

Newsletter

Friday 6th January, 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break; it has been lovely to welcome you all back to school this week. The children have settled back in beautifully and there is a huge sense of enthusiasm in returning to school, which is fantastic to see.

This term we look forward to providing some exciting enrichment opportunities for our pupils, including school discos, visitors in school and school trips.

We are also keen to provide further opportunities for parents and carers to attend school, including Reading Cafés, Parent Evenings and EYFS Parent Share Sessions. Please see the dates below for those events scheduled already.

Please note the slight change in Parents' Evening dates from those shared provisionally before Christmas - this change has been made to ensure that we are able to use recent assessments to support our conversations around pupil progress.

This term we would like to work in partnership with you to focus on two key priorities - we welcome your support with this and will return to these throughout the term:

1. Maintaining high expectations in school uniform - information about this is enclosed
2. Improving attendance

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Lisa McConnell
Head of School

CALENDAR

January

Thursday 26th January, 9-10am EYFS Parents' Share Session

February

Friday 3rd February - NSPCC Number Day - Whole School Maths Fundraiser

Thursday 9th February - School Discos for all year groups - times to be confirmed

Thursday 9th February - Reading Café for 2AP parents/carers - 8.45-9.30 (details to follow)

Thursday 23rd February - Reading Café for 2SA parents/carers-8.45-9.30 (details to follow)

13th-17th February - Half term

20th February - return to school

March

Monday 6th March (late) Parents' Evening

Tuesday 7th March (early) Parents' Evening

Uniform Expectations

We value the importance of school uniform at Place Farm. We believe that it promotes pride, respect, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging amongst our pupils. We thank you in advance for supporting your child to wear the appropriate school uniform, including wearing black school shoes:

Foundation Stage

Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo

White polo shirt

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore (Girls may wear trousers)

Black school shoes/black, white or grey socks/ black or grey tights



Year 1 – 6

Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo

White collared shirt (Not polo shirt)

Tie

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore (Girls may wear trousers)

Black school shoes/white or grey socks

Summer Uniform

Children may continue to wear their shirts and ties, skirts and trousers for the summer months, or alternatively, they may wear the summer uniform:

White polo shirt with logo

Grey tailored shorts/trousers Blue/white check summer dress or grey skirt

Black school shoes/white or grey socks

PE Kit – All Stages

White polo with logo

Blue shorts

Blue jogging bottoms (optional)

Trainers

Blue socks (optional)

Road Safety Warning

Steve has reported that there are a number of pupils at the start and end of the school day who are choosing to cross the road away from the crossing patrol, further up Crowland Road. This is often to meet up with friends on the other side.



If travelling to school unsupervised, please remind your child to use the school crossing available as the safest way to cross – thank you! ☺

Free Pantomime Tickets for Sleeping Beauty Sunday 15th January



We are incredibly excited to be able to offer 200 free tickets to Place Farm families for a Centre Stage performance of Sleeping Beauty, on Sunday, 15th January. This is with huge thanks to the IFF charity trust.

These tickets will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis via an online Forms link, which will be shared via Class Dojo on Monday. There will be a maximum of 4 tickets per family offered in the first round. More details to follow

For Parents and Carers in Suffolk



Let's Talk
with 5-11s

A VIRTUAL, practical course which helps parents and carers to develop and enhance children's understanding and talking.



Communication & Interaction Service

C&I



Suffolk's Specialist Education Services are pleased to be able to offer this popular course. The eight 2 hour sessions will enable you to learn how to develop your children's understanding and talking.

THE AIMS ARE

- To learn why some children find it challenging to understand what is said to them and to talk.
- To give you practical ideas to help children learn to listen, understand and speak.
- To help you develop children's talking so that they do better in school.
- To share ideas with other parents and carers.

TOPICS COVERED

- Understanding what's going on when we talk to each other.
- Improving interaction and conversation.
- Improving listening and understanding.
- Learning new words.
- Talking in full sentences.
- Learning how to ask appropriate questions and share books.
- Helping children whose speech is hard to understand.

