Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a very busy newsletter to share with you this week, with the children having enjoyed lots of exciting learning experiences these last two weeks. We hope you enjoy the wide range of photographs and information included which gives a taste of what has been happening in school.

Also included in this week's newsletter is an update in terms of the feedback we received last term during parents' evening. Thank you again for your responses, which were overwhelmingly positive. Thank you also for the feedback around how we could do things even better - please see a summary of what we have put in place or are in the process of putting in place in response.

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:

February

1st February: Reading Café for OAP - 9:00-9:30 in school hall

3SJ visit to Haverhill library

7th February: EYFS 0AP Parents lunch (more information below) 8th February: Reading Café for 0LP - 9:00-9:30 in school hall

EYFS OLP Parents lunch (more information below)

3KM visit to Haverhill library

15th February: Reading Café for 6EJ - 9:00-9:30 in school hall

2SA visit to Haverhill library

Half term: 19th-23rd February

28th February: Parent Workshop led by OM nurse 4:00-5:00pm (further information below)

29th February: Reading Café for 6SL - 9:00-9:30 in school hall

2LA visit to Haverhill library

March

13th March: EYFS share session for parents 9:00-10:00 (further information to follow)

14th March: 1ES visit to Haverhill library

Provisional date for Spring disco (further information to follow)

21st March: Rainbow visit to Haverhill library

25th March: Parents' Evening (further information to follow) 26th March: Parents' Evening (further information to follow)

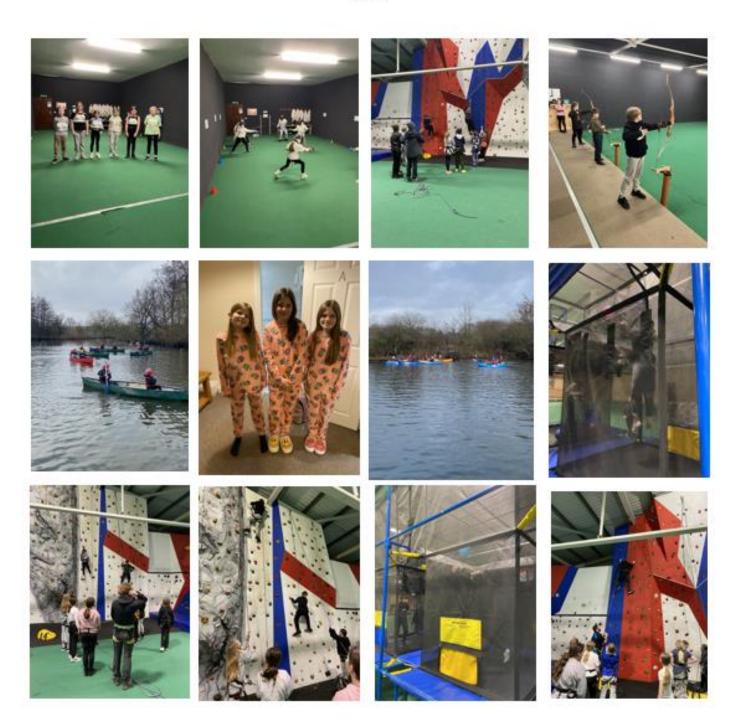
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Year 6 Residential - Manor Adventure

WOW! What an exciting three days the Year 6's had who visited Manor Adventure in Norfolk.

They took part in lots of different activities including: fencing, rock climbing, archery, aero ball, plus canoeing and kayaking. They all had lots of fun.

The children were incredibly well behaved, followed all of the rules and had the upmost respect for all the instructors – they were a real credit to their parents and the school. Amazing job Year 6 – Miss Jenkins and Miss Lister are PROUD of you all ©

















The children at who stayed at Place Farm also had loads of fun! In the mornings, with Mr Lewis, the children worked on a school prospectus project where they used their iPads to capture images that best showed off Place Farm. They then used either the Freeform app or iMovie to edit the pictures and then use persuasive devices while adding captions to the pictures. The children also enjoyed playing benchball and football, where they showed great communication and teamwork skills.











