

Newsletter



Friday 1st December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had another full week at Place Farm Primary Academy. This term is always busy and filled with lots of fun activities. We ended the week with our annual pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, which has really started to get the children into the festive spirit.

The weather has changed this week, and the mornings are proving to be quite bitter and icy. Please make sure your child/children are bringing their coats to school to keep them warm.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Jane Sendall
Headteacher

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A message from Friends of Place Farm:

“This is the last week you can return your raffle tickets: the deadline to be entered into the draw is Friday 8th December, so don’t miss out!”

Don't forget our Art Exhibition on Tuesday 5th December 2017

The children and staff have been working very hard this term, to produce some wonderful art pieces to share with you. We look forward to seeing you between 3:15pm and 4:30pm

Adverse weather conditions

In matters related to adverse weather conditions, we will **keep the school open** whenever possible, provided the safety of children and staff can be maintained.

The decision to stay open or close the school will be made by **7.00a.m.** This will be based on:

- the ability of staff to get into school
- the safety/ conditions in the building, given the weather
- the likelihood of weather becoming even worse during the day.

As well as the Council’s notification system, we will communicate with you as parents, carers and staff via:

- Twitter – via <https://twitter.com/PlaceFarmAcad>
- Parent Mail – if some staff are able to get to school
- Local radio stations e.g. BBC Suffolk

Jack and the Beanstalk

West End in Schools visited Place Farm on Friday to perform Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime to all the children in the school. They told the story of how Jack had to sell his cow to be able to pay for the rent. In return he received some magic beans. The magic beans turned into a gigantic beanstalk, which Jack climbed to rescue his cow from the giant.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and joined in with the traditional songs and dances.

A big **THANK YOU** to Friends of Place Farm for funding the performance.



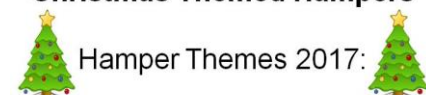
Friends of Place Farm Update

We are holding our Christmas Bazaar on Friday 15th December to coincide with 'Carols on the Playground'. We'll be serving hot drinks and hot dogs to keep you warm during the carols. There will be the obligatory cake stall - more on that later; games for the children after school; and the return of the ever popular year group hamper raffle.

For those of you who are new to the school the hampers work like this: each year will have a theme and we would very much appreciate it if you could purchase a small gift based on that theme. Children will then be invited to bring their gifts into school on the morning of **Wednesday 13th December**. We will draw lines on the playground for each year group, and your child should place their donation on the appropriate line for their year. The year group which has the most gifts will win a chocolate treat. The hampers will then be raffled during the Christmas Bazaar, tickets costing 50p each.

Back to the cake stall: we would greatly appreciate donations of cakes/mince pies to sell at the cake stall. Please bring these into school on the morning of Friday 15th December. Thank you very much for your support

Friends of Place Farm Christmas Themed Hampers



Foundation – **Chocolate**

Years 1 & 2 – **Red**

Years 3 & 4 – **Gold**

Years 5 & 6 – **Green/Silver**

Please can you donate a small, inexpensive gift for the hamper?

Gifts should be brought in on the morning of **Wednesday 13th December** and placed on the appropriate year line. The year with the most donated gifts will win a chocolate treat!

The filled boxes will be raffled at the Christmas Fair with the winner taking home the whole box.

Calendar

December

Art Exhibition - parents invited to visit Tuesday 5th December (3:15pm-4:30pm)

Early Years Fairytale Dressing Up Day - Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and Carols on the Playground (2:45pm) - Friday 15th December

EYFS Nativity - Tuesday 19th December and Wednesday 20th December (times/ticket arrangements to be confirmed)

Autumn term ends Wednesday 20th December and the Spring term begins for children on Monday 8th January (4th and 5th January are PD Days)