

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 23 November 2020

Thank you to everyone who has sold tickets for the FoP '12 Days of Christmas' raffle. There are some amazing prizes, so if you haven't sent the money and ticket stubs back to school, make sure you do by Wednesday. The money raised will contribute towards a creative initiative to promote pupil reading in school and at home - watch this space!

On Wednesday at 5.30pm, we have a workshop for parents to find more information about our Sex and Relationships Education at school. This will give you details about what is taught in school and when. To join this workshop, [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Some of you have been asking about Christmas cards from pupils to friends and staff this year. We don't want the children to miss out on this tradition, so we will set up 7 post boxes in school - one for each class, and one for staff. Children can post their cards during December, and all cards will be delivered to the children and staff on the last day of term.

**Mrs Hodson**  
Head Teacher

## Attendance

Last week, Wildcat Class had the highest attendance with 98.6%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for last week was 98.8%, and the attendance for the year has risen slightly to 98.2%.

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.

## COVID-19 Updates

We have had a few children test positive with COVID-19, but due to the timings from being in school and displaying symptoms (48 hours or less) we have not had to close any bubbles.

If you or your child display any symptoms of COVID-19, please keep your child at home and book a test. Your child will need to remain off school until a negative result is received, or for 14 days if a test isn't taken.

We hope children or family members feeling unwell with symptoms or the virus start to feel better soon.

## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 25 November** - 5.30pm RSE virtual workshop for parents  
**Wednesday 25 November** - All FoP raffle tickets and money to be returned to school by today  
**Friday 27 November** - EYFS real-life superhero dress-up day

**Tuesday 1 December** - Bring a bauble day  
**Tuesday 1 December** - First day of the '12 days of Christmas' FoP raffle  
**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

**Monday 14 December** - 3.15pm FoP movie night for EYFS  
**Tuesday 15 December** - 3.15pm FoP movie night for Y2  
**Wednesday 16 December** - 3.15pm FoP movie night for Y1  
**Thursday 17 December** - Christmas dinner day  
**Thursday 17 December** - Last day of term 2

**Monday 4 January** - Term 3 begins

## Parent Questionnaires

As I mentioned on a previous newsletter, following parent questionnaires, I will respond to some of the comments each week:

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Due to the nature of clubs, these cannot currently run during the pandemic, due to our year groups being unable to mix. However, the Glee Club is planning a surprise for Christmas! When restrictions are loosened in school, we will resume some clubs.

### Swimming

Swimming is part of the PE National Curriculum. It states that all children must be able to confidently swim 25m, use a variety of strokes and perform some safe self-rescue by the end of Year 6. We plan for swimming to take place from either Year 4 or Year 5.



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