

Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we enjoyed our first sporting fixture of the year, with Mr Jones and Mr Lewis escorting pupils from Years 5 & 6 to participate in a Cross-Country competition at Castle Manor Academy. The children had a great time and demonstrated our PROUD values brilliantly - well done to all those involved.

This week Mrs Stewart shared a Phonics video on the Class Dojo page for EYFS, explaining our Phonics programme: Sounds Write. If you have a child in Early Years, please do take a look - it contains some really helpful information about how to support your child at home. Please do contact Mrs Stewart, or your child's class teacher, if you have any specific questions.

We have a range of upcoming events arranged for this half term and the calendar below is being updated regularly (alongside Class Dojo). This newsletter also contains information relating to the upcoming discos on 19th October and also to forthcoming flu vaccinations.



As part of our Harvest Festival on Monday 9th October, we are supporting Reach Haverhill with food collection. Please read on to see a list of items that would be gratefully received, should families wish to donate.

Class teachers continue to work hard at embedding routines and expectations with their classes. To help further with this, we ask that you please aim to drop your child/children off at the school gates on a morning, rather than coming on site. Any key messages that you need to communicate to the class teacher can be communicated via Class Dojo. Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs McConnell
Head of School

October

5th October – Burger Day school lunch

9th October – Harvest Festival – see enclosed information

10th October - Additional &ilearn 1:1 ipad session for parents of Years 4-6 children 2:30pm

11th October - Additional &ilearn 1:1 ipad session for parents of Years 4-6 children 5:00pm

12th October – Harry Potter Day – see enclosed information

17th October – OM Nurse led Puberty Workshop for parents 4:00pm

19th October: Autumn School disco – see enclosed information

: Reception 2023 Open Event for prospective Early Years parents 9.15am

31st October – Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2024

Half term: 23rd October-3rd November

Return to school: 6th November

November

8th November – Class photographs

9th November: Reception 2023 Open Event for prospective Early Years parents 9.15am

16th November: Reception 2023 Open Event for prospective Early Years parents 9.15am

Parents' Evening: 20th November (3.45-7.30); 21st November (3.45-5.30) – more information to follow

30th November: Reception 2023 Open Event for prospective Early Years parents 9.15am

December

Carols on the playground and Christmas in Day: Friday 15th December – more information to follow

EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity: Tuesday 19th December & Wednesday 20th December

School term ends 21st December

January

PD Day: 3rd January – school closed

Spring terms starts – Thursday 4th January

Half term: 19th-23rd February



School Crossing Notice

On Monday 2nd October and Tuesday 3rd October there will be no school crossing patrol at the end of the school day.

The patrol point will be unsupervised for these two afternoons and so please take extra care when crossing the road. Please also warn any children that walk home on their own after school to be extra vigilant and careful.

Reading Cafes

Reading Cafes – Below is a list of the Reading Cafes for all classes. Please look closely at when your child/children will be having theirs. They will take place in the school hall like last year. For any new parents, this is a time to come into school and read books with your child. All are welcome 😊

Thursday 28 th September	Rainbow – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 5 th October	1ES – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 12 th October	1ED – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 19 th October	2LA – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 9 th November	2SA – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 16 th November	3SJ – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 23 rd November	3KM – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 7 th December	4RG – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 14 th December	4KM – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 11 th January 2024	5JG – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 18 th January	5CM – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 1 st February	0AP – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 8 th February	0LP – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 15 th February	6EJ – 9:00 – 9:30
Thursday 29 th February	6SL – 9:00 – 9:30

Haverhill Library Visits

Haverhill Library Visits – these are the dates and times that the different classes will be visiting Haverhill Library. On this day, the children will need to bring in their library card.

Thursday 5 th October	5CM - am 5JG - pm
Thursday 12 th October	4KM - am 4RG - pm
Thursday 19 th October	3SJ - am
Thursday 9 th November	3KM - am

Thursday 16 th November	2SA – am
Thursday 23 rd November	2LA – am
Thursday 30 th November	1ED – am
Thursday 7 th December	1ES – am
Thursday 14 th December	Rainbow – am



ipad parent session for parents of Years 4 – 6 pupils

As promised, we have two final parent sessions for those parents that have been unable to attend the 1-1 iPad sessions so far. The two dates are:

Tuesday 10th October - 2:30pm in the hall

Wednesday 11th October - 5:00pm in the hall

If you have not already, please can you ensure that you attend one of the sessions. This is vitally important in allowing your child to take home their 1-1 iPad.

