

Newsletter



21st April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,
I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school after the Easter break. We are very pleased and proud to have received a "good" Ofsted report this week. Thank you for all the support you give this school.

This week has seen the school launch "Accelerated Reader", an evidence-based strategy, known to have a positive impact on reading. Thank you to Miss Jarvis and Mrs. Thompson for all their work in getting this started.

Jane Sendall,
Headteacher



School report



Place Farm Primary Academy
Camps Road, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8HF

1-2 March 2017

Inspection dates

Overall effectiveness

Effectiveness of leadership and management	Good
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Good
Outcomes for pupils	Good
Early years provision	Good
Overall effectiveness at previous inspection	Not previously inspected

Summary of key findings for parents and pupils

This is a good school

- Since her appointment in April 2016, the headteacher, in partnership with the deputy headteacher, has brought about considerable improvements to pupils' achievement and to the quality of teaching.
- The current progress of pupils is good. After disappointing Year 6 results in 2016, progress in reading is now good and progress in writing and mathematics is improving rapidly.
- The quality of middle leadership is strong in a wide range of areas. English, mathematics, special educational needs and the foundation subjects are all led extremely well.
- Support for disadvantaged pupils has improved significantly since the appointment of a pupil premium champion in September 2016.
- The quality of teaching is good. Teachers ensure that lessons are interesting, well organised, calm and purposeful. Pupils are given accurate feedback so that they have a clear understanding of how to keep improving their work.
- The quality of support provided by the Samuel Ward Academy Trust has been particularly effective in supporting the headteacher to bring about significant school improvement.
- The teaching of phonics is of a high standard. Children in the early years and pupils in key stage 1 get a good grounding in the early stages of learning to read.
- Children in the early years get off to a good start. From relatively low starting points they make rapid progress in all areas of the curriculum so that they are well prepared for Year 1.
- Governance is strong. A small but highly effective local governing body set up in December 2016 is ambitious, knows the schools well and is driving improvement.
- Behaviour is good. Pupils concentrate well and try hard.
- The most able pupils are not achieving as much as they could in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Current progress in science is not as good as in other areas of the curriculum.

Below is a link to the East Anglian Daily Times article about the Ofsted outcome:

[Haverhill's Place Farm Primary Academy rated 'good' by Ofsted inspectors](#)



The Book Fair is coming!

On Wednesday 26th April, we will have the Scholastic Travelling Books delivered to Place Farm Primary Academy!

We will be lucky enough to have the fair for the remainder of the week, where the children can browse the books with their classes during the day and then purchase their choices after school!

There will be hundreds of books from only £2.99 and for each book purchased, we will earn free books for our school library!

Opening times for our Book Fair will be 3.20pm - 3.45pm in the Main School Hall on the following two days:

Thursday 27th April and Friday 28th April

Keep a look-out for a letter and Scholastic leaflet coming home with the children with additional information.

In the Autumn term, we took just over £1300 in purchases, which gave us £813.70 to spend on books for our school. Let's see if we can top that with our first Spring Book Fair!

Friends of Place Farm Primary Academy

Friends of Place Farm Primary Academy have received a cheque from Bag2school for £72.00 from the collection in March.

Thank you very much for your donations!

St. George's Day

Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Guides can all come to school proudly wearing their respective Association uniforms on Monday April 24th. This is because Scouting and Guiding commemorate England's Patron Saint, St George, on April 23rd. Furthermore, this is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to see how our children are involved in Community activities outside school.



Calendar

April

Monday 24th April - Guides/Scouts to wear uniform

Tuesday 25th April - Year 1 Punch and Judy Show

Wednesday 26th April - Year 3 to visit Shimpling Farm

Thursday/ Friday 27th -28th April - Book Fair 3:20 to 3:45

Monday 1st May - School Closed (Bank Holiday)

Thursday 4th May Kip on a Ship parents meeting 3.30pm-4.00pm

Monday 8th May Year 1 Phonics screening meeting 2.30pm