

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

## Monday 2 November 2020

The children had a fabulous start to the new term, and have enjoyed starting their new topics and English texts. It was great to see so many activities shared on Class Dojo!

Due to the current lockdown, we are not able to allow our reading volunteers to come in to school to listen to the children read. Therefore, we urge you to read with your children at home as often as possible and write a comment in their reading record. The Y2 children are currently taking 'star analysis tests' to prepare them for their new 'accelerated reader' scheme. This will enable the children to collect reading points as they take part in an online quiz after every book they have read. This programme will be launched in the next few weeks.

Tuesday 1 December is 'Bring a Bauble' day in school. This is a day for all children to bring in a bauble or a homemade tree decoration to help decorate the Christmas trees in school. I'm sure they will enjoy this day and feel proud to help decorate the Poplar trees!

### **Mrs Hodson**

Head Teacher

### Attendance

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

The whole school attendance for last week was 97.6%, and the attendance for the year has remained at 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.

### Sensory Garden

You might have seen on our Facebook page that we are developing the sensory garden in school, which will include a fire-pit in the centre of some forest school seating.

We have asked for donations of building materials to help us with the vision for the area, and would like to thank those of you who have already been in contact and brought some building items to school.

If you know of anyone who might be able to donate items, please let us know.

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 11 November** - 3.30-6pm  
Parents' evening

**Wednesday 11 November** -  
Remembrance Day

**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

**Friday 20 November** - World Children's  
Day

**Friday 27 November** - EYFS real-life  
superhero dress-up day

**Monday 30 November** - Tree planting  
project week

**Tuesday 1 December** - Bring a bauble  
day

**Thursday 3 December** - International  
Day of People with Disabilities

**Wednesday 9 December** - Final family  
learning session

**Thursday 10 December** - Human Rights  
Day

**Friday 11 December** - Christmas Jumper  
Day

**Thursday 17 December** - Last day of  
term 2

### Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire before half term. I will answer comments about your suggested areas to develop on the weekly newsletter.

However, I am delighted that 100% of those returned strongly agreed or agreed that:

- Your child feels happy at school.
- Your child feels safe at school.
- The school meets your child's particular needs.
- Your child is making progress at this school.

A number of you commented that you feel you need more information about the progress your child is making at school. Hopefully the parents' evening appointments this week will help with that, as well as the consultation form you will receive.

There will be another parents' evening in term 4, and if the pandemic eases hopefully open afternoons in term 3 and term 5.



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*Article 29 - education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.*