

Newsletter



Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to welcome all our families back in school this week. The children are looking smart in their uniforms and they have been enjoying breaktimes on the field now that spring has sprung!

The term has started as we mean to go on - with lots of fantastic learning and enrichment opportunities: Year 3 enjoyed their visit to the library as well as having the opportunity to read alongside parents in our Reading Café. Thank you to those parents who attended.



Our teachers will be sharing year group newsletters with you in the next week or so, outlining what your children will be learning this term - please do look out for these on Class Dojo.

We have recently emailed all parents a letter on behalf of Caterlink, relating to a school meal price increase as of Monday. Please do check your emails for the detail.

In addition to this, we have sent an email regarding upcoming strike dates, the intention being to give parents as much notice as possible.

Wishing you a very lovely weekend,

Lisa McConnell
Head of School

Calendar:

May:

Thursday 4th May – EYFS to Boydell's Farm

Thursday 4th May – 4KM Reading Cafe

Friday 5th May – Purple Day and the King's Coronation Day – details to follow

Monday 8th May – Bank holiday to celebrate the King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May: Year 6 SATs Week

June:

Week commencing 12th June – sports days. More info to follow

27th & 28th June: Kip on a Ship residential (Year 5)

30th June - Trust-wide PD day (school closed)

July:

5th-7th July: Year 6 Mersea Residential

Friday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation (provisional date)

Week commencing 17th July: Transition days (provisional date)

Coats

With the start of summer term and the promise of warmer weather, it is tempting for children to start to attend school without coats.



The weather at the moment remains quite changeable and therefore we recommend that you continue to send your child into school with an appropriate coat, as all children will be going outside to enjoy the fresh air at breaktimes.



EXCITING NEW SPORTS CLUBS AFTER EASTER!

There has been an overwhelming interest in these sports clubs this term, which is amazing to see! If your child is interested, please contact Mr Jones to enquire on whether any further spaces are available.

Prestige

Monday afterschool - Gymnastics (for all)

Wednesday afterschool - Dodgeball/ Archery (alternate weeks)(for all)

Thursday afterschool - Laser Tag (for all)

Friday afterschool - Football (Years 1-3)

Breakfast clubs as per normal (could be offered to BASC as well to extend offer)

Mr Jones will be running a football club:

Monday afterschool - Football (Years 4-6)

Year 3 Reading Café

Yesterday, family members from 3SJ attended their first reading cafe! It was fantastic to see so many children arrive and enjoy reading with their parents and carers and they cannot wait for the next one!



Writing at Place Farm

How can you help at home?



- Reading a wide variety of books regularly will help them to learn new words that they can later use in their writing.
- Encourage them to write neatly and spell correctly when they are writing at home
- Give them fun opportunities to write (stories, the family news, recipes etc)
- Help them with their spelling homework. If you guide and support them, homework will be more impactful

What do we do in school?



- Spelling lessons three times a week (from Year 2 onwards)
 - Writing lessons 2 or 3 times a week in Key Stage One
 - Writing lessons every day in Key Stage Two
 - Handwriting sessions at least twice a week

What we are doing this half term:

Year Group	Writing genres
EYFS	
1	Poetry, informal letters, setting descriptions
2	Non-chronological reports, narratives
3	Third person narratives, formal letters to complain
4	Adventure stories, diary entries
5	Playscript synopsis, narratives
6	Third person adventure stories, news reports

Some of our pupils' excellent writing from last term:

Early one morning me and my little brother Mac went into beautiful Space to see the different planets.

All of a sudden our big conifer Space rocket braces down and we crashed on a planet we did not know what to do. We were scared and hungry. We screamed for help finally a gremlin helped us to fix it and we got home and had a hot chocolate and went to bed.

Ingredient	Example	My work	My teacher
Plan a simple narrative using a planning frame	The small blue planet in outer space	✓	
Use adjectives to describe the setting	old, angry, pink	✓	
Use your imagination about what happens next	Planet saying that it is a friend	✓	
Re-read your sentences to check	For your paper we will read it to you next	✓	

Monday 27th February 2023

Lo: I can write a third person narrative

The large blue sky shone above the hot, Endless desert. The huge sun was evaporating water holes to mere holes in the sand, even the thin furred meerkat and his brothers were finding it hard to keep cool. Even under the shadiest rocks the heat was still unbearable.

The wet season had just passed and the heat had picked up immensely since the last and the bigger animals started to take homes of smaller animals. When will the snake leave his shelter so we can reclaim it? Sighed the meerkat to herself. All that was left around the shelter was the odd rock as the sand was to close to dig another they could travel but they would not risk of leaving nearby waterhole.



Coronation Celebrations – 5th May 2023

Place Farm Academy will be celebrating King Charles III Coronation on Friday 5th May, alongside Purple Day. The children will be encouraged to dress in red, white and blue with a purple accessory. There will be a £1 voluntary donation on the day for Purple Day.