OM NURSE LED PARENTAL WORKSHOP (PUBERTY)

On **Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 4pm** in the school hall, we have a visit from the OM Nurse, who will be leading a parental information session on Puberty. If you are interested in attending this session please complete the forms link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/NNseND6USp>




We are supporting Reach Haverhill again this year with a food collection for their Harvest Festival in support of our local community.

If you are able to donate towards this cause, please can your child bring in items in preparation for our Harvest Assembly on Monday 9th October 2023. Any items brought in can be handed to your child's class teacher. **Please ensure any donations are in school by Friday 6th October.** There will be a certificate presented during our Harvest Assembly to the class with the most donations.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Please see the attached list below of the items that Reach Haverhill require this year:



Harvest shopping list 2023


Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!

<input type="checkbox"/> Squash	<input type="checkbox"/> Jam
<input type="checkbox"/> Custard	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice
<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar 1kg	<input type="checkbox"/> Noodles
<input type="checkbox"/> Pudding (rice or sponge)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tea
<input type="checkbox"/> Crisps/crackers	<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet roll
<input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes (tinned/mashed)	<input type="checkbox"/> UHT milk
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juice (long-life)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo
<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee	<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant
<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate treats	<input type="checkbox"/> Shower Gel

NOT needed:

Beans	Tinned fruit
Pasta	Pasta sauce
Cereal	Tinned fish
Biscuits	Tinned meat
Dog / Cat food	Soup
Washing up liquid	Tinned tomatoes

www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/harvest



Marvellous Maths at Place Farm



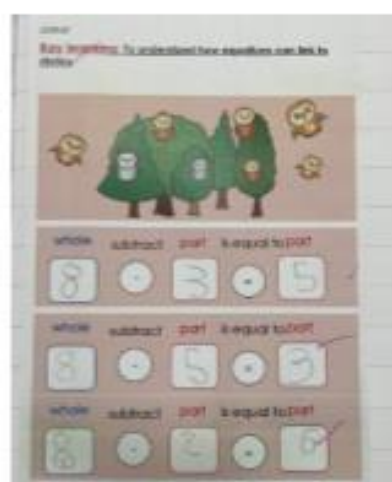
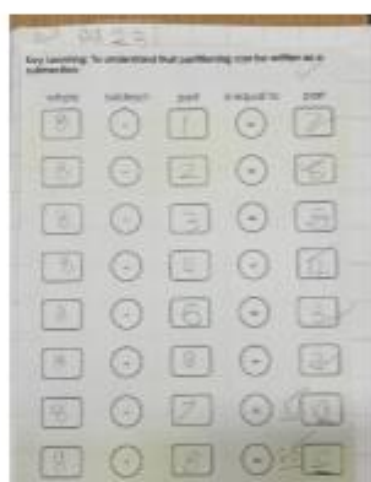
Maths in Early Years:

The children in Early Years have settled really well and have been working so hard in their Maths learning. They have started their daily Maths Meetings and have been fantastic! They have started to learn the counting principles and have been applying these to different objects. They have also been encouraged to count different things in and around the indoor and outdoor environments.

Amazing work Early Years – keep it up! 😊

Maths in Year One:

The children in Year One have been working incredibly hard! They have been looking at addition and subtraction within ten. In their unit, they have been counting on, partitioning and counting back. The children have been using different manipulatives to help them with this such as: number lines, multi-link and Dienes. They have even challenged themselves to apply this to some problem-solving. Keep up the fantastic work everyone! 😊



Maths in Year Two:

Year Two have really shown drive in their Maths lessons. They have been working so hard to write their date and learning objective so beautifully in their Maths books. The children have been adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. They have been using their knowledge of number bonds to help them with this. As well as this, they have been using the Dienes and part-part-whole models to help them work out different equations.

Keep up the brilliant work Year Two! 😊

Maths in Year Three:

Year Three have also been working super hard in their Maths lessons this week. They have been logging on to Times Table Rockstars to practise their times tables. Remember to log on at home to keep practising these! They have been exploring different calculations strategies including using known facts, adding on to find the difference and rounding and adjusting. They will shortly be moving on to their new unit of place value where they will be reading, writing and comparing 3-digit numbers.

