

# Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> December 2015



Dear Parent/Carer

Apologies for the late newsletter this week, we were working hard to support the excellent Friends of Place Farm Christmas Fair.

Last week I had the privilege of hearing classes singing and performing songs beautifully in assembly. The songs are linked to the year group projects and provide an excellent alternative angle to their work this term. You can hear recordings of these songs when you come to the Art Exhibition later this week. I do hope to see you there so that you can join myself and our town Mayor, who will be joining us from 4.30pm.

This week is also our Partnership Carol Service, which

I hope to see many of you at. It takes place tonight at 6pm, St Mary's Church, Haverhill. Our choir have been working hard to provide some stunning pieces throughout the carol service.

Please remember to make your nominations for Castle Manor's Haverhill Heroes Awards". This is a chance to recognise people from around the community. Details on the second page.

Jane Sendall  
Head of School



## Christmas Carols & Jumpers

Don't forget our Christmas Carols on the playground on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2:40pm to 3:00pm. We will also be supporting 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! Children may also test drive their festive jumpers on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas lunch.

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> Coding Made Cool
> The third 'Hour of Code' is happening
next week and this year there are cool
Star Wars and Minecraft games to help
your child learn.
> The aim of the 'Hour of Code' is to
get as many children as possible to try
computer coding for an hour. It ties in
with Computer Science Education Week,
which run from 7-13th December.
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Code is a set of instructions which can be understood by a computer. Being able to write code is an important skill because so many of the objects we use everyday use code: including tablets, phones, microwaves and even cars!

This will be a fantastic learning opportunity for your child as coding is now part of the new Computing curriculum.

If your child would like to try it out at home, go to [uk.code.org/learn](http://uk.code.org/learn)

# Final Call For Local Heroes

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 <http://bit.ly/HaverhillAwards> and we are encouraging anyone in our community to get involved. The closing date for nominations is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The categories are:

**Business in the Community Award, Volunteer in the Community Award, Young Person's Award, Sporting Award, Local Food Produce, Act of Kindness Award.**



## Awesome Athletics

On Thursday 26 November, Place Farm took a team of nineteen pupils to the Leisure Centre for the Haverhill Sportshall Athletics competition. We were up against six other schools and included both Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls.

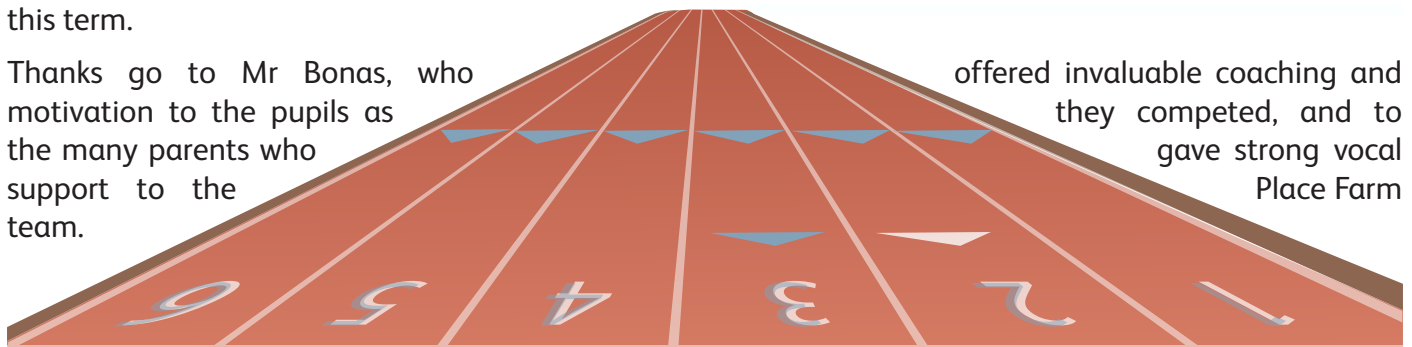
Events were a mix of running races and field events, such as the standing triple jump and javelin throw. Every member of the team competed hard and gave everything they had to help the school. It was wonderful to see the concentration and determination on pupils' faces as they pushed themselves to go that little bit faster or further. And, as always, the Place Farm team were smartly turned out in PE kit and behaved impeccably.

Every member of the team contributed to Place Farm's final total. But particular mention should go to our long distance pairings of Jayden and Kyle, and Francesca and Daisy: as a result of the tight schedule, both pairs had to complete their races back-to-back, with barely a couple of minutes of rest in between!

Following the outstanding commitment and performances of the pupils, Place Farm won this competition for the first time. Our final total of 288 points was some way clear of the second placed team on 210 points. The team now goes forward to the next round which will take place in Sudbury on the final Wednesday of this term.

Thanks go to Mr Bonas, who offered invaluable coaching and motivation to the pupils as they competed, and to the many parents who gave strong vocal support to the team.

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## Christmas Fair Fun

The Friends of Place Farm hosted a very successful Christmas Fair on Friday. A full report will follow, but thanks to all those that supported.

