

Choosing plants for our new classrooms

Thank you to Perrywood Garden Centre who brought special delivery of plants for our new classrooms today. Children from each class chose a plant and a pot, and the Perrywood staff explained to the children how to take care of the plants.



Bloom and Rosen Class

We welcomed our new children from Bloom and Rosen classes for their first lunch in school with their parents yesterday. Our children had the chance to sample the school dinners and to start to learn where to collect their meal and how to clear away. The children will stay for their first lunch without parents today.

Playground Drop Off

As parents will be aware, Home Farm allows parents to drop their children off in the morning at the school gate. This has many advantages; we are aware of who is on site and who is not, we can greet children and parents in the morning, we can be on hand to answer questions and also pupils gain an amount of independence and resilience by coming in to find friends and play at the start of the day.

A few Year 5 and 6 pupils, as well as some parents have asked me if I can communicate a request about parents waiting in front of the gate after dropping off their children.

In order to allow pupils access to the gate easily and without difficulty, could parents please move away from the gate once you have dropped off your children. As you can appreciate, to children a group of adults blocking the way into school can be very daunting. So, once your child is in the playground, please move away from the gate so that access is easier and less scary for other children or newer parents. Many thanks.

Celebrations, rewards and awards

In our celebration assembly this week we presented the House Cup to Keats, and Attendance Bear to Duffy Class for 100% in the first week of term. Well done everyone.

After School Club

Just a reminder that our new After School Club begins on Monday 17th September, running from the end of the school day until 6:00pm. There are two rates available:

- A short session is for collection any time before 4:15pm and costs £5.00 per session.
- A full session is for collection any time before 6:00pm, including a meal, and costs £15.00 per session.

You can book online through your Scopay account or by completing a paper application form and emailing or handing it in to school.

If you are collecting your child from the after-school club next week, please come to the front door of the school next to the school office to sign your child out.

Applications for secondary school places

Would parents of Year 6 children please note that applications for secondary school places must be submitted to Essex County Council before 31st October 2018. You must apply for a place online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions This year, Essex County Council will not be sending letters to parents about the application process but all the information you require is on the website. The site opened for online applications on Wednesday 12th September.

Walking home from school

We are happy for Year 5 and 6 children to walk home from school alone, but please note that we require your written permission for them to do so.

If you would like your child to walk home alone, please send written confirmation to your child's class teacher. Many thanks for your support.

HOME FARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Welcome back to school and a very big welcome to all the new Home Farm families joining us. We hope you all had a lovely summer break!

Letters have come home today for our 'Back to school' Tea Party and AGM on Friday 28th September 2.45pm-4pm, and invite you to join us for some cakes and refreshments while the children enjoy a variety of arts and craft activities!

Our tea parties are always very popular, so we will be serving drinks and cakes from 2.45pm onwards. Come and enjoy a quiet 'cuppa' with friends and pre-schoolers before the mad rush begins!

We would be grateful for donations of cakes and biscuits, either home-made or shop bought. Please send these in with your children on the morning of the event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

This year we are looking for new members to join the committee to help continue the incredible fundraising as well as provide fantastic events for the children and their families to enjoy. If you would like any information about becoming a committee member please contact us via email sarahhaytonhfsa@hotmail.com

COME AND JOIN US FOR THE AGM

**Our AGM will be held at the start of the Tea Party
at 2.45pm in the school hall on
Friday 28th September 2018**

**We would really like it if you would come and join us!!
The AGM will take a maximum of 20 minutes**

Please note that we now have two facebook pages. One just for public events e.g. Fireworks/Summer Fayre and now a new private page, [HFSA Events](#), for our school only events, and only for parents/carers. If you would like to be a friend of [HFSA Events](#), please send a friend request or send us an email or text.



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