

Friday 11th July 2023

Place Farm

Dear Parents/Carers,

This time of year is always an emotional time, with teachers and children preparing to say goodbye to the old and hello to the new, as we begin transitions next week. Please be assured that we will make every effort for these transitions to run smoothly: children have been informed of their new classes and teachers, having had the chance to ask any questions. Your child's new class teacher will meet and greet the children on the playground on Monday morning, so no need for you to worry about handing your child over as normal at the school gate.

Today your child's report will be sent home by their teacher via

Class Dojo. We hope you enjoy reading these, together with other assessment information, to give you a rounded understanding of all that your child has achieved this year. They have worked so hard!

As we begin to look towards the new academic year, we will be sharing up and coming dates for the new term to keep you as informed as possible. This will include an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher early in September - dates to be shared next week.

We now feature in an article on the Inclusion Quality Mark website, having achieved Centre of Excellence standard. Please do take a look: https://iqmaward.com/news/place-farm-academy-achieves-centre-of-excellence/

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Lisa McConnell Head of School

<u>Calendar:</u>
<u>July:</u>
Week commencing 17 th July: Transition days – more details to follow with reports
September:
PD Days 4 th & 5 th : School closed to pupils
Autumn term starts Wednesday 6 th September
Parent workshops for &iLearn – please see check emails and information below
October:
Half term: 23 rd October – 3 rd November
Return to school 6 th November
December:
School term ends Thursday 21 st December
January:
PD Day: 3 rd January 24
Spring term starts Thursday 4 th January
Half term: 19 th – 23 rd February



&iLearn Project: Parent Meetings for Years 3-5 in September

For those parents whose children are in Years 3-5, please read below regarding information about upcoming parent workshops:

MPORTANT DATES
Our parent workshops will be on:
urrent Year 5 – 8 th September @2:40pm
12 th September @5:00pm
urrent Year 4 – 11 th September @2:40pm
13 th September @5:00pm
urrent Year 3 – 12 th September @2:40pm
14 th September @5:00pm

Please can you read and then return the printed Acceptable Use of ICT (once you have read and understood the attached documents), that has been sent home with your child.

Please note your child will not be able to take home an iPad until this document is signed and returned to the school, and one of the parent workshops is attended in September.

MUSIC AT PLACE FARM

Rainbow

Rainbow Class have enjoyed learning about pitch - how high or low sounds are.



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning that music evokes different emotions. They have discussed their own musical preferences and used musical vocabulary to describe how a piece of music makes them feel. They have also explored different music genres, recognising that music has changed over time.

Year 2

Year 2 pupils have been learning to sing 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars. They enjoyed rehearsing and performing to the other Year 2 class.



Year 3

This half term, Year 3 pupils have been introduced to improvisation and composition. They have developed their understanding of rhythm and pulse by engaging with body percussion work linked to the piece 'March' from Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker. They have learnt that music can be represented using symbols and had a go at using graphic notation themselves.



Year 4

Our Year 4 pupils have continued to learn different notes on their clarinets as well as learning the following pieces of music: Roar, WCET Fiesta, Pachelbel's Canon and Caribbean Ostinato. They also had the fantastic opportunity to perform at the WCET festival, which we are really PROUD of. The children have really enjoyed learning a new musical instrument and we hope they continue to play their clarinets and maybe even learn another instrument in the future.



Year 5

In Year 5 they have been learning about music Composition. In this unit, the children have been listening to a contemporary classical piece as a reference. They have also been learning the different keys on the keyboard and have started to read music sheets. They have demonstrated such resilience during this unit and should be very PROUD of themselves.

Year 6

In Year 6 pupils have been learning the rhythmic pattern 'I like strawberries in summer' and applying this to their musical understanding. They have also been listening to and learning the song Chiro Chacho, which the children have been singing beautifully.



Choir

Our choir have regularly given up their lunchtimes to learn a range of songs across the year. They have particularly enjoyed learning 'Sing' by Gary Barlow and 'Firework' by Katy Perry.



