

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 30 January 2023

Thank you to everyone who completed the Ofsted parent questionnaire last week, to those who asked to speak to an inspector, and to those who sent messages of support to members of staff. The final report with gradings is being written by the Lead Inspector, and I look forward to sharing this with you when it has been completed and quality assured.

Article 29 - Goals of education

I am sure you will have seen on the news information about some upcoming teacher strikes over the next few weeks. At the moment, we plan to remain open as usual. I will inform you if there are any changes.

Article 13 - Freedom of expression

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class RB had the highest attendance with 99.7%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 97%, 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.rotaryswimarathon.com)

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

Article 31 - Right to play

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Here are more responses to some 'what I would like to see in the future' comments:

More than one parent evening a year

We have a statutory duty to report to parents about their child's progress three times a year. We do this through two face to face consultation evenings (with a report) and a longer, more detailed report at the end of the year. If a teacher has a concern about the progress of a child, they will arrange to meet with a parent and share information.

School apps

We use Class Dojo, ParentMail, and in EYFS Tapestry. The apps have different purposes, and as such as are all essential. ParentMail is used for official letters, newsletters and first aid notifications. Class Dojo is used for class and whole school updates, as well as giving you the opportunity to privately message staff. Tapestry is only used in EYFS, which shares learning between school and home.

Article 14 - Freedom of thought

Diary Dates

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 8 February - Y3 Ancient Greece day

Wednesday 8 February - 2.30pm Y4 open classroom event for parents

Thursday 9 February - Starlincs visit for Y1

Thursday 9 February - 2.30pm EYFS open classroom event for parents

Friday 10 February - Last day of term 3



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The Poplar Promise

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