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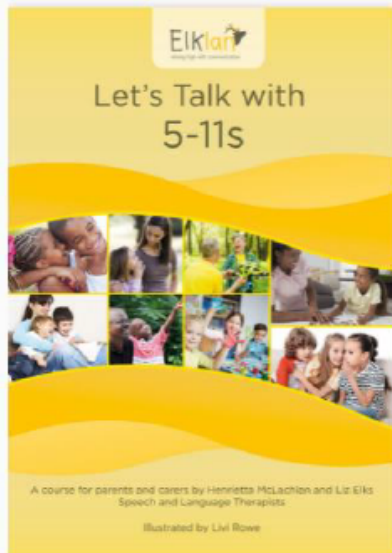
DATES AND TIMES

This course is virtual, delivered through Microsoft TEAMS.

Session 1	9:30am – 11:30am	9.3.23
Session 2	9:30am – 11:30am	16.3.23
Session 3	9:30am – 11:30am	23.3.23
Session 4	9:30am – 11:30am	30.3.23
Session 5	9:30am – 11:30am	20.4.23
Session 6	9:30am – 11:30am	27.4.23
Session 7	9:30am – 11:30am	04.5.23
Session 8	9:30am – 11:30am	11.5.23

COST £15

- You will need to buy the course book, ready to take part in these sessions.
- The course book costs £15 plus postage.
- The course book is available at the **ELKLAN** Shop
<https://www.elkklan.co.uk/Shop/?search=Lets+Talk+5-11+workbook>
(it is the book pictured below)



Let's Talk with 5-11s workbook

£15.00

The workbook for the *Let's Talk with 5-11s* course.

There are no other costs for this unaccredited course.

This is a popular course with limited places. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Closing date for bookings: 22.2.23

Once you have had confirmation of your place on the course you can order your book.

This course is invaluable to parents of children who have any type of difficulty with communication.
L.H. 2015.

I would like to thank you all for doing this course. I have taken so much away from it and find I have a better relationship with my children due to the course.
A.T. 2017.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE/ ASK QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

Lucy Parker lucy.parker@suffolk.gov.uk

Rosemary Kelly rosemary.kelly@suffolk.gov.uk

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Breakfast and Afterschool Club

We provide a welcoming environment for children – who attend Place Farm Primary - from EYFS to Year Six. We offer the children a wide range of stimulating activities planned for enjoyment and relaxation with the opportunities to develop new friendship and skills.

The activities are planned with the children and their ideas and wishes are included where possible. Activities are also adapted to suit the needs of the children so that they can access them.

Snack is available in Afterschool Club at a cost of £1.00 per child, per session. This is provided by the school kitchen.

Money for snack should be put in a named envelope and given to Mrs. Polley, Mrs. Hobbs or the class teacher, where possible, at the beginning of the week.

Orders for snack are given to the kitchen staff each day at lunch time, so they can be prepared for the end of the day.

Children can bring their own snack and drink, if parents should prefer.

**If your child was born between
1 September 2018 and
31 August 2019,
you must apply for a full-time
school place by
15 January 2023**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school



A career in teaching?

<https://ctsnscitt.info/>

Come along to one of our teacher training information events to find out more

CTSN SCITT is recruiting to its 2023-24 school-based teacher training programmes. We offer primary & secondary, salaried & non-salaried, full-time & part-time initial teacher training across Cambridgeshire, west Suffolk, north Essex as well as south and east Norfolk.

12th January, 3.30-4.30pm online via Zoom

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/469179507537>



24th January 2023, 5-6.30pm online via Zoom

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/477197850617>



31st January, 6-7pm online via Zoom

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/439835097617>

7th February, 5-7pm face-to-face at ARU Cambridge

Register an interest via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right or via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/477209064157>



22nd February, 3.30-4.30pm online via Zoom

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/469181824467>

7th March, 4-7pm face-to-face at ARU Peterborough



Register an interest via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right or via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/477248722777>



21st March, 6-7pm online via Zoom

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left
or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/469089518377>

For more information Contact Jane Catley: jcatley@camteach.org.uk