

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 9 January 2023

Thank you to those parents and carers who donated money for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day last term. We raised £114. Thank you again.

*Article 13 - Freedom of expression*

As an eco-school, we are always looking for eco initiatives, so here's a reminder that during November 2023, we will be holding a Christmas jumper pre-loved sale, ready for the 2023 festive season. If you have a Christmas jumper to donate, please send it to the school office. Thank you!

*Article 13 - Freedom of expression*

**Mrs Hodson**

Head Teacher

## Attendance

Last week, Class RB had the highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 96.5%, which means the attendance for the year to date has risen slightly to 96%.

We aim for our attendance to be above 97%, and hope you can help us meet this target.

*Article 28 - Right to education*

## Swimarathon

Some members of staff and pupils will be taking part in the Grantham Swimarathon on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 14:30.

We'd really appreciate your support if you are able and have set up a sponsorship page here. [Laura Wright is fundraising for Rotary Swimarathon \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/LauraWright/RotarySwimarathon)

All of the money goes to amazing local charities and causes. Thank you so much!

*Article 31 - Right to play*

## Parent Questionnaire Feedback

As previously mentioned, following the recent parent questionnaires, I will respond to some of the 'what I would like to see in the future' comments each week:

### More school trips

We are mindful of asking for a lot of money during the current cost of living crisis. However, we have made an annual overview of enrichment opportunities (trips and visitors) for every year group, and hope to share this with you soon. This will also enable parents to plan payments for the full year, without any surprises!

### Reduction in staff turnover

It might seem like a high staff turnover with a number of new staff joining us, however many of our new staff starters are additional staff due to our growing number of pupils, additional needs within school, and popularity of Poplar Pioneers!

*Article 14 - Freedom of thought*

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 10 January** - 2pm Open afternoon for September 2023 starters

**Thursday 12 January** - Panathlon event for some children

**Friday 13 January** - World Religion Day (is actually 15<sup>th</sup>, but celebrating in school today)

**Monday 16 January** - Martin Luther-King Day

**Wednesday 18 January** - Winnie the Pooh Day

**Monday 23 January** - Chinese New Year

**Thursday 26 January** - India, Republic Day

**Thursday 26 January** - Boccia sports event for some children

**Monday 30 January** - National Storytelling Week

**Monday 30 January** - Introduction to athletics event for some children

**Monday 30 January** - 2.30pm Y2 open classroom event for parents

**Tuesday 31 January** - 2.30pm Y1 open classroom event for parents

**Wednesday 1 February** - 2.30pm Y3 open classroom event for parents

**Thursday 2 February** - Time to Talk Day

**Thursday 2 February** - School swimming gala for some children



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### The Poplar Promise

We are: Problem solvers; Open minded & curious; Positive & independent; Loved & nurtured; Accepting of all; Resilient.