# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

# Monday 16 December 2024

I can't believe this is the final newsletter of 2024! The autumn term has raced by, and it has been a joy to see the children make great academic progress and enjoy all the enrichment activities Poplar Farm offers our children. This week we welcome Miss Wilding back from her maternity leave. She will be teaching in Class 3FW (previously known as 3F) on a Monday, a Tuesday and a Wednesday morning.

Article 17 - Access to information

Thank you for all of your support this academic year. We enjoy working in partnership with parents and hope you have enjoyed the activities and events you have attended in school. I hope you all have a safe and happy break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 6 January 2025.

#### Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

#### Attendance

Last week, Class OC had the highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 94.2%, which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen to 95.4%.

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

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

A reminder that we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday.

For a suggested donation of £1 (payable on MCAS) the children can wear a Christmas jumper / dress / shirt / cardigan etc with their own clothes on Tuesday 17 December. If children don't want to wear a Christmas jumper, they can come to school in their usual school uniform.

Article 31 - Right to take part in a wide range of activities

## Parent Questionnaire Feedback

### Why do only small groups of children attend the sporting events?

We take part in a range of tournaments and sporting events organised SW Lincolnshire School Sport Partnership alongside many other local schools. These events have limits of numbers of children who can attend each event. We hope all children in school will be able to take part in one of these events during their time at Poplar Farm.

## Can anything be done to stop the congestion in the car park?

The only way the congestion will stop is if parents stop double parking in the car park. I never see this parking behaviour anywhere else, so I'm unsure why parents feel it is acceptable in a school car park. Parents have been instructed many times to only park if there is a space, and with over 60 members of school staff (with varying start and end times), spaces are limited. Some parents arrive over 45 minutes before they need to...with this much spare time, please park off site and walk to school.

Article 12 - Right to express an opinion

## **Diary Dates**

*Monday 16 December* - First day of Y5 Bikeability

*Monday 16 December* - Pantomime in school for all children

*Monday 16 December* - 2.45pm Y3 Carols Around the Tree

*Tuesday 17 December* - Miss Wilding back from maternity leave

*Tuesday 17 December* - Christmas Jumper Day

*Tuesday 17 December* - Christmas Dinner Day

*Wednesday 18 December* - 9am Y4 Carols Around the Tree

**Wednesday 18 December** - 2pm Caring Christmas

**Thursday 19 December** - 9am Y5 Carols Around the Tree

*Thursday 19 December* - 2.45pm Y6 Carols Around the Tree

**Thursday 19 December** - Last day of term 2

Monday 6 January - Term 3 begins Wednesday 8 January - Y5 Online Safety sessions

*Wednesday 8 January* - 2pm Open afternoon for September 2025 intake

*Monday 13 January* - Ms Yau back from maternity leave

**Wednesday 15 January** - Applications for Reception places closes

**Thursday 16 January** - KS2 Boccia event

*Monday 20 January* - Martin Luther King Day

Friday 24 January - Y5/6 Athletics event

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