Brass Concert

This term some of our Year 3 and 5 pupils have been learning a brass instrument during their lunchtimes. They have been practising a range of songs including 'Yellow Submarine' and 'Kum By Yah'. Yesterday, they put on a performance to showcase what they have been learning which included group and solo performances. They all did a fantastic job which was an absolute delight to watch, Well done!



School Uniform September

We are pleased to inform you that we will be able to offer all pupils a school jumper in September, courtesy of the school. This will be handed out to children via their classes on their first day back at school.

Safeguarding Corner: E Safety and Social Media

This website has some great resources to support parents to monitor their child's activity online, to maintain safety. It also informs parents about the impact of social media on mental health:



https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/

Need advice about online safety?

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can also contact our trained <u>helpline counsellors</u> on 0808 800 5000.

Childline also has lots of information about online and mobile safety that will help you and your child.



June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the 6-week summer holidays. The grant will be issued as a £90 supermarket voucher for each eligible child and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the school holiday.

We have recently secured a new provider, so the Edenred platform will no longer be used to issue vouchers, and instead, these will be issued by Sodexo (Motivation Solutions UK Ltd). This change in provider will take place for the summer holiday issue of vouchers and will continue until the grant funding ends.

For this school holiday issue of vouchers and going forwards, vouchers will no longer be issued by your child's school. Instead, the school will provide the Free School Meals Team with the relevant information, and these will be ordered on the school's behalf.

Please ensure that your child's school holds up to date contact information for you as this grant will be issued to you directly via email address.

The voucher must be redeemed before the expiry date as failure to redeem by that date will mean you cannot be reissued, and you will lose the grant.

We hope that this discretionary grant goes some way to help in supporting your family during the school holiday, whether buying food or freeing up some income to go towards energy and water bills or other essential living costs. If you are financial struggling and require additional support, further information can be found at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support/.

Yours faithfully

Suffolk County Council

THINK BEFORE YOU ACT

Where to get more advice:

Fearless

Fearless is a site where you can access nonjudgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. - fearless.org

Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership A local partnership providing support and guidance for parents and carers. - suffolkcsb.org.uk

Suffolk Police

Provides information and advice for young people about gang/county lines culture and how to leave a gang. - suffolk.police.uk

NSPCC

Support and tips to help you keep children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child.

- nspcc.org.uk

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Is it a crime?

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is any action that upsets someone or makes them feel frightened or intimidated.

If you're involved in ASB, police will save your name and address on their database the first time you're caught. If it happens again, or becomes a regular occurrence, there may be more serious consequences including having a criminal record.

Shouting and swearing

You don't have to damage something or hurt someone to break the law. Shouting or swearing in public might not bother your mates, but people walking nearby could become upset or scared by it. This makes them your 'victim' and you could be reported to police.

You can also get into trouble if you use threatening words to deliberately intimidate others.

Carrying a knife

Carrying a knife can have serious consequences. Not only can you get a criminal record for simply carrying it, if you are seen by someone who reports the matter to police - or if you are stopped by officers it could affect your future prospects of travel and employment. You also risk putting yourself in greater danger.

CrimeStoppers.

fearless





Contact us:

County Council

suffolk.police.uk/contact-us Call 101 for non-emergencies Call 999 in an emergency only

Criminal Damage

Deliberately vandalising any property, whether that's a home, garden, place of work or vehicle is considered criminal damage. The damage does not have to be permanent, which means graffiti is classed in the same way.

Smashing windows or throwing eggs at cars, building or people are all a criminal offence, capable of causing damage and injury.

Deliberately setting fire to something, even a pile of rubbish, may seem like a harmless prank but could have serious penalties. The maximum sentence to any arson conviction is life imprisonment and will stay on a person's record for life.

Be Cyber Smart

- Did you know 'sexting' can be considered a criminal offence?
- Creating or sending an indecent image of a person under 18 is a criminal offence
- If you post something publically, anyone can find it. Things you post online (including images) can be copied, saved
- or shared by other people.
 Never share personal information, like your address or phone number, with
- your address or phone number, with someone you don't know.
 Remember to keep passwords secret,
- even with friends. It's not funny when your online accounts get messed with. • Personal insults, threats or
 - discrimination online can get your into trouble with the law.

