

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 23 January 2023

We've had a number of children wear 'ticker' watches to school, which unfortunately are not allowed. To ensure the safety of all children, any watch that can be used to take photos or videos are not permitted in school. If a child wears one, the watch will be kept in a safe place in school, and will be returned to a parent / carer at the end of the day.

Article 16 - Right to privacy

The children are really enjoying the new outside play equipment, but with the weather being so cold, please ensure they have a warm coat, hat, gloves etc. You might have also noticed some children coming home a bit muddy after playing with the tyres - apologies! We have some football nets being delivered to school later this week, and we plan for all children to be able to play on the field if they would like to. They will however, need a change of footwear to play on the field, due to the weather conditions.

Article 31 - Right to play

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 1T had the highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 96%, which means the attendance for the year to date has remained at 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 5th 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 RotarySwimarathon \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.rotary.org.uk/what-we-do/raising-funds)

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 extra-curricular activities

Any extra-curricular clubs run by school staff are done so voluntarily. We are lucky many staff run a club, and that these vary each term. To increase the number of clubs on offer, we have sourced outside agencies who require payments. Children receive an enriched curriculum offer, enabling every child to develop their talents and interests in school.

Team sports

Through one of our sports providers (CGS Outreach), many events with other schools take place over the year. This year, we have joined the Grantham sports partnership who also run sporting events with other schools. Children of varying sporting interests and abilities will be able to take part in some of these during their time at Poplar Farm School.

Article 14 - Freedom of thought

Diary Dates

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 - 9am SEND surgery

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

Thursday 2 February - Time to Talk Day

Friday 3 February - Lola's 2nd birthday

Friday 3 February - Number Day

Saturday 4 February - Sri-Lanka, Independence Day

Sunday 5 February - Swimarathon

Monday 6 February - KS1 and KS2 virtual skipping challenge

Tuesday 7 February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 6 February - Y3 Ancient Greece day

Wednesday 6 February - 2.30pm Y4 open classroom event for parents



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The Poplar Promise

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