

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 17 May 2021

Last week, we had a wonderful week in school. The children completed a range of activities with Miss Cooksey at lunchtimes for Mental Health