of his mouth.

When we got home, he crawled into his house and slept for two days straight. We call him the Reptilian Rambler. He is 79 years old.

**If your child was born between  
1 September 2018 and  
31 August 2019,  
you must apply for a full-time  
school place by  
15 January 2023**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in  
a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions)

Information is also available from:

•The Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981

•Your local school

## Christmas at Place Farm!

This year, our annual 'Carols on the Playground' event will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm on the playground (weather depending).

Please come and join staff and children to sing along with the Christmas Carols that the children have been learning.

Also, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, it will be Christmas Jumper Day! Children and staff are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper, Christmas colours or a Christmas dress to school for the duration of the day.

Finally, Christmas lunch, for the children, will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

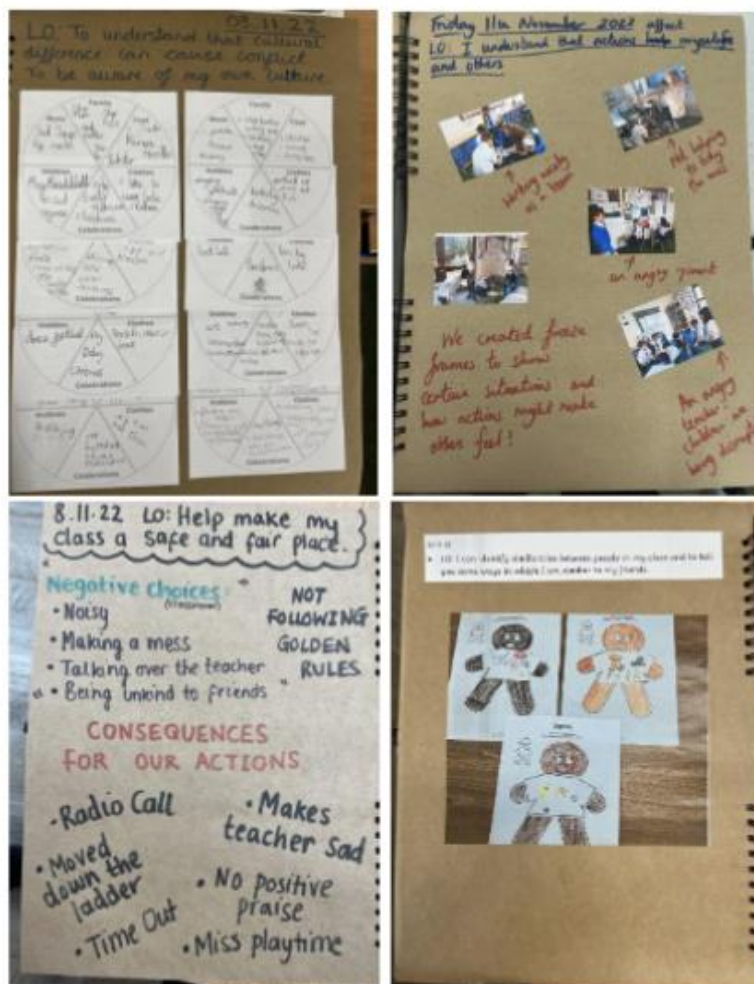
If you have any questions, regarding Christmas, please do contact your child's class teacher.



## PSHE

PSHE at Place Farm is taught on a weekly basis.

In the Autumn term, we covering the topics 'being me' and 'celebrating differences'. Being me is all about how to be safe, set personal goals. Celebrating differences is all about the differences each person has. This can be linked to their hobbies, interests and lives.



This week was Anti-bullying week. We had an assembly where we spoke all about bullying. We discussed what it means to be bullied and what they can do if they or someone else is being bullied. This week was also Children in Need, we had non-uniform on Friday where the children came in spotty clothing or non-uniform. We also raised money through a cake sale and a sponge throwing activity.

Last week we had Remembrance Day, for this we had a Remembrance assembly where we had a performance from one of our students, Ivy Pannell followed by a minute silence.

This week we had a visit from the OM nurse for years 1, 2 and 6. There will be more sessions later in the year.

# Christmas Menu



Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022



Roast Turkey

Plant Sausages

Roast Potatoes

Peas and Carrots

Christmas Pudding

Rice Krispie cakes

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feeding the imagination

## 2<sup>ND</sup> FLU SESSION IN SCHOOL FOR MISSED CHILDREN

### Influenza (Nasal Flu) immunisation for pupils in school years R - 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

We will soon be visiting your child's school **FOR A SECOND TIME** to offer the free flu vaccine to all eligible children from reception to year 6. If your child missed having their nasal spray on our first visit, they can receive it when we come back in the next 10 days.

#### **Please note this is not the Covid vaccination.**

This winter, now that life is back to normal, there is a very high risk that the NHS could be overwhelmed with illness caused by influenza, as we have not been mixing with others as much over the past few winters.

Children who have the flu vaccine are less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family, especially those who may be at greater risk from flu, such as young babies, elderly people or friends and relatives with a serious health condition.

Attached are some frequently asked questions (FAQs) about this vaccine.

You can now complete consent for your child online. Please click [HERE](#) to give consent, or to decline consent.

*It is important to complete and return the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine.*

For parents who want their child to have the vaccine that does not contain porcine gelatine, you can also do this by using the consent link above. If you wish for your child to receive the injection, please say no to the nasal flu vaccine, you will then be taken to the page where you can consent for the injection instead.

You can also speak to your immunisation team if you require a consent form in a language other than English, or you can find them in other languages on our website: [www.schoolvaccination.uk](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk)  
If your child has asthma and becomes wheezy or has their medication increased after you return this form, please contact the immunisation team on the number or email over the page.

We encourage you to share this information with your child / children.

Yours Faithfully,

Your School Immunisation Team.



# Prospective Parents

Are you considering what school to send your child to in September 2023?

If you would like to come along to see Place Farm, please choose from the following dates;

Thursday 24th November,

Wednesday 30th November  
or

**New Date**—Wednesday 7th December  
At 11.00am



LOOK at our website  
for information  
[www.placefarm.org.uk](http://www.placefarm.org.uk)



To make an appointment

PLEASE PHONE 01440 702836 OR EMAIL: [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk)