

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

## Monday 9 December 2024

The next few weeks are very busy in school, but lessons will continue as usual to keep things as routine as possible for the children. The 'Carols Around the Tree' start this week and the children are looking forward to their performances and a maximum of 2 adults per child can attend their year group performance.

*Article 17 - Access to information*

The Friends of Poplar (FoP) work exceptionally hard to raise money, enabling all children to receive additional experiences at school. One of these is the annual pantomime, which this year takes place on Monday 16 December for all children. A big 'thank you' to FoP for booking and paying for this.

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

### **Mrs Hodson**

Head Teacher

#### Attendance

Last week, Class 6J had the highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the week was 95.8%, which means the attendance has risen slightly to 95.6%.

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*

#### Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 17 December.

For a suggested donation of £1 (payable on MCAS) the children can wear a Christmas jumper / dress / shirt / cardigan etc with their own clothes on Tuesday 17 December.

Christmas dinner will also be served on the same day, and we might have a visitor from the North Pole as well!

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#### Parent Questionnaire Feedback

##### **Communication from school to parents is poor**

We re-introduced messaging on Class Dojo following the return of the questionnaires. We hope you are finding this helpful. We have also sent reminders about MCAS parent support pages and hope parents are no longer missing notifications on MCAS.

##### **Charges for school trip and events**

We are proud of the range of visitors and trips our children have the opportunity to experience as part of our Curriculum Enrichment, and we know these additional activities can only take part with your support. We ask for contributions towards these and try to spread the cost out to help parents. Some parents expressed they feel it is unfair they pay as they think not all parents pay. The contributions are voluntary, but if we don't receive enough contributions the visitor / trip won't be able to go ahead.

*Article 12 - Right to express an opinion*

#### Diary Dates

**Monday 9 December** - 9.30am Open morning for September 2025 intake

**Tuesday 10 December** - Human Rights Day

**Wednesday 11 December** - Well-Being Ambassadors coffee morning with Newton House residents

**Wednesday 11 December** - 2.30pm EYFS Carols Around the Tree

**Thursday 12 December** - EYFS visit to Rand Farm Park

**Thursday 12 December** - Year 4 Respectful Communication workshop

**Thursday 12 December** - 2.30pm Y1 Carols Around the Tree

**Friday 13 December** - Year 3 Positive Boundaries workshop

**Friday 13 December** - 2.30pm Y2 Carols Around the Tree

**Monday 16 December** - First day of Y5 Bikeability

**Monday 16 December** - Pantomime in school for all children

**Monday 16 December** - 2.45pm Y3 Carols Around the Tree

**Tuesday 17 December** - Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 17 December** - Christmas Dinner Day

**Wednesday 18 December** - 9am Y4 Carols Around the Tree

**Wednesday 18 December** - 2pm Caring Christmas

**Thursday 19 December** - 9am Y5 Carols Around the Tree

**Thursday 19 December** - 2.45pm Y6 Carols Around the Tree

**Thursday 19 December** - Last day of term 2

**Monday 6 January** - Term 3 begins



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#### The Poplar Promise

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