

Newsletter

23rd October 2015



Dear Parent/Carer

We have now reached the end of the first half term. This term has seen a huge amount of activity with pupils taking part in a number of very exciting events. We have seen pupils; collecting for our local foodbank, taking part in a cross country competition, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, completing some fantastic Big Write activities, welcoming parents for special lunches, visiting Cambridge Science Centre, and the museums, learning Latin, and much, much more!

This week our Parent's Evenings were very successful, with an overwhelming majority of parents able to come along to appointments. These evenings are a vital part of your child's learning and the opportunity to keep you informed is always welcome.

Our Open Mornings start the first week after half term. If you have friends considering a school place for September 2016, please do encourage them to book a space and come along.

Next week is of course half term. I hope that pupils, and staff, enjoy a well earned rest. We return to school on Monday 2nd November, fresh and ready for another action packed half term.

Jane Sendall
Head of School

Payments to School

Please remember that our office should not take payments across the counter. Due to a change in systems we will need to stop taking all payments in the office after half term. Payment for dinner money and trips are paid via ParentPay. Please ask at the office for activation details if you have not had these in the past.

If you still need to pay by cash the office can provide a coded letter for you to use at any PayPoint location.



ParentPay



Rainbow Class Fund Raiser

The Rainbow Class showed their Understanding yesterday when they raised money in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. After an excellent days fund raising the final amount was £32.55. Well done the Rainbow Class!

They are really looking forward to meeting Parsley the Guide Dog on 5th November!



Perfect Playground Plans

As part of the new break and lunchtime arrangements, Mr Gudgeon, Miss Pilsworth, Miss Willis, Mrs Coe and Ms MacPhail are overseeing the redevelopment and improvement of the school playground. We have spoken to some of your children and have lots of fantastic ideas of how to bring learning and enjoyment to the playground. While we are able to fund and provide the majority of the new equipment, we would like to enlist your help for certain resources! We are looking for:

- Different sized tyres
- Empty plastic 4 pint milk bottles
- Wind chimes

If you feel that you would be able to contribute your skills in any way, please contact one of the teachers who will provide you with more information. We are hoping to collect everything by Friday 4th December 2015, to enable us to start the redevelopment project. Thank you for your support, we are looking forward to seeing how it all comes together in the Spring term.

Curriculum Update

At our Parents Evening we shared with you a leaflet about the new assessment system and information our innovative new curriculum. We would encourage everybody to find out details about the new curriculum, which you can find on our website.

Upcoming Dates

4 th -6 th November	Year 5 to Kingswood
11 th November	Individual photographs
4 th December	Friends of Place Farm Christmas Fair
7 th December	Castle Partnership Carol Service
9 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
10 th December	Whole School Art Exhibition
15 th December	Author Gillian Overitt to visit Place Farm
17 th December	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity Performances
18 th December	Last Day of Term
Monday 4 th January	PD Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of Spring Term



Open Morning

Place Farm Primary Academy
Head of School
Mrs Jane Sandall

Tues 3rd Nov, 9 - 10am
Tues 10th Nov, 9 - 10am
Thurs 19th Nov, 9 - 10am

If you are applying for a Reception place in September 2016 why not join one of our Open Mornings to see our fantastic academy in action? Please contact 01440 702 836 to book your place.

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Friends Update

It's been a long time since our last update but rest assured we have been busy planning behind the scenes! Although it is still very early but we are building up to the Christmas activities.

Foundation, Years 1, 2 and the Rainbow class have been busy producing their own Christmas cards. We should have the proof cards after half term which will be sent home and you will have the opportunity to purchase cards, tags, mugs or tea towels to give to those special people at Christmas.

Our Christmas Fair is booked for Friday 4th December, straight after school. The Grand Prize Draw will be drawn at this event, the first prize will be £100 cash again this year and tickets will be sent home to purchase during November. If you would like a stall at our event, please email chairfriendsofplacefarm@gmail.com or comment on the Friends of Place Farm facebook page, they are available at a discounted price of £5 for Castle Partnership parents or £10 to anyone else.

We will also be asking the children to donate a small item towards the Christmas hampers again. Themes will be sent home towards the end of November and the completed hampers will be raffled at the Christmas Fair. For those parents new to the school, each year group will be given a broad theme, for example chocolate or gold, and we ask that everyone bring in something small associated to that. All the donations are used to make up hampers which we then raffle and the winner takes home the whole hamper.

Father Christmas has confirmed he will be visiting us again and tickets to see him will be on sale next half term priced at £2.50, all children will receive a good quality gift. We will publicise widely when these are available so don't worry about missing out!!

Please get in touch if anyone wants to help with setting up during the day or running a stall at the Fair, all volunteers are welcomed with open arms! We are also in need of creative people who would like to help set the grotto during the morning of Friday 4th December.

Term Dates - 2015/16

Autumn Term

Weds 2nd Sep – Fri 23rd Oct 2015
(Half term: Mon 26th –
Fri 30th Oct 2015)

Mon 2nd Nov – Fri 18th Dec 2015
(Christmas: Mon 21st Dec –
Fri 1st Jan 2016)

Spring Term

Mon 4th Jan – Fri 12th Feb 2016
(Half term: Mon 15th –
Fri 19th Feb 2016)

Mon 22nd Feb – Thur 24th Mar 2016
(Easter: Fri 25th Mar –
Fri 8th Apr 2016)

Summer Term

Mon 11th April – Fri 27th May 2016
(Half term: Mon 30th May –
Fri 3rd Jun)

Mon 6th June – Thur 21st Jul 2016

PD Days (Closed to pupils)

Mon 4th Jan 2016

Fri 29th Jan 2016

Mon 11th April 2016