OAP Reading Café

On Thursday, we held our busiest Reading Café ever, for OAP! It was incredible to see so many families joining us, thank you! 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 "Tell me about your favourite book." We also had some lovely drawings. I hope you enjoy reading their thoughts.













3SJ Library Visit

It was 3SJ's turn to visit the library this week and they had a great time having the chance to search for new books to bring home with them and being read to by a librarian!





Story Seekers with Suffolk Libraries

On Thursday this week, children from years 3, 4 and 5 were lucky to take part in a Story Telling session, provided by Suffolk Libraries.

Kirsty, from Ipswich Library, and Emma from Haverhill Library visited Place Farm and worked with the children to explore different ways of telling stories. The children had a fantastic time!









Maths at Place Farm

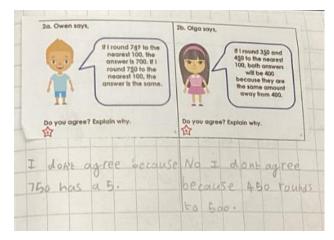
This term in Maths, we have been looking at pupil voice and seeing what the children think about their Maths lessons at Place Farm. It has been really fantastic to hear them speak so positively about their learning. The children really enjoy their Maths lessons, they feel proud of their work and they like to be challenged. In particular, we have been focusing on stretch and challenge within Maths lessons. The children spoke about how their teachers challenge them through their choice of questioning and through further reasoning questions. Children are encouraged to explain their thinking and justify their answers using full sentences. Children are also encouraged to discuss and share different strategies they have used to work things out.

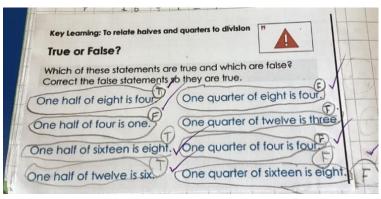
Below are some quotes from various children across the school: "I enjoy my maths lessons because it's challenging as the questions can sometimes be difficult."

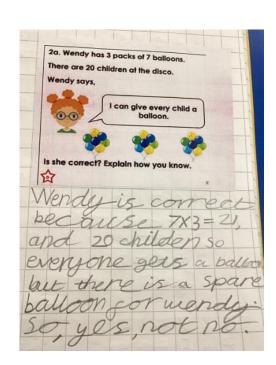
"Maths is really challenging and I like to be challenged because I like to push myself."

"We use a whiteboard and the teacher asks us to tell us how we got the answer."

Here are some photos of some of the challenges children have been doing from across the school:







Best wishes & Miss Lister

Parental Feedback at last Parents' Evening (almost 200 responses)

99% of parents said their child is happy at school.

99.5% of parents said their child feels safe at this school. 98% of parents said the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

99.% of parents said they have either had no concerns to raise, or that concerns have been dealt with properly.

99.5% of parents said their child is doing well at school. 98% of parents said the school has high expectations of their child.

Positive comments received:

place Farm gives each child a chance to thrive.

My child loves school and is happy every day.

I moved my child back to place Farm because they loved it here.

Any concerns were dealt with very quickly.

My child can speak to teachers about anything. Always been happy that I chose Place Farm. All 4 of my children are thriving. All staff members work hard for the children and it shows.

School support is amazing. Couldn't ask for more from a school and the teachers do an amazing job.

Fab staff, fab school – thank you for everything! Thank you for being such an understanding, supportive and generally wonderful school. We value and appreciate all of the hard work that the whole staff put in daily. We appreciate you

Our next steps: You said....We did...

