

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 2 November 2020

Welcome back to the new term! I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

As I am sure you are aware, a new national lockdown will be in place from Thursday. As schools will remain open, this should not have any impact on school. However, please continue to be mindful of social distancing during drop off and collection times. If we have to make any adjustments to our arrangements or provision, we will inform you on ParentHub.

During this week, you will receive information about booking for a parents' evening appointment. These will take place next week, and although we had planned for these to be face to face, with the new restrictions in place, these will likely to be virtual meetings. Following the meetings, you will all receive a short written consultation form from the teachers with information recorded from the meeting.

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

In the last week of term 1, Hawk Class had the highest attendance with 96.1%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for the last week of term 1 was 94.8%, and the attendance for the year fell slightly to 97.6%.

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

On the parent questionnaires, one parent raised a concern about sharing attendance data in the current climate. If a child is absent due to a COVID related reason, we have a new absence code to use, which does not have a negative impact on attendance.

The figures reported to you on the newsletter include absence data for other non-COVID illnesses; medical appointments; and all other authorised or unauthorised absences.

To reassure you, no child or parents are penalised for COVID related absences.

Staffing updates

At the end of last term, we said good-bye to Mrs McGettigan and Mr Williams, who both made the decision to begin some new adventures.

This week we welcome Miss Hunt and Mr Whotton to the Poplar staff team. Miss Hunt will be working in the EYFS classes. She is very creative and is excited to be sharing her skills with us. Mr Whotton is joining us as Site Manager and is looking forward to meeting everyone and helping to develop our school site.

I am sure you will join us in making our new staff members feel welcome.

Diary Dates

Monday 2 November - Term 2 begins

Wednesday 4 November - 1pm Initial family learning session

Wednesday 4 November - 5pm Y2 TEAMS parents meeting

Thursday 5 November - Flu vaccinations

Friday 6 November - EYFS fictional superhero dress up day

Monday 9 November - Y2 Great Fire of London workshop

Wednesday 11 November - 3.30-6pm Parents' evening

Thursday 12 November - 5-7pm Parents' evening

Friday 13 November - Children in Need Day

Monday 16 November - Primary admissions opens for EYFS September 2021 places

Monday 16 November - Geography awareness week

Monday 16 November - Anti-bullying week

Monday 30 November - Tree planting project week

Tuesday 1 December - Bring a bauble day

Wednesday 9 December - Final family learning session

Friday 11 December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17 December - Last day of term 2