Excellent work Year Three! 😊

Rainbow Class

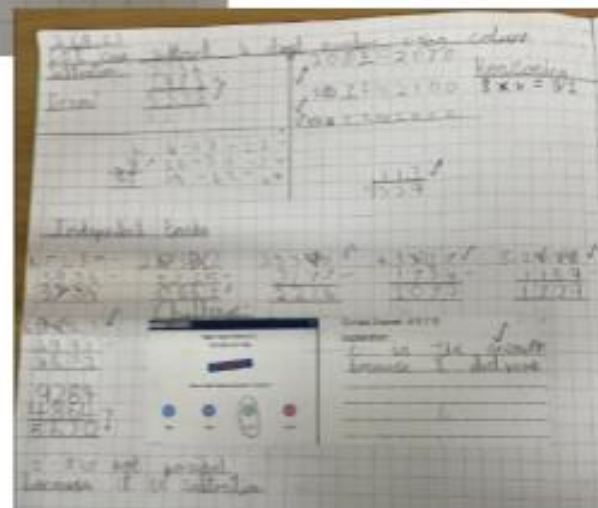
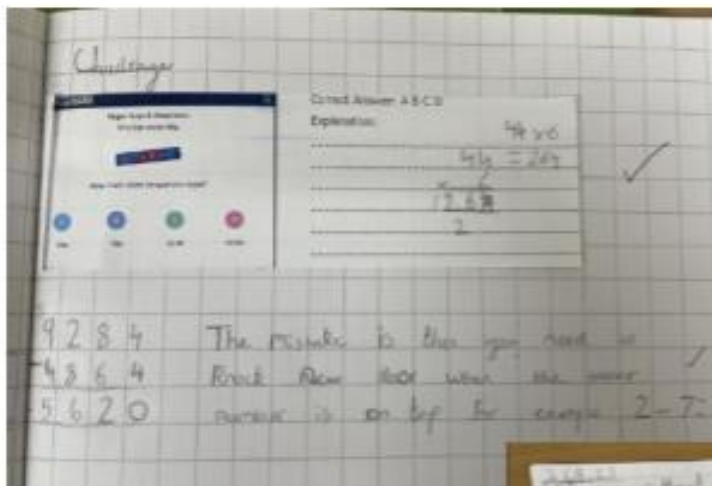
This week in Rainbow Class, the children have been doing some fantastic learning! They have been looking at their number bonds to 10. As well as this, they have been adding and subtracting a 1-digit number from a teen number using known facts to help them. Next, they will be moving on to looking at different addition and subtraction strategies.

Well done Rainbow Class – keep up the splendid work 😊

Maths in Year Four:

In Year Four this week, the children have been showing lots of resilience. They have been working hard on their Soundcheck on Times Table Rockstars. Remember to keep practising at home too! The children have been looking at addition and subtraction. They have been using different strategies and identifying which ones are more efficient than others. As well as this, they have been using column addition and subtraction and even applying their knowledge to solve a variety of problems.

Well done Year Four – keep up the hard work! 😊



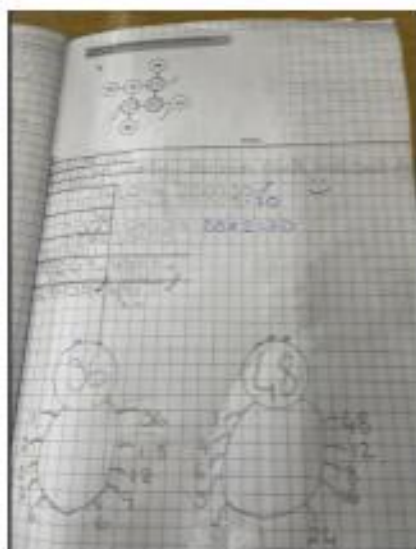
Maths in Year Five:

Year Five have been working super hard in their Maths lessons this week. The children have been looking at addition and subtraction. They have been using column addition and subtraction to add increasing larger numbers. In addition to this, they have been solving problems using this knowledge. They have been really working hard on unpicking the word problems to see what equations they need to solve.

Great work Year Five 😊

Maths in Year Six:

The Year Six children have been demonstrating hard work and resilience in their Maths lessons. They have made us so proud on their arithmetic tests because of their amazing scores already at this time of the year! Remember to keep practising the questions at home. In class, they have been looking at multiplication and division. This has involved revisiting, as well as learning new formal methods such as long multiplication and long division, which can be extremely challenging! Keep up the fab work Year Six! 😊



Autumn Disco



Autumn Disco!

Thursday 19th October '23

EYFS disco will run during the school day from 2:30pm until 3:00pm. EYFS pupils can wear non-uniform for this day. Tickets cost £1 and will include a snack.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco will run from 3:40pm-4:45pm. Pupils can bring party clothes to school to change into before the disco. Tickets will cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Year 4 and Year 5 disco will run from 5:00pm- 6:15pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Children can also bring **up to £3** with them to purchase small items (detailed below). Pupils will need to look after any change during the disco so please try to give them the correct amount of money.

Glow sticks= 50p each

Finger lights = £1 each

Please pay for your ticket on ParentPay.