So what?

Once you reach the age of 10, the law states that you understand Right from Wrong.

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This means if you break the law and commit an offence, you can be arrested by the police. If you do commit an offence and there is sufficient evidence of this, there are various outcomes that police can consider giving you:

- A Diversion Programme where you will work with the Youth Offending Team.
- A Community Resolution, which takes into consideration how the victim would like the matter dealt with and could be in the form of an apology, damage repair or compensation between the offender and the victim.
- A Youth Caution or Conditional Caution, which will look to provide an intervention programme to prevent further offending. If you already have a caution, the next step could be a formal charge which means you will have to attend court.

A criminal record can also affect your job prospects, including working abroad and any voluntary activities you might want to do.

If you have a criminal record, you will have difficulty in travelling to some countries – including the USA and Canada.

Face to Face Triple P Stepping Stones for parents with children with additional needs aged

2 to 12

Starting Monday 18th September, 09.30am welcome for 10.00am start, Howard Community Academy, Beard Road, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, IP32 6SA,

Triple P Group Stepping Stones - is for families of children with additional needs either pending an assessment or whose child is already diagnosed. The programme allows parents to choose techniques that work best for them and their families. It looks at why children behave the way they do, how to encourage the behaviour you want to see, and manage the misbehaviour and challenging behaviour. It also looks at ways to support your child's development and how to encourage them to learn new skills.

Course Dates

Session 1	Monday 18 September	Session 6	Monday 23 October- Individual calls
Session 2	Monday 25 September	Session 7	Monday 30 October- Individual Calls
Session 3	Monday 2 October	Session 8	Monday 6 November- Individual Calls
Session 4	Monday 9 October	Session 9	Monday 13 November- Last session
Session 5	Monday 16 October		

Important information and how to book onto a course

- Bookings to the County Parenting Team can now be made through Suffolk's online Portal: <u>https://earlyhelpportal.suffolk.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home</u>
- Visit our Parenting Calendar Parenting programmes overview Suffolk County Council For all our parenting programmes locally to you
- Professionals with access to EHM & LCS can book a family to a parenting course directly through Liquid Logic, completing a quick standalone form. This form can be started from the basic demographics page of the child's record on EHM.









Childhood Neurodiversity

Parent/Carer Workshops 2023-2024

Neurodiversity is a term used to describe people whose brains work in different ways. This programme of free virtual workshops for parents and carers will explore nurturing the unique strengths of neurodiverse children and young people and provide advice and guidance on how to support them with the challenges they face. Any parent or carer is welcome to join regardless of whether their child has a neurodiverse diagnosis. The workshops are live on Zoom and 60 minutes long. Recordings of the workshops will be available after the live event.

Childhood neurodiversity: What you need to know as a parent

What is neurodiversity? What is autism, ADHD and learning disability? Does my child need a Diagnosis to get support? This introductory workshop will answer these questions and introduce where parents/carers can find advice and guidance for supporting their neurodiverse children. 6th June 2023 – 18:00 Book here

Childhood neurodiversity: Managing big feelings (including anxiety and low mood) This workshop will explore why neurodiverse children may develop difficulties with their emotions, Including anxiety and low mood and how parents/carers can support neurodiverse children with managing their big feelings.

3rd July 2023 - 13:00 Book here

Childhood neurodiversity: How the brain develops

This workshop covers child brain development including the impact of relationships in early childhood and changes in adolescence. The workshops will also explore neurodiversity in brain development.

8th August 2023 – 18:00 Book here

Childhood neurodiversity: Understanding and managing behaviour

When distressed, neurodiverse children and young people may show behaviours that challenge the adults around them. This workshop explores how to understand behaviour and how parents/carers can support their neurodiverse children with behaviours of distress. 7th September 2023 – 13:00 Book here

Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Psychology in Schools Team - NSFT



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