

Newsletter

27th November 2015



Dear Parent/Carer

Our pupils have been fantastic this week. Preparations for Christmas performances are well underway and I know the Friends of Place Farm are working hard on their Christmas Fair next Friday. Work continues in classrooms and I have seen some stunning work throughout the week.

Our pupils will be hosting will be producing a temporary Art Gallery on the 10th December as part of the PROUD curriculum work this term. Please do set the date aside as I know it will be a real treat for us all..


Jane Sendall
Head of School




Christmas Carols & Jumpers

It is fast approaching that time of year again when we will be hosting our annual Place Farm 'Christmas Carol' event on the playground, for family and friends. The event will take place on Wednesday 16th December from 2:40pm to 3:00pm, allowing enough time for the children to return to their classrooms to organise their going home things. In order to make the Christmas Carol performance even more festive, we will be combining it with ITV's annual fundraising appeal, 'Text Santa', by allowing the children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. We would appreciate a donation of £1 towards the 'Text Santa' appeal, for wearing Christmas jumpers. We look forward to seeing the children jumping on board the festive sleigh, with their festive jumpers and fantastic carol singing! To get the most out of their Christmas jumpers, children may also wear them on Wednesday 9th December for Christmas lunch.

Dinner Money

Please remember that dinner money should be paid in advance using  ParentPay. We cannot provide a hot meal when the account is in arrears and parents will need to provide a packed lunch.

Remember that you can pay online anytime and the balance will show instantly. If you pay using a barcode at  a PayPoint the payment appears overnight. If you bring in the receipt the staff in the office can tell the system the payment is on it's way.

There are some small variations to the lunch menu following feedback. These are:

Week 1: Thursday - Iced Cinnamon Swirl Cake to be replaced with Chocolate Cup Cakes.

Friday, Berrylicious Muffin to be replaced with Chocolate Cracknel

Week 2: Monday - Vegetarian Bolognaise to be replaced with Pizza.

Wednesday - Pizza to be replaced with Traditional Spaghetti Bolognaise

Week 3: Monday - Cheese & Tomato Whirl to be replace with Pizza

Do you know a community superhero in Haverhill? Someone who really puts in the effort to help other people in the town? If so, we want to hear from you.

The Haverhill News and Castle Manor Academy are launching a series of awards to give you the chance to celebrate your local heroes. The Haverhill Heroes Community Awards are an opportunity to appreciate and acknowledge the people who put so much into making Haverhill a special place.

You can nominate online via and we are encouraging anyone in our community to get involved.

The categories are:

Business in the Community Award - This award will recognise businesses and business people, who innovate and engage staff and the local community through their work.

Volunteer in the Community Award - This could be an individual person, a team of people, a charity or a workplace, who have selflessly volunteered to help a person (or people). This could be for charity or just to help those less fortunate and in need.

Young Person's Award - This award could be for a young person who has had to overcome illness, disability of personal circumstances that would be testing for an adult, let alone a child. It could be for a young person who has achieved something significant academically or through a talent, or who has done something incredible in their community. Whatever makes the young person you want to nominate special, please tell us all about them by nominating them for this award.

Sporting Award - This award could be to recognize an individual sports person, or a sporting team, who have achieved something in relation to any type of sport. This can also include coaches, managers as well as the players themselves and is applicable at every level from children to adults, sports clubs to school teams.



Local Food Produce - The Haverhill area is home to some wonderful local food produce. We want to celebrate some of the extraordinary efforts, skills and achievements of those who are bringing delicious and healthy local food to our doors. This award could recognise those individuals, or businesses, who are using local produce, or who are creating food in the Haverhill area.

Act of Kindness Award - The purpose of this award is to recognise someone in our community who has gone above and beyond to help others. It is someone who, without asking or wanting anything in return, has given their time or their resources to support someone else in need. Their act of kindness deserves recognition. Please nominate them.

Friends Update

The tickets for Santa's grotto are now on sale and you don't need to queue for an hour in the cold in the playground to get them, we've gone high tech!

To book tickets which cost £2.50 per child, you need to pay for your slot using the parentpay system and once you have paid visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and choose your slot using event code GEZ4D. There are 12 places available for each time. Please don't book your time until you have paid to make it fair for everyone.

Next week, we will compare the two reports and everyone who has paid for their slot will be issued with a physical ticket with their child's name and time, any slots not paid for will be opened up for resale. Tickets (colour coded coffee stirrers!) will be sent home Wednesday or Thursday depending on the volume. Please bring the ticket to the grotto where it can be exchanged for a gift from Santa.

Don't forget we will be collecting donations for the Christmas Hampers on Wednesday morning before the start of school, as a reminder the themes this year are:

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

There is a prize for the year with the most donations!

Donations for the cake stall are gratefully received and should be brought into school on the morning of Friday 4th December.

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

Upcoming Dates

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| 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, | Whole School Art Exhibition 3:20 to 5:45pm |
| 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 |