

Newsletter

20th November 2015



Dear Parent/Carer

This week our pupils (and parents!) have enjoyed visiting our book fair. Reading together is a wonderful tool for engaging with your children and supporting their learning. The Academy will also benefit from extra books for our library, so many thanks for your support.

You will see from the upcoming dates that we are starting to get in to the Christmas season. Please do put these important dates in your diary.

Jane Sendall
Head of School



Haverhill Cycling Club Youth

HCC are now running a youth club on Thursday evenings. The sessions take place at Castle Manor Academy and they focus on the fun and enjoyment of riding in a safe environment. Designed for cyclists of any age, they are looking for new riders to come along.

Why not bring your child along to join them?

Castle Manor Academy,
4:00pm, Thursdays



  On Friday 13th November, children at Place Farm became 'heroes' for the day in support of Children in Need. We saw musical heroes, film heroes, super heroes and even teaching heroes! We would like to thank parents for their support and generosity with this event. In total, Place Farm raised an impressive £421.52 for the cause. We would like to congratulate Ariane Chodorge from 1SJ and Maja Moroniak from 2RB for successfully guessing the correct amount of 106 miniature heroes in the box! They both won their own box of miniature heroes and secured an individual chocolate for each of their classmates. It was a fabulous day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



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)

Weds 2nd Sep 2015
Thur 3rd Sep 2015
Fri 16th Oct 2015
Mon 4th Jan 2016
Fri 29th Jan 2016
Mon 11th April 2016

Upcoming Dates

4 th December	Friends of Place Farm Christmas Fair
7 th December	Castle Partnership Carol Service
9 th December	Christmas Dinner Day (Children can wear Christmas jumpers)
10 th December, 3:20 to 5:45pm	Whole School Art Exhibition
15 th December	Author Gillian Overitt to visit Place Farm
16 th December	Christmas Carols and "Text Santa" Christmas Jumper Appeal
17 th December	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity Performances
18 th December	EYFS Fairytal Dress Up Day Last Day of Term
Monday 4 th January	PD Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of Spring Term

Friends Update

With the Christmas Fair just 2 weeks away on Friday 4th December we have some exciting things to report.

Firstly and most importantly, Father Christmas's elves have confirmed he will be attending, children can visit him in his grotto for £2.50 and everyone will receive a quality gift. Over the last few years we have found group visits work the best as it encourages the more nervous children to join in without any pressure, so we will operate the same system this year. Tickets will be available soon, (more information to follow), but you will be able to buy a timed visit ticket, although these will be sold on a first come first served basis and popular slots do fill up fast. Please bear in mind that due to the time constraints of the Fair there are a limited number of tickets on sale, he will be able to see approximately 100 children during the fair. Parents are welcome to accompany their children.

The Year Group Christmas Hampers will also make a return this year and after the popularity of the Easter Egg challenge we have decided to replicate that for the hampers. Each year will have a theme and we would very much appreciate if you could purchase a small gift based on that theme. Children will be invited to bring their gifts into school one morning during the week commencing 30th November, (exact date to be confirmed). The year which has the most gifts will win a chocolate treat and hampers will be raffled during the Christmas Fair.

The themes this year are:

Foundation	Chocolate
Year 1 & 2	Anything Red
Year 3 & 4	Anything Gold
Year 5 & 6	Anything Green (or silver!)

Cake stall – there will be the ever popular cake stall and refreshments served during the Christmas Fair. If anyone would like to donate cakes for us to sell, as always, we would be very glad to receive them! Any type of cake would be great but individual cakes are particularly popular with everyone. Please can you bring your cakes into school on the morning of Friday 4th December and please remember to mark the container with your child's name and class so they can be returned to you.

Your son or daughter will have brought home Christmas Prize Draw raffle tickets to sell, there is an accompanying leaflet explaining the process and the fantastic prizes on offer and we would be really grateful if you could try and sell the two books allocated to your child. The ticket books contain 5 tickets and cost £1 each.

Finally if anyone would like to volunteer to help set up during the day on 4th December or work on a stall during the Fair please do get in touch. We are a fairly small bunch of parents so any additional help is always very much appreciated. You can message us via the Facebook page or our direct email address chairfriendsofplacefarm@gmail.com.