

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 20 May 2024

I can't believe we are in the final week of term 5! The summer term is racing by and after half term, we'll be on the final countdown to the long summer break. We break up for half term on Friday and term 6 starts on Monday 3 June 2024. I hope you all have an enjoyable break.

Article 17 - Access to information

The weather forecast is looking full of sunshine for most of the week, so please remember the guidance for summer term:

- All clothes need to be named.
- All children need a hat.
- Apply sunscreen to your child before school.
- Ensure your child has their water bottle in school everyday.

Article 18 - Parental responsibilities

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week Class 5W had the highest attendance with 99.7%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 96%, which means the attendance for the year has remained at 95.3%.

Good attendance is essential for pupil wellbeing and academic progress. We aim for our attendance to be above 97% and hope you can help us meet this target.

Article 28 - Right to an education



Unauthorised absences

As you are aware we monitor attendance daily and currently inform you at the end of a term if attendance has fallen below 90% (the equivalent of 1 day a fortnight off school), as this is classed as persistence absence.

In line with current [guidance](#) we now issue Fixed Penalty Notice warning letters for unauthorised holidays. From September 2024, [new guidance](#) will be in place with increased fines and a higher chance of prosecution. Paragraph 38 of the new guidance states that a holiday is not an exceptional circumstance and paragraph 180 gives information about the penalties.

The DfE recognises the importance of high attendance at school for pupil well being and education, and we hope you consider the new attendance statutory guidance before booking a holiday during term time.

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Diary Dates

Monday 20 May - Walk to School Week

Monday 20 May - Y4 2-night residential to Ravenstor

Monday 20 May - Y1 visit to White Post Farm

Monday 20 May - 2.30pm Y2 Open classroom event for parents

Tuesday 21 May - World Meditation Day

Tuesday 21 May - 2.30pm Y1 Open classroom event for parents

Wednesday 22 May - 2.30pm Y5 Open classroom event for parents

Thursday 23 May - Girls Dynamo Cricket Festival

Friday 24 May - 2pm FoP Colour Run

Friday 24 May - Last day of term 5

Sunday 2 June - Republic Day, Italy

Monday 3 June - Term 6 begins

Monday 3 June - Start of Child Safety Week

Monday 3 June - National Festival of Fieldwork Week begins

Wednesday 5 June - World Environment Day

Wednesday 5 June - 10am EYFS transition visit

Friday 7 June - PopFest t-shirts in school by today

Monday 10 June - Start of Loneliness Awareness Week

Monday 10 June - Royal Institution: Science in Schools workshops

Tuesday 11 June - 1.30pm EYFS transition visit



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The Poplar Promise

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