

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 4 November 2024

At the start of term 2 we were delighted to welcome some new staff to our Poplar team. You might have seen our new Site Manager, Mr Andrews at the school gates. Mrs Jeffery has joined our Teaching Assistant team and Mrs Poole has joined our cleaning team.

Article 17 - Access to information

Please can we request that children who wear a skirt or dress to school and enjoy gymnastics outside, wear a pair of shorts underneath their uniform for their own privacy.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Children in Need takes place next week and as usual we will be taking part in raising funds for this worthy charity. More information will be shared with you later this week.

Article 17 - Access to information

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week. Class 5S had the highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

With all the chicken pox in school, the whole school attendance for the week was 92.2%, which means the attendance for the year has fallen slightly to 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

Notifying school of pupil absences

As you are aware, new and reviewed attendance guidance from the DfE was published in August 2024.

Part of this new government [guidance](#) states that we now must receive a reason for a child's absence in writing when they have been away from school for three or more consecutive days. These can be sent to the school email address - enquiries@poplarfarmsch-cit.co.uk

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

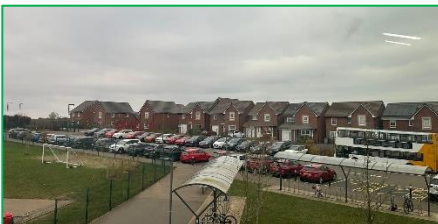
Car Park

Last week we had 2 more cars damaged by a parent driver during collection time at the end of the day. The number of bumps and scrapes to cars taking place is increasing and the risk of these happening is significantly reduced when the guidance is followed.

The photo below shows how many staff cars are in the car park during the day. This does not include the cars for staff who start work at 3pm. We are planning for the bus to be moved in the coming months, which will ease some pressure, but if there aren't any spaces available, don't double park! This request is not unreasonable. There are 4 pedestrian gates available to use, so park closer to one of them and walk the short distance to the playground for collection.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Article 24 - Right to the best possible health



Diary Dates

Monday 4 November - FoP online Christmas artwork ordering portal closes

Thursday 7 November - FoP Bag2School collection date

Thursday 7 November - Y5/6 mixed football event

Thursday 7 November - Fire Brigade to visit EYFS

Thursday 7 November - 5.30pm Y6 SATs information meeting for parents

Friday 8 November - Closing date for parent LSB member nominations

Monday 11 November - Start of national Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11 November - Remembrance Day

Monday 11 November - Poland, National Day

Monday 11 November - 7.30pm FoP online AGM

Tuesday 12 November - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 12 November - 9.30am Open morning for September 2025 intake

Wednesday 13 November - World Kindness Day

Thursday 14 November - World Diabetes Day

Friday 15 November - Children In Need

Monday 18 November - Start of UK Parliament

Monday 18 November - Last week of after school clubs