Flu Immunisation information

This is the link for giving consent for your child to have the flu vaccine (mentioned in the poster below):

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/suffolk>

Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

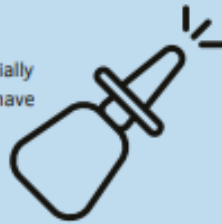
To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/suffolk>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu.
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions).
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective.
- ✓ Is free



THE IM FLU VACCINE



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. This *may* also be the vaccine of choice for vegans. Please go to our website where you can find out more about the manufacturing of the flu injection, and then decide if the injection is more suited to your child.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQ's, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQ's enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,
Your Local Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK



Vaccination UK

SUFFOLK Immunisation Team Contact Details



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USEFUL INFO



We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.



PLEASE NOTE the flu vaccine will **NOT** be available to otherwise healthy children after **December 15th** at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.



Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

USEFUL LINKS



www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu

www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk



PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2023/24 policy can be viewed here:

www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy

For data protection queries, please contact:

dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

We do not eat pork products.

Can my child have a different flu vaccine?

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

If your child is vegan, please note that the flu injection is a cell based vaccine. For more information, please see our FAQs page on our website:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu>

A weekend story/ poem from Miss Jenkins

Take a moment this weekend to sit and read the story/poem below. Discuss with your child/children the meaning behind the text. What have they learnt? Can they write something similar following the same structure/ story line? If they do come up with something amazing, please send it my way so I can display it in the library ☺

Round and Round

Round and round the playground,
Marching in a line,
I'll hold your hand.
You hold mine.

Round and round the playground
Skipping in a ring
Everybody loves it
When we all sing.

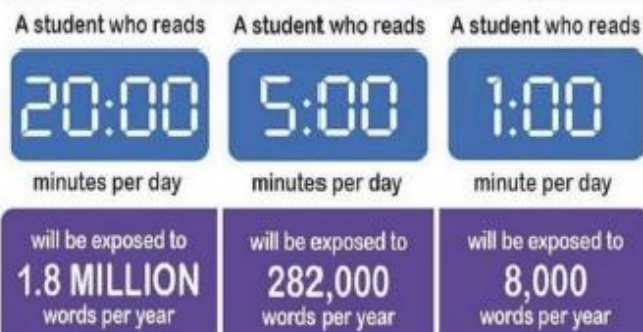
Round and round the playground
That's what we like:
Climbing on the climbing frame,
Riding on the bike.

Round and round the playground,
All together friends.
We're sad, sad, sad
When the school day ends.

John Kitching

Reading at Home 😊

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!



Please ensure you make time, every evening, to listen to your child read – even if it is just for a couple of minutes. You will be exposing them to new vocabulary which will be improving their understanding and building a bank of new words to use.

How should it be recorded once I have listened to them?

EYFS, KS1 and Rainbow	KS2
Once you have heard your child read, please write in their planner which page they got up to and sign it. The teacher will then look out for this the following day 😊	Once your child has read to you, they can write in their planner which page they got up to but please can you sign next to it. The teacher will then look out for this the following day 😊

If you have any questions about reading at home, please do message Miss Jenkins on Class Dojo.



On Thursday 12th October we will be taking part in Bloomsbury's Harry Potter Book Day.

To celebrate the day, the children can dress up in wizard costumes and donate £1.00 to the school library. We are hoping that with the funds collected we can buy new books 😊

During the day the children will take part in a Magical Places creative writing session from the Great Hall, a spellcasting class from platform nine and three-quarters and a How To Draw Hogwarts session with Evanna and Harry Potter illustrator Jonny Duddle.



Instead of buying a costume, why not make your own!

Please note there is no pressure for children to dress up if they do not wish to – the focus is on enjoying the event! If they do not wish to dress up then they should attend wearing school uniform as normal.



SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD OFF SCHOOL?

Sometimes children are clearly too unwell for school, but sometimes it can be tricky to decide whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. Since Covid, parents are finding the decision even more difficult to make. Attending school is vitally important for the long-term wellbeing and aspirations of children. Poor attendance can negatively impact a child's future, both socially and developmentally, as well as educationally. There are government guidelines that say when children should be kept off school, how long they should be kept off for and when they shouldn't be kept away from school.

No they are ok to go to school

Cough, cold and flu-like illness (no temperature)

and make sure you let their school know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever

Head lice

Tonsillitis

Threadworms

Slapped cheek

Yes tell school immediately and keep them off until...

Cough, cold and flu-like illness (with temperature), including Covid-19

they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for Covid-19

Chickenpox

at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

48 hours after their last episode

Impetigo

their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics

Measles

4 days after the rash first appeared

Mumps

5 days after the swelling started

Scabies

they've had their first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Whooping Cough

48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://lgco.de/minfec>