

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 12 September 2022

We had three fabulous days with the children last week. It was a joy to welcome them all back, and to hear about their summer stories, as well as see their enthusiasm for their new year groups, new teachers and new topics. Year ahead meetings are taking place this week for Y1-Y4, so we hope you can join us to find out more about the curriculum and expectations.

Article 29 - Goals of education

We have some wonderful staff news to share with you. For the rest of this term, Mrs Buckley will be taking time away from school for adoption leave. This is a very exciting time for her and her husband, which has happened very quickly, so apologies for not being able to share information about this sooner. Mrs Hiley will be covering Mrs Buckley's teaching responsibilities from next week.

Article 21 - Adoption

We were saddened to hear about the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Her funeral will take place next Monday, and as it has been announced a Bank Holiday, school will be closed.

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

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

The whole school attendance for the week was 98.3%, which is a fabulous start to the new academic year.

This year, with the reduction of COVID restrictions, we aim for our attendance to be at least 96.5%, and hope you can support us with this.

Article 28 - Right to education

FoP

Due to the current national period of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II, it has been decided to cancel the planned late summer fair, which was due to take place on Friday.

FoP are busy planning the Christmas Fair, which will take place at 3.30pm on Friday 2 December 2022.

Thank you for your understanding.

Article 13 - Freedom of expression

Car Park

It was disappointing last week to see how parents are not following the guidance about the school car park, putting our children in danger. There should be **no double parking** and **no parking in the gated entrance**. If there are not any spaces, you need to find alternative parking outside the car park. We now have more staff than last year, so there are fewer free spaces. Some parents arrive incredibly early for a space, but I urge you to use this time to park away from school, and walk to one of the available gates.

Some staff members receive verbal abuse from parents when parking their car in the morning, or when asking parents to move double parked cars, enabling them to leave school at the end of their working day. This is unacceptable behaviour, and must stop.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Diary Dates

Monday 12 September - 3.30pm Y3 year ahead meeting with parents

Tuesday 13 September - 3.30pm Y4 year ahead meeting with parents

Tuesday 13 September - Roald Dahl story day

Wednesday 14 September - 3.30pm Y1 year ahead meeting with parents

Thursday 15 September - 3.30pm Y2 year ahead meeting with parents

Thursday 15 September - International day of democracy

Friday 16 September - National teaching assistants' day

Friday 16 September - Closing date for parent local school board nominations

Monday 19 September - School closed for Queen Elizabeth's funeral

Monday 19 September - Youth mental health day

Tuesday 20 September - Start of national recycle week

Wednesday 21 September - International day of peace

Friday 23 September - Photographer in for individual photos

Friday 23 September - 9am Macmillan coffee morning for parents

Saturday 1 October - Lincolnshire Day
Saturday 1 October - China, National Day

Saturday 1 October - Nigeria, Independence Day



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The Poplar Promise

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