

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 29 October 2024

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break. The teachers have a range of lessons and activities planned for the new topics this term. I'm sure the children will enjoy telling you about these!

Article 29 - Goals of education

On the last day of term 1, we were delighted to hand out term 1 attendance certificates to the 220 children with 100% attendance for the term. With 420 children on roll at Poplar Farm, it's a great achievement that over half of the children came to school every day in term 1. Thank you for your ongoing support with school attendance. It would be wonderful to be able to hand out even more 100% certificates on the last day of this term.

Article 28 - Right to an education

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

In the last week of term 1, Classes 1R and 3A had the joint highest attendance with 98.7%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 94.9%, which means the attendance for the year has fallen slightly to 96%.

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

Poplar Community Group

Thank you to the families who have supported the new 'Poplar Community Group', which takes place in the school hall during term time on a Monday evening 6-7pm.

All families are welcome to attend these evenings for friendship, fun and discussions, supported by Grantham Baptist Church, regardless of whether you attend church or not. We hope to see you there next week!

Article 15 - Freedom of association

MCAS

In May 2024 there was a change to the communication system used from ParentMail to Bromcom 'My Child At School'. This decision was made by our academy trust, for all CIT primary schools to use the same platform. The CIT special schools will also be moving over to MCAS during this academic year.

This has been an adjustment for office staff and teachers, as we have had to learn how MCAS works and how to use it. We know some parents have found it frustrating to have to navigate a new app. With changes there can often be difficulties, but these are out of our control. Information about using the app was sent to you all before the changeover happened and the Bromcom website has many parent guides and a FAQ section for parents to use. The link can be found [here](#) and we hope you find the guides helpful in answering your queries and getting the most from the app.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Diary Dates

Tuesday 29 October - Term 2 begins

Tuesday 29 October - Turkey, Republic Day

Tuesday 29 October - FoP Bag2School drop off window opens

Thursday 31 October - Well-Being Ambassadors to visit Newton House

Thursday 31 October - KS2 Girls Football Event

Friday 1 November - NHS staff in to administer Nasal Flu Spray Vaccinations

Monday 4 November - FoP online Christmas artwork ordering portal closes

Thursday 7 November - FoP Bag2School collection date

Thursday 7 November - Y5/6 mixed football event

Thursday 7 November - 5.30pm Y6 SATs information meeting for parents

Monday 11 November - Start of national Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11 November - Remembrance Day

Monday 11 November - Poland, National Day

Monday 11 November - 7.30pm FoP online AGM

Tuesday 12 November - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 12 November - 9.30am Open morning for September 2025 intake

Wednesday 13 November - World Kindness Day



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The Poplar Promise

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