

Newsletter

13th January 2017



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a brand new year. Our pupils have settled well in to the term and I have already had the privilege of seeing some stunning learning around the school.

Our school council have done some excellent work looking at the playground experience and we are looking forward to reviewing this soon. It is very important to us to include the pupils feedback in their learning at Place Farm.

We did not get the much anticipated snow, aside from a brief flurry this morning. If the snow is significant and will cause us problems we will update our twitter feed first. Please do keep an eye on it, and our website, for this and more information about learning at Place Farm.

Mrs Boughtwood leaves us today. On behalf of all of the pupils and staff at Place Farm I would like to thank her for all her work here and wish her the very best for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Sendall'.

Jane Sendall
Headteacher

Parking

Please remember to park considerately around the school. The area near the front gate is in constant use by the ambulance station, so is best avoided. Similarly please respect the markings at the rear of school, which were put i to help keep our children safe.



Green Fingered Gifts

We have been filling some of the tyres we have with soil to plant up but are rather lacking in plants! We would really appreciate some plants to get us going. If anybody has any spare bulbs or plants they can donate please contact Mr Turner.

Playground

Last week the School Council were looking at ways to improve our playtime experience. Year 5 and 6 councillors have been speaking to their peers to find out the sort of playground activities they enjoy. The children have come up with some fantastic ideas that have been fed back to the Leadership Team who will consider how we can implement them.

Gate Closing

Please remember that the school gates close promptly at 8:55am. This ensures that class teachers can get their children settled and comfortable in good time to start the day. If you arrive after this time please use the main reception.

Friends Update

Happy New Year! A big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Draw and the Christmas Bazaar, we raised just over £500. We do still have one prize unclaimed so if you are Emma Staines or know her please ask her to get in touch with me via chairfriendsofplacefarm@gmail.com.

Our next event is the much anticipated whole school disco on Thursday 2nd February. Foundation will have their disco during the school afternoon and will receive a biscuit and a drink afterwards, the cost will be 50p. Years 1, 2 and 3 will be immediately after school until 4:45pm. The children may bring clothes to change into after school and then their class teacher will bring them to the hall. Each class will receive a small snack and a drink during the disco and each child will receive a light up finger ring. The cost for this disco is £3.50. Years 4, 5 and 6 disco will start at 5:00pm and finish at 6:45pm. There will a tuck shop selling snacks, drinks and led finger rings. The cost is £2.50. Please note that mobile phones will need to be handed in at the start of the disco and children will not be permitted to walk home alone unless written permission is received by the class teacher prior to the event. You can pay for your child's entry via ParentPay, we will not be issuing tickets but do receive a report from ParentPay which will be used as the fire register so please make sure that you purchase each child's entry separately so we an accurate record.

Term Dates - 2016/17

Autumn Term 2016:

Thurs 1st September – Fri 21st October 2016

Half term: Mon 24th – Fri 28th October 2016

Mon 31st October – Mon 19th December 2016

Christmas Holiday: Tues 20th Dec – Tues 3rd January 2017

Spring Term 2017

Tues 3rd January – Fri 10th February 2017

Half term: Mon 13th – Fri 17th February 2017

Mon 20th February – Fri 31st March 2017

Easter Holiday: Mon 3rd April – Mon 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Tues 18th April – Fri 26th May 2017

Half term: Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June 2017

Mon 5th June – Fri 21st July 2017

PD Days (Closed to pupils)

PD Day 1 – Thur 1st September 2016

PD Day 2 – Fri 2nd September 2016

PD Day 3 – Fri 14th October 2016

PD Day 4 – Mon 19th December 2016

PD Day 5 – Tues 3rd January 2017