

Newsletter

20th May 2016



Dear Parent/Carer

Our pupils have had a very positive week. We have enjoyed celebrating their success in our regular celebration assembly on Friday.

We have an exciting week coming up, with the launch of another Readathon Challenge. Many of our pupils are avid readers and the opportunity to combine this love of reading with an opportunity to raise money is sure to inspire! At the end of the week we will also be taking part in "Wear it Wild" for the WWF. I know that we will see lots of exciting animals around the school as our pupils and parents engage their creativity!

Next week is the last of this half term. I am sure we will all look forward to a good rest, ready to tackle the final term of this year.

Jane Sendall
Head of School



Place Farm will be taking part in Wear It Wild day on Friday 27th May, on behalf of the World Wildlife Foundation. On this day we are asking pupils to come to school dressed as an endangered

animal, in exchange for a £1 donation. The idea was suggested by Ted (Year 3) and Wilson Frere (Year 2), who have themselves adopted a lion and a tiger.



Upcoming Dates

24 th May	Readathon Challenge Begins
25 th May, 5:15pm	Mersea Trip Parents Information Evening
27 th May	"Wear It Wild" Day
8 th June	School Photo Day
17 th June, 2:30pm	Family Book Share
1 st July	New Entrants Morning
7 th July, 9:15am	EYFS Sports Day
7 th July, 1:45pm	Years 1/2/3 Sports Day
8 th July, 1:45pm	Years 4/5/6 Sports Day



Readathon is back!

We did so well raising money with Readathon in 2014, that we will be running it again at the end of half term. We will launch it on 24th May and run it over the Whitsun holiday week. Sponsor money will need to be handed in by Friday 10th June.

Readathon is the UK's national sponsored reading event for schools. It encourages children to read for pleasure – an activity proven to increase children's chances of success and personal happiness for the rest of their lives. (Source:OECD)

Readathon is not just about reading for pleasure. It also raises money for charities and provides free books for participating schools.

Knowing that they are raising money for charity motivates children to read more, and it adds to their sense of achievement, so your support with this would be much appreciated.

To celebrate the end of Readathon and what we achieve, we will be holding a family book share event in classrooms on Friday 17th June from 2:30pm. So keep this date free, if you can, and more details will follow in our first week back.

A letter and sponsor form will be coming home next week. Sponsors can pay by cash or cheque made payable to Readathon and send it into school.

Keep an eye out for the forms and have fun reading with your children!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Social Media

We understand that our parents, like many people, are avid users of social media. Our own Twitter feed is a fantastic resource for sharing activities and our pupils' success over time, of which we are very proud! We would like to remind parents of the possible pitfalls and ask that you consider our staff and pupils before posting.

If you would like to raise an issue with your child's learning please do book an appointment to meet with their teacher. Additionally please refrain from mentioning staff names (either positive or negative). Your support is much appreciated.

We love sharing success with parents and visitors via our twitter feed and look forward to even more positive engagement!