

# Newsletter



16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to a very exciting week ahead here at Place Farm. We are delighted to welcome Heidi Stubbings, a drama and dance professional who will work with our Year Six pupils. They will be performing for their parents on Friday. Hopefully, pictures to follow next week.

Jane Sendall  
Headteacher

## Accelerated Reader is proving a huge hit!

It has been a challenging task getting Accelerated Reader up and running over the last half term, but I have had lots of help, and we are already noticing positive changes with our children's reading!

I have been really impressed with how the children have embraced the new scheme and adapted to the changes.

We have enhanced our book stock in the Library to meet the needs of Accelerated Reader and the positive results that we are already seeing is extremely encouraging.

This is more than we could have hoped for so early on in the new scheme.

The children love taking the quizzes for each of the books and it is wonderful to see them persevere in order to increase their points and word count. They are always letting me know how well they are doing!

We have been using the summer term as an introduction to Accelerated Reader, but in September we will launch it fully with ongoing competitions to motivate the children further.

There will also be an information session available for parents and carers to find out more about how Accelerated Reader works and how you can support your child at home with their reading. Keep an eye out in the autumn term for when this will take place.

Thank you for your ongoing support and a huge well done to the children for displaying all of our PROUD values in adapting to Accelerated Reader!

*Mrs Thompson*

Please remember to monitor and supervise your child in the playground before the start of the school day. There is a lot of hustle and bustle and this can be challenging for a little person to navigate their way around. Parents are encouraged to wait with children on the playground until the start of the day.



## Reminder

As you will know, the weather has turned incredibly warm over the past few days - at last!

To ensure your child is kept safe in the sun, they must come to school with a name water bottle, a sun hat and pre-applied suncream.

Sunglasses are not to be brought into school.

Thank you for helping to us keep your child safe in the sun.

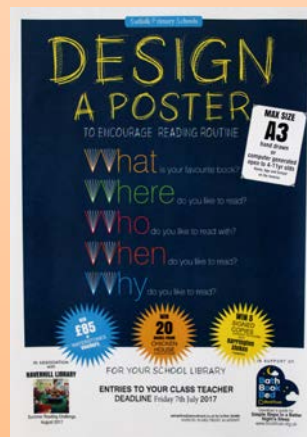


Congratulations to our Kitchen Staff for their hard work and dedication on receiving an outstanding Food Hygiene Rating of 5 Stars



## Design a Poster

In support of the Book Trust's 'Bath, Book and Bed' campaign, we would like to encourage the children to take part in a 'design a poster' competition, aimed at promoting a regular, engaging reading routine (entry details overleaf). There will be a variety of prizes up for grabs, including a possible £85 of Waterstones vouchers, and winning entries will also be publicised in the local community. If your child wishes to take part in the competition, please follow the guidance on the poster attached, and ensure that all entries are handed to **Miss Jarvis** by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. We look forward to see the amazing posters!



## Calendar

### June

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Mersa Parents' Meeting

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Seaside Trip

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June: New Entrants' Open Morning

### July

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Year 6 Residential Trip to Mersea

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: 9:15am - 10:15am EYFS Sports Day - 13:30pm - 15:00pm Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July: 13:30 - 15:00 Years 4, 5, 6 Sports Day

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Reports to Parents - James Campbell, Author, Visiting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Fun Day / Leavers' Disco

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: EYFS Seaside Share Afternoon

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Last Day of Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September: PD Days

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: Pupils back to school