Throughout the week, children will be creating Coronation Crafts, learning about the British Royal family history and creating class time capsules. As well as this, the lunch for the day will be a fish and chip lunch in the hall with a special red, white and blue-themed dessert. The hall will be decorated in the style of a British tea party including bunting, table decorations and British proms in the park music playing. There will also be Bouncy castles in the afternoon on the field, courtesy of Prestige Sports. We look forward to sharing more information and photos nearer the time.

Sendit

Sendit is an add on app to Snapchat and it allows users to play games together. **Sendit state on their website that the app is not intended for children under the age of 13.**

The games include Q&A games including ask me anything. A user asks a question and players can respond **anonymously**. As with any anonymous element, there is an increased risk of cyberbullying.

The app does contain in-app purchases ranging from £0.99 to £29.99. There is also a weekly subscription service available, which provides users with enhanced features. It costs £8.49 per week. Ensure payment details are not stored/accessible on your child's device to avoid unexpected bills.

If you know that your child is using this app then you can contact Sendit to ask them to disable their account.

Further information

<https://www.getsendit.com/parents>

Anime TV

Anime refers to animations originating from Japan. Due to its cartoon style, your child might inadvertently watch it when it isn't appropriate for their age. Some Anime contains adult themes. It is important to check age ratings so a starting point could be Common Sense Media. They have created a list of some Anime TV with reviews/age ratings:

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/anime-tv-for-teens-and-tweens>

Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would

if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps e.g. WhatsApp.

Top Internet Manners



Internet Matters have produced a list of 'manners' that we all should follow to create a safer and kinder online world: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/top-internet-manners/>

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

Further information

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/how-do-i-know-if-im-being-mean-online>

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BeReal

You must be 13+ to use BeReal. BeReal is a social media app. It notifies you once a day to upload an image of what you are doing. Once you receive the notification, you have two minutes to capture and share what you are doing at that moment. All your friends post at the exact same time and once you have posted, you can then see what your friends have posted. If you do not post, then you cannot see your friend's BeReals from that day or access the discovery tab.



What do I need to be aware of?

BeReal is private by default and only visible to your friends. However, it is possible to share with all users by selecting the public option. If selected, your BeReal will appear in the Discovery tab so all users can see and interact with it, therefore there is the possibility of strangers contacting your child via this app.

There is also an option to share your location. Chat to your child about location sharing as it is important that your child understands the risk of location sharing and when it is and is not appropriate to share.

Discovery tab – this is the area where you can view all other BeReals that have been made public. There is an element of risk that your child may see an inappropriate image depending on what others have uploaded.

If your child is using BeReal then talk to them about what they share, what they should do if they see something inappropriate or that they find upsetting and that they know how to use the reporting tools.

Further information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-bereal-safe-for-my-child>

Snapchat Update

Family Centre: New Feature

Snapchat launched Family Centre last year, which includes features such as allowing you to see who your child is friends with on Snapchat and who they have been communicating with (you will not be able to see the contents of conversations).

Snapchat have now announced their latest feature for Family Centre - Content Controls. Content controls will allow you to limit the type of content your child can watch on Snapchat by filtering out stories.

You can find out how to set this new feature up here:
<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/introducing-content-controls-on-family-center>

TikTok update

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

60-minute screentime notification

TikTok are introducing a 60-minute screentime notification for teen accounts (accounts with users under 18 years of age). When the time limit is reached, the user will be asked to enter their passcode to continue watching.

Family Pairing: new features

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. TikTok have now added three new features:

- **Custom daily screen time limits:** this option includes choosing different time limits depending on the day of the week as well.
- **Screen time dashboard:** this provides a summary of time spent on the app, the number of times TikTok was opened and a breakdown of total time spent during the day and night.
- **Mute notifications:** this setting will enable you to mute notifications at set times. Accounts aged 13-15 already do not receive push notifications from 9pm and for accounts aged 16-17, notifications are disabled from 10pm.

You can find out more here:
<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/new-features-for-teens-and-families-on-tiktok-us>

When should a child get their own phone?

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find the latest article from the Education Team at Childnet useful:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/experts-answer-when-should-my-child-get-their-first-phone>

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Wednesday 18th October 2023 7PM

Thursday 19th October 2023 7PM

Friday 20th October 2023 7PM

Saturday 21st October 2023 2:30PM and 7PM



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**Centre Stage Production of Joseph and the Amazing
Technicoloured Dreamcoat
Audition Dates:**

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a youth production for ages 9 (current year 4) up to the age of 18 (year 13). We are looking for a range of boys and girls to join this amazing production!

Key dates:

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7pm - information evening

Tuesday 9th May and Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7pm: sing through.

Auditions

Thursday 18th May 2023 and Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7pm

Thursday surnames A-L, Tuesday surnames M-Z (if you cannot attend your specified day, no worries, just come along to the other auditions!)

All dates will be at the Leiston Centre in Haverhill.

If you have any questions or want to find out more, visit us on Facebook or email:

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