

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 10 January 2022

We had a fabulous first week back at school. The children across the whole school have started the new term with great enthusiasm for their new topics and exemplary behaviour, which has been lovely to see. I am sure this will continue as the term progresses.

Article 29 - Goals of education

We're sorry to hear so many children are currently unwell with chicken pox; a tummy bug or coronavirus. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school when they are feeling better or out of isolation.

Article 24 - Right to the best possible health

We have a busy few weeks in school, so please ensure you read the diary dates section. Y1 and Y3 parents can still pay for the visits taking place this week on ParentMail. For those parents interested in attending the Family Learning sessions this term, please send a Dojo message to Miss Tiller.

Mrs Hodson
Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class 3A had the highest attendance with 100%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93%, which means the attendance for the year to date has fallen slightly to 95.5%.

We are aiming for our whole school attendance to be over 97%, and we hope you support us in reaching this target.

Article 28 - Right to an education

Traffic Congestion Update

The Governors are keen to work with parents to find a workable resolution to the traffic issues around the school. We promised to start work on this after the Christmas holidays.

Due to the Omicron Covid Variant and the high infection rate we have decided to delay meeting with you in person during January, for safety reasons, to protect you and the school staff.

We hope you will understand and bear with us. We will be in touch again soon and will keep in touch with the school in the meantime.

Article 24 - Right to the best possible health

Diary Dates

Monday 10 January - 7.30pm FoP meeting

Tuesday 11 January - Ancient Greek workshop in Y3

Wednesday 12 January - 9.30am Open morning for 2022 prospective parents

Thursday 13 January - Planetarium visit for Year 1

Saturday 15 January - Reception 2022 applications close today

Monday 17 January - Martin Luther-King Day

Tuesday 18 January - Winne the Pooh Day

Tuesday 18 January - 9am Family learning meet and greet session

Wednesday 26 January - India, Republic Day

Monday 31 January - National storytelling week

Tuesday 1 February - Chinese New Year

Thursday 3 February - Lola's 1st birthday

Friday 4 February - Sri-Lanka, Independence Day

Friday 4 February - 2pm Open afternoon for parents

Monday 7 February - Children's mental health week

Tuesday 8 February - Safer internet day

Thursday 10 February - 4.30-5.15pm EYFS & Y1 FoP disco

Thursday 10 February - 5.30-6.15pm Y2 & Y3 FoP disco

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

As I mentioned on a previous newsletter, following the recent parent questionnaires, I will respond to some of the 'what I would like to see in the future' comments each week:

Helping at home with learning

Some of the best ways to help with pupil learning at home are: reading daily; playing on the Numbots app; playing Times Table Rock Stars; using Spelling Shed or practicing handwriting. These areas will help the children succeed across many areas of the curriculum. If you have any queries, please contact the class teacher.

Outdoor play equipment

Our School Councillors have led class council meetings to find out what outdoor play equipment, and playground markings the children would like. The lists have been written and quotes are being obtained. New sheds are in place to keep the play equipment safe.



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The Poplar Promise

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