

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

**Monday 18 November 2024**

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire earlier this term. I was delighted to see 97% of you agree that your child is happy at school and 98% agreed that your child feels safe at school. The full results are available at the end of this newsletter, as well as some of the amazing comments you wrote. Thank you! I will respond to the future suggestions on the weekly newsletter over the next few weeks.

*Article 17 - Access to information*

Please can you ensure that when children cycle to school, they wear a cycle helmet. Several children have been seen without them and The Highway Code suggests that cyclists should wear a helmet. We hope you can support us with this and keep our children safe.

*Article 18 - Parental responsibilities*

**Mrs Hodson**

Head Teacher

## Attendance

Last week. Class 5W had the highest attendance with 98.6%. Well done!

It was lovely to see more children in school last week and whole school attendance for the week was 94.9%, which means the attendance for the year is 95.6%.

Good attendance is essential for pupil wellbeing and academic progress. We aim for our attendance to be at least 97% and hope you can help us meet this target.

*Article 28 - Right to an education*

## Poplar Pioneers

It was lovely to read on the recent parent questionnaires how happy you are with our wrap around care provision, however all parents must ensure the guidance is followed.

Children MUST be booked in to attend a session. Some parents have been sending children to the breakfast session without booking. This has an impact on risk assessed staff:pupil ratios, so cannot happen. Moving forward, if children attend without a booking, parents will be fined £5.

*Article 18 - Parental responsibilities*

## Parent Questionnaire Feedback

### Emails / Dojo / Communication

Many of you commented about the removal of messaging on Class Dojo and how you feel emails are not responded to quickly enough. Following a discussion of the comments, we have decided to reinstate the messaging on Dojo, with the following guidance:

- Staff will only reply in working hours (8am - 4pm), but messages will not be read whilst teaching.
- Urgent responses still need to be phoned to the office, e.g. change to end of the day pick up arrangements.
- Messages will not always be responded to do on the day they have been sent and not all messages will require a response.
- Hostile messages will not be responded to and may result in the message facility being removed.

*Article 12 - Right to express opinion*

## Diary Dates

**Monday 18 November** - Start of UK Parliament

**Monday 18 November** - Last week of after school clubs

**Monday 18 November** - Family tree planting day

**Monday 18 November** - Latvia, Independence Day

**Thursday 21 November** - KS2 Cheerleading event

**Thursday 21 November** - 2.30pm CPRT information session for parents with Rachel Hill

**Tuesday 26 November** - 3.30-6pm parents' evening

**Wednesday 27 November** - No Pens Day

**Wednesday 27 November** - 5-7.30pm parents' evening

**Saturday 30 November** - St. Andrew's Day

**Sunday 1 December** - Romania, Great Union Day

**Monday 2 December** - Bring a bauble day

**Tuesday 3 December** - International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**Wednesday 4 December** - Y1 visit to Belton House

**Thursday 5 December** - 9am SEND coffee morning

**Friday 6 December** - Spain, Constitution Day

**Friday 6 December** - Y6 visit to Lincoln Castle



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### The Poplar Promise

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<u>Parent Questionnaire Results - November 2024</u> 164 responses	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child likes being at this school	65%	32%	2%	1%
Staff treat my child fairly and with respect	64%	32%	3%	1%
I feel that my child is safe at the school	63%	35%	1%	1%
I feel staff know my child as an individual	55%	37%	7%	1%
My child receives the help they need to do well	54%	38%	6%	1%
My child is making good progress at this school	54%	41%	3%	2%
I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions, and/or a problem	53%	32%	9%	5%
The school supports my child's wider development	50%	37%	11%	2%
The school has high expectations for my child	51%	41%	5%	2%
I would recommend this school to another parent	Yes - 96%		No - 4%	

**Please comment on the things you value most at the school (a sample of comments)**

- Poplar is an amazing school with so many opportunities for my child.
- The teachers treat the children like their own and care for them so much. This really shows in the way my child talks about his teacher and how much fun he has at school.
- I always feel I can ask anything, and it's taken seriously. My children are treated as individuals and needs are taken into account.
- The school gives the children lots of experiences and memories to last them from their primary school years.
- The use of outdoor space and engagement with nature, the small events that are put on.
- Modern, good facilities, good wraparound care for working parents.
- All the staff seem very enthusiastic and engage the children well. The school ethos is strong, and I like the values instilled in the children through the poplar promise.
- Extra-curricular activities. Sense of responsibility the children have eg Eco warriors.
- The staff are wonderful, not just with the children but with parents. Communication is great, and having things online is perfect. I much prefer the MCAS app. I love that my daughter is treated as an individual. She is thriving at Poplar Farm.
- I value the support of my child from the school, professional and have children's best interest at heart.
- The love and support our children get.
- Teachers that know and care about the children, the opportunities given to the children; after school activities, forest school, residential etc.
- I feel like the staff have a great energy, enthusiasm and do their best to make learning engaging and exciting for the children. Opportunities to attend school and see learning are great, as are photos of learning on class dojo. It really helps families engage with what your child is doing day to day. PopFest is the jewel in your crown! But there are many moments through the year where pupils are encouraged to have fun, let loose and be their unique selves! As well as academic success, this is so important to me as a parent, to see your child valued for the individual they are and having fun within their school day. Overall, we couldn't be happier with Poplar School and everything they have done for our children. Some moments at Poplar are really magical. It is obvious that staff care passionately about what they do and the children they teach. Nothing ever feels stale or like staff are trudging on, you see the energy that is put in to get the best out of the children. Thank you!
- The staff treating your children as an individual and not just any child. The enrichment opportunities.
- Respect for individuality.
- The forest school area - planting a tree there with my child was one of the best things I've ever done. The things he learns about the world and other cultures. The progress he's made with reading.
- I value that the school has the highest standards of professionalism but also adopts a sense of community and is approachable. It's important for me as a parent to feel heard and be part of my daughters' school journey, which I definitely do.
- Just thank you for doing a great job!

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