

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 9 September 2024

Last week, we enjoyed a fabulous start to the new academic year. The children approached their new topics with great enthusiasm and displayed awesome behaviour in line with our Poplar Promise all week!

Article 31 - Take part in a wide range of activities

You might have seen we have some job vacancies advertised at the moment, one of these being a Site Manager. Mrs Whitlam will unfortunately be leaving at the end of this week. We have enjoyed Mrs Whitlam being part of the Poplar team and wish her well in her new post. Until we secure a new permanent Site Manager, Mr Vaughan and Mr McIntyre will be temporarily joining us. I know they look forward to meeting everyone!

Article 17 - Access to information

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week Class 2MA had the highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 95%, which means the attendance for the year also currently stands at 95%.

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

PE Days

The children will have PE on the days as listed in the table below.

Children in Y1-Y4 must wear their PE kit to school on PE days, and Y5-Y6 must have their PE kit in school to change into.

Year Group	PE Days
1	Tuesday & Thursday
2	Monday & Friday
3	Monday & Wednesday
4	Monday & Tuesday
5	Wednesday & Friday
6	Thursday & Friday

Article 29 - Goals of education

Academic year expectations

We are in the process of appointing new members to our Well-Being Ambassador, Eco-Warrior, Librarian and Rights Respecting Ranger teams and hope to present their badges to them all later this week. To avoid any confusion, children who are no longer on these teams will not be able to wear their badges to school - but they can keep them as a memory! This is also the same for the Dojo star badges - children can only wear badges to school awarded this year. Thank you for your support with this.

At the end of the school day, we have 4 gates open for parents to use and different members of staff are at the gates each evening. Please can you keep your children with you until you are out of a school gate and don't let them run ahead. The staff don't all know every child and every family member, so we don't want any children walking through a gate until we are sure they are with an adult. Thank you!

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Diary Dates

Monday 9 September - 3.30pm Y4 year ahead meeting for parents

Tuesday 10 September - 3.30pm Y5 year ahead meeting for parents

Thursday 12 September - Y6 visit to 'Warning Zone'

Thursday 12 September - 3.30pm Y2 year ahead meeting for parents

Friday 13 September - Roald Dahl Story Day

Saturday 14 September - Y6 11+ verbal reasoning test

Sunday 15 September - International Day of Democracy

Monday 16 September - 3.30pm Y3 year ahead meeting for parents

Tuesday 17 September - Y3 Stone-Age workshop

Tuesday 17 September - 5.30pm Y6 residential parent meeting

Saturday 21 September - Y6 11+ non-verbal reasoning and spatial awareness test

Thursday 26 September - International Day of Peace

Thursday 26 September - European Day of Languages

Friday 27 September - School closed for academy trust INSET Day

Friday 27 September - National Teaching Assistants' Day

Tuesday 1 October - Start of Black History Month

