

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 4 January 2024

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break. We welcome some new families to our school this term, as well as a new member of staff. Mr Goodchild will be teaching in Y3 to cover Miss Wilding's maternity leave. Mr Goodchild will be in school before Miss Wilding leaves to ensure a smooth handover. We also welcome Mrs Hiley who will be rejoining us to cover Mrs Steel's maternity leave.

Article 28 - Right to an education

Year group term 3 newsletters will be sent home by the end of this week, with detailed information about the learning for this term. Topics for this term are as follows **EYFS**, Dinosaurs. **Y1**, What does school look like from above? **Y2**, What would we find if we journeyed into a forest? **Y3**, What was life like in Ancient Sumer? **Y4**, What did the Romans do for me? **Y5**, How did the Stuarts make a United Kingdom?

Article 29 - Goals of education

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

In the last week of term 2 Class RB had the highest attendance with 98.9%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 93.1%, which means the attendance for the year is currently 95.7%.

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

In the last week of last term, the car parking at the end of the school day continued to be **dangerous** and **inconsiderate**. Many members of staff were blocked in due to the unacceptable double parking, resulting in some being late to collect their own children from school, and another member of staff being late for a medical appointment, after waiting 10 minutes for a parent to move their car. This is 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

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

Monday 29 January - Start of National Storytelling Week

Monday 29 January - 2.30pm Y2 open classroom event for parents

Tuesday 30 January - 2.30pm Y3 open classroom event for parents

Friday 2 February - Number Day

Saturday 3 February - Lola's birthday

Sunday 4 February - Sri-Lanka, Independence Day



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The Poplar Promise

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