

# Newsletter



31st March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had another incredibly busy and exciting week at Place Farm - so many 'proud' moments, as you can see in this newsletter.

Have a lovely break everyone, and see you all on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Jane Sendall,  
Headteacher

## Wedding Bells

Mr. Mayes and Miss Brewster are getting married on Saturday. We wish them every happiness for their future together.



## Snappy Opera

Wow! What an amazing performance our children delivered at the Snappy Opera event on Tuesday. A group of 28 children from Year Four, Five and Six have been working hard over the last half term with a team of directors and musical directors from The Mahogany Group, to perform a ten minute opera. As you will know from previous newsletters, the performance took place at The Apex, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017. It was a busy day, travelling to Bury St Edmunds by coach and rehearsing in the venue throughout the day, with costumes, props, lighting, and not forgetting singing along to live musicians. The children shared two performances, in front of packed audiences and sang beautifully and acted with enthusiasm. The children showed outstanding professionalism all day, in their behaviour, attitude, and also their performance skills. They absolutely amazed us and we are very proud of them. Thank you to the members of staff for supporting our children on the day and to the families for their support over the last few weeks. It was great to see so many of you there in the audience.



## Comic Relief

We had a fantastic and cosy day on Friday coming to school in our pyjamas and donating money to Comic Relief! The children loved taking part in the 'Spot the Teacher' competition, although I think they found it a lot harder than they thought! We have raised £367.90 to help children who are living tough lives both in the UK and Africa, so thank you very much for your kind donations.



## St. Georges Day

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

## Great Fire of London

To conclude their 'Great Fire of London' project, Year Two had an exciting visit from the Haverhill Fire Service. Over the last two weeks, the children have been busy making Tudor Houses, improving and using their Design and Technology skills. The children learnt that the houses were different in 1666 from the houses built today. So that the children could understand how the fire spread, they replicated the fire in Pudding Lane, by setting alight the Tudor Houses on the school playing field, in a controlled environment, led by the Fire Service. The children were amazed at how quickly the fire spread across the houses! The children even had a chance to use the hose to put out the fire. The children discussed many of the facts they had learnt with the Fire Service, who were impressed with their knowledge. We would like to thank the Haverhill Fire Service for visiting us and for making it a fantastic experience for our children.



## Pirate Assembly

This final week of the term has been very busy in Foundation! A few weeks ago, a letter arrived from Captain Jack Sparrow, who was looking for some apprentice pirates. Lots of the children felt that they would like to take his challenge, and, when they found a pirate song, decided that they should write to Mrs. Sendall, to see if they could dress up and perform the song to the whole school and to parents!

After working hard to develop their singing and 'Talk 4 Writing' skills, yesterday the children had their 'Pirate Day' and performed to the whole school in the morning, and to family members in the afternoon. As you can see from the photos, they looked wonderful in their costumes and had lots of fun singing and reciting a pirate poem.



## Purple Day 2017

On April 21<sup>st</sup> all of our children are invited to take part in our 'Wear Something Purple Day'. Schools in Suffolk have been invited to join in with this fun activity and simply wear something purple to help raise funds for Cancer Research. At Place Farm children can wear an accessory of some description - this could be, for example, a hair band /shoe laces /a bow tie or even a hat and then make a donation of £1. This was a very successful fundraiser in 2016 and even the mayor came to visit us.

# Calendar

## April

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - First day of the summer term

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April - The Tempest - Rubbish Shakespeare Company

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Cancer Research Purple Day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Guides/Scouts to wear uniform

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Year 3 to visit Shimpling Farm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Book Fair 3:20pm to 3:45pm

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