

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 18 December 2023

We had many fun Christmas activities in school last week. A huge 'thank you' to the FoP team for their hard work with many of the activities. The children loved the pantomime (*oh yes they did!*) fully funded by FoP and the Wonky Bars sale has also been a great success. Every child also received a gift from our special visitor on Christmas Jumper Day, also funded by FoP. Thank you again!

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

Our 'Carols around the tree' performances for parents take place this week. Days and times are listed in the Diary Dates section. Our last day of term is Wednesday 20 December, and we come back to school on Thursday 4 January 2024. I hope you all have an enjoyable break.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher



Attendance

Last week Class 4S had the highest attendance with 98.4%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 94.1%, which means the attendance for the year has again fallen to a disappointing 95.6%.

We aim for our attendance to be above 97% and hope you can help us meet this target.

Article 28 - Right to an education

Young Voices

Children in the Young Voices club have been busy preparing for their concert at Sheffield Arena on Monday 8 January.

The children will arrive back at school at approximately 11pm, after a long day of travelling, rehearsing and performing.

Children attending Young Voices have the option for a later start on Tuesday 9 January, and can arrive at school up to 9.45am without incurring a late mark.

Article 29 - Goals of education

Parking

Last week the car parking situation at the end of the school day was dangerous and inconsiderate.

Many members of staff were blocked in a parking space due to the double parking, resulting in them being late to collect their own children from school. This is unacceptable and inexcusable.

If there are no parking spaces available in the car park, drive through and find somewhere else to park. As with public car parks in towns and cities, **double parking is not permitted** in our car park. To avoid any unnecessary accidents, injuries, or staff delays, I urge you to follow this guidance.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities / Article 24 - Right to the best possible health

Diary Dates

Monday 18 December - 2.30pm KS1 Carols around the tree

Tuesday 19 December - 9am Y5 Carols around the tree

Tuesday 19 December - 2.30pm Y3/4 Carols around the tree

Wednesday 20 December - 2.30pm EYFS Carols around the tree

Wednesday 20 December - Last day of term 2

Thursday 4 January - Term 3 begins

Thursday 4 January - World Braille Day

Thursday 4 January - Myanmar, Independence Day

Monday 8 January - Start of RSPB Big Birdwatch fortnight

Monday 8 January - Young Voices

Thursday 11 January - 2pm Open afternoon for September 2024 intake

Monday 15 January - Martin Luther-King Day

Tuesday 16 January - 9.15am MHST drop-in workshop for parents

Thursday 18 January - Winnie the Pooh Day

Thursday 18 January - Mrs Steel's last day before starting maternity leave

Friday 19 January - Miss Wilding's last day before starting maternity leave

Friday 26 January - India, Republic Day



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The Poplar Promise

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