

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter



Monday 20 January 2025

We have a number of children who bring in items to school from home (e.g. toys / games etc) and the children can become distressed if something happens to these. To prevent this, please ensure your child leaves personal items at home to avoid anything getting broken or lost. Please get in touch with class teachers if you have any queries about this. Thank you!

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Due to a changeover of trip dates for Year 5, please take note of the new dates for the shared learning events with parents for Y5 and Y6. This will now take place for Y5 on Tuesday 4 February and for Y6 on Wednesday 5 February. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Article 17 - Access to information

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Classes 4R and 6J had the joint highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was a fabulous 97.7%, which means the attendance for the year to date has risen slightly to 95.5%.

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

Reading

As I'm sure you're aware, reading is an essential skill for children, enabling them to access all areas of the curriculum.

To support your children with this, we urge you to take the time to listen to your children read. To enhance their love for reading, you can also read to them frequently and model the enjoyment of reading yourself. We have the Poplar Book Swap in the foyer for parents so you can choose and return books for free!

A reminder that children receive a raffle ticket for the book vending machine if they read 4 times a week, recorded in their reading record.

Article 29 - Goals of education

Staffing updates

I am delighted to let you know that we have successfully appointed staff to replace Mrs Steel's teaching commitments from Term 4, before she leaves Poplar in March.

Mrs Tiller will be back from her maternity leave at the start of Term 4, which means Miss Fairbrother will then be teaching Class ORF on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Rowntree will continue to teach Class ORF on a Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Kilius-Smith is excited to be joining the Poplar team from Term 4 and will be teaching in Class 5S every Monday.

Both Miss Fairbrother and Mrs Kilius-Smith will have some time with Classes ORF and 5S before the end of this term.

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Diary Dates

Monday 20 January - Martin Luther King Day

Thursday 23 January - Mrs Somma's last day

Friday 24 January - Y5/6 Athletics event

Sunday 26 January - India Republic Day

Monday 27 January - Start of National Storytelling Week

Monday 27 January - Holocaust Memorial Day

Wednesday 29 January - Chinese New Year

Monday 3 February - Start of Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 3 February - 2.45pm Y4 shared learning event with parents

Tuesday 4 February - Sri-Lanka Independence Day

Tuesday 4 February - 2.45pm Y5 shared learning event with parents

Wednesday 5 February - Y5 to Magna Science Adventure Centre

Wednesday 5 February - 2.45pm Y6 shared learning event with parents

Thursday 6 February - Time to Talk Day

Thursday 6 February - 9am SEND coffee morning

Thursday 6 February - Y2 African Dance workshop

Thursday 6 February - Y5 to local secondary school (KSHS) to watch Mary Poppins

Thursday 6 February - 2.30pm Y1 shared learning event with parents

Friday 7 February - NSPCC Number Day

Monday 10 February - 2.45pm Y3 shared learning event with parents

Monday 10 February - 5.30pm Y4 Ravenstor meeting for parents

Tuesday 11 February - Internet Safety Day

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The Poplar Promise

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