

Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fabulous week at Place Farm this week, with so much to be proud of.

We started off the week with a wonderful carol service at St Mary's church involving some of our Year 6 pupils, alongside other local schools. The choir sang beautifully and Cata Stroe, our Head Boy, read his reading with great confidence. They really demonstrated our PROUD values brilliantly!



This week Year 3 had a great time being immersed in the Stone Age experience, as they enjoyed their day with Mr Sheldrake from Portals of the Past. As he left, Mr Sheldrake commented on how amazing the children were and how much he loves coming to Place Farm: he said the children are always so polite and bring so much knowledge to the sessions! Another reason to be proud!

Today we have fully embraced all things Christmas with our Christmas in a Day! It was wonderful to see everyone involved in the Christmas lunch and we thank you for your support with Carols on the Playground. The staff and pupils have been working so hard to learn the songs, and get used to singing outside, which can be tricky in such a large group!

You will have noticed that we are very much missing Steve, our school crossing patrol colleague. Unfortunately he has been poorly but very much hopes to be back with us in January. I'm sure you will join me in wishing him well.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs McConnell
Head of School



Upcoming Dates:

December

18th December: Flu Vaccination catch-up session

No school crossing patrol all week

19th December: EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity

20th December: EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity

21st December: Class Christmas parties (afternoon)

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

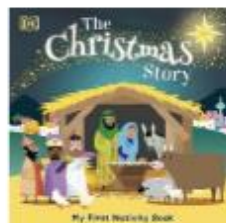
Half term: 19th-23rd February

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

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 6 choir St Mary's Church carol performance



On Monday evening, the Year 6 choir performed at the St Mary's Church carol concert.

They were fantastic as they performed 'Jingle Bell Rock' to a full capacity audience. The Place Farm choir also joined in with several other Christmas carols and hymns with singers from Clements Primary Academy, Burton End Primary Academy and Castle Manor Academy.



As well as the group carol performances, Lillie W in 6EJ sang a solo verse alongside a soloist from each of the other schools and Cata S in 6SL performed a reading at the church.



Year 3 Stone Age Experience Day

This week Year 3 have been lucky enough to have Portals to the Past come in and deliver a fantastic Stone Age Experience Day. This included learning about life in Britain thousands of years ago and even getting the chance to get their hands on some artefacts including mammoth tusks, sabre tooth tiger teeth and a woolly rhinoceros bone!

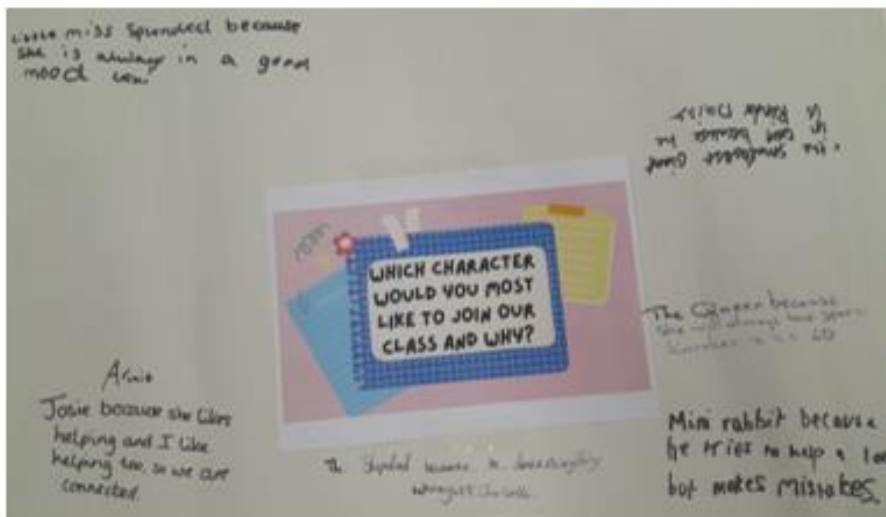
All the children had a fantastic day dressing up and getting involved and they all looked great!



4KM Reading Cafe

On Thursday, we held our Reading Café for 4KM. 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 "Which character would you most like to join our class 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 😊



Rainbow Library Trip

Rainbow Class had a wonderful time at Haverhill library on Thursday. They enjoyed looking at a whole range of books and found out about the lovely things they can take part in at the library, Lego Club being a particular favourite!

The class listened to stories read by the librarians. They especially enjoyed the one about a cheeky crocodile who decided to eat his way through the book!

The best part of the trip, though, had to be using the scanners and stampers to take out some books of their own!

A fantastic outing, enjoyed by all 😊



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

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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