You said	What we did/are doing
I would appreciate seeing more	Providing more opportunities for
photographs and information about	photographs to be shared on Class
what my children are doing in school.	Dojo via the class teacher, and on the
	newsletters.
It would be good if the school could	We have already extended our range
offer a wider variety of clubs.	of sports clubs based on pupil and parental feedback.
It would be good to offer non-sporty	We also now offer choir clubs for KS2
clubs	and will shortly be offering a further
	music club after school.
	We will continue to extend the
	choice further over time.
Some parents were not sure about	Our celebration assemblies focus on
how school supports and celebrates	celebrating our PROUD values,
wider personal development.	beyond simply what happens in the curriculum.
	We welcome outside achievements
	being celebrated in assembly- please
	do bring these to our attention!
	Watch this space for some upcoming
	opportunities being rolled out.

Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week. We had lots of children receiving their red, green, yellow, blue certficates as well as one pupil receiving their pink certificate. Several children received their

PROUD certificates and we had two certificates for outside-of-school achievements we which we also love to celebrate.

We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. 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.





School Council, Outdoor Learning and Fundraising



At Place Farm, we have been looking at how we can develop our outdoor space for the children to enjoy. Our school council conducted a survey with their classes to see what ideas they have for developing the courtyard area in the center of the school. Using these ideas, the fundraising team are putting together a plan of how to raise money for these ideas to become reality. Some of the ideas included: bug houses, bird feeders,

outdoor seating, colourful insect attracting flowers, a canopy and then lots of ideas for how the space could be utilised and enjoyed by all.

<u>Uniform</u>

Thank you for continuing to support our uniform expectations – the children look so smart and proud wearing their full uniforms.

With the recent cold weather, we have noticed a few children coming into school with long sleeved vests/base layer style tops under short sleeved shirts. Could we please ask that if you wish your child to layer their clothes, they wear a short-sleeved vest under their shirt, and wear their jumper in school. Thank you for your support with this \bigcirc

<u>Video from National Literacy Trust:</u>

It's time to build on the love of books by going beyond the books. Discover some creative ways for you and your child to get the most out of reading:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oj26w4qhMvI

To find the helpful list of recommended links and additional information which will help you put the fun back into reading, visit our website: https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activitie...





EYFS – Parents lunch

We would like to invite the parent/carers of the EYFS children in to school to have a **school lunch** with their child. (One adult per child.)

0AP (Mrs Payne's) class will be invited on Wednesday 7th February and 0AP (Miss Parry's)

Class will be invited on Thursday 8th February.

If you would like to come along, please pay £3.47 for your meal via parent pay, stating which option you would like; meat or vegetarian.

If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know via Class Dojo.

You will need to come to the school for 11.20am and lunch will be finished by 12.00pm (approx.)

OAP- Miss Payne's class

Wednesday 7th February 2024 – Roast Chicken

OLP - Mrs Parry's class

Thursday 8th February 2024 - Spaghetti Bolognese







Free Parent workshop

'Meerkat or Grizzly – which is your child? Top tips for taming both' a session for parents about managing your child emotions. (50mins – 1hour)

Parents and Carers.

We would like to invite you to attend a parent workshop (led by an OM nurse) on Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 4:00PM. This session will allow you to find out more about how to manage your child's emotions. This session is for adults only; however, we will provide a creche for parents that are unable to find alternate childcare arrangements. Please can you complete the forms link below.

https://forms.office.com/e/v7ByPqYLY7

Yours sincerely, Miss Graham

Please continue to gather any items together. We welcome parents waiting until the collection day/day before to bring these in to school please!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes more funds for your organisation. It's £0.55 / kg

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED FOR

14th February

FILL ANY BAGS WITH UNWANTED CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's & children's)
- · Paired shoes
- · Accessories, bags, belts
- Swimwear
- · Lingerie
- Cleăn underwear & socks
- · Jewellery
- · Parfume's

- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
 Single shoes
 Duvets & pillows
 Bric-a-brac & electrical items
 Toys, stationery
 Books, CDs, DVDs
 Workwear & uniforms
 Carpets rugs mats curtains
- - Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Stationery
 Hyglene Items, diapers
 Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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Thinking about becoming a Teacher?

Come talk to us on Tuesday 13th February 6-7pm



Book the online event via EventBrite

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