



Monday 8 February 2021

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

This is the final week of term 3, and what a strange term it has been. We really appreciate all your ongoing support in these uncertain times.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the home learning survey last week. It was lovely to read your positive comments - and there were so many! We are delighted to see that you appreciate the way we are delivering the lessons, as it enables you to organise the learning when it fits in with your daily routine, rather than having to be online at a certain time for live lessons. For those of you who have children in child care, please be assured that your children are taught daily lessons in school, so you don't need to complete these at home as well.

I hope you all continue to stay safe at home, and have an enjoyable half term break. When we receive guidance from the government about the full re-opening of schools, we will be in touch about the arrangements for Poplar Farm School.

**Mrs Hodson**

### No Screen Friday

On Friday, the teachers have arranged a health and well-being day - no screen Friday! There will be a range of activities for the children to choose from to enjoy at home, or in child care. As we are promoting 'no-screen' we just request one photo from each child to be shared with the teachers from the day - perhaps their favourite activity, or their proudest moment from the day. Teachers will not give detailed feedback, but will approve and like the posts. We hope you all enjoy the day!

### ParentMail

After half term, all mainstream CIT schools will be launching a new parent communication system called 'ParentMail'. The new app will enable you all to access messages, letters and emails from school, but also has additional features to make things easier for you.

As a 'cash free' school, you will be able to make payments to school through the app for school trips, KS2 lunches, and charity donations. You will also be able to book appointments for parents' evenings rather than the current paper based system.

ParentMail will replace ParentHub, so you won't need to manage both apps.

We will send more information about this system to you after half term.

### Childcare bookings

Please ensure that you complete the booking for the following week by every Thursday at 8pm. We have a waiting list for places, and those are allocated on a Friday. We cannot guarantee childcare places if you request them over the weekend.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus over next weekend, please let me know via a direct message on Class Dojo. School is responsible for Test and Trace of childcare children until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Thank you!