Newsletter

29th April 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Pupils have had an excellent week learning throughout our academy. We are looking forward to our upcoming SATs and have been proud of the conscientious way pupils have approached them. We are sure our pupils will do the very best they can and we can ask no more than that.

Our Friends of Place Farm have their Annual General Meeting on 9th May. The work they do supports funding for some wonderful activities for our pupils and I would encourage anyone that can spare some time to come along.

Jane Sendall
Head of School

Sainsbury's Active Kids
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Please remember to keep those Active Kids vouchers coming. This is the last week they can be collected in Sainsbury's stores. They will then need to be returned to school as soon as possible so that we can claim some valuable new equipment.

Friends of Place Farm AGM

The Friends of Place Farm have their Annual General Meeting on Monday 9th May at 2pm. All are invited and it would be wonderful to get your input on the vital work they do.

Seeds from Space

If anyone has been following Astronaut Tim Peake, who is on the space station, you will understand the excitement in Year 6 when some seeds arrived at school last week. The Royal Horticultural Society has invited schools to take part in an experiment.

Some Rocket seeds (yes, we know!) were sent to space, they have returned and have been sent out to schools, along with some Rocket seeds, which have stayed on Earth, for the children to grow in experimental conditions.

The seeds came in a red and a blue packet, so we do not know which is which. They were planted on Wednesday 20th April and have started growing already. There is much discussion as to whether the red seeds or the blue seeds were the ones in space. Some think the red seed packet are the space seeds as they appear to be growing quicker, some think the blue packets as they seem weaker.

The children will be using their maths skills to work out the percentage of seeds that have germinated and will also be looking at how many days it takes to grow two true leaves. After 28 days they will be calculating the average (mean) number of leaves per tray and finally after 35 days will work out how many seedlings have survived.

All the information is being recorded on a chart which will be entered onto an online experimental database. All the information gathered by schools will be collated and the information will help the RHS find out if going into space has changed how the seeds grow.

Watch this space for updates on the growth of the seeds. Do you think there will be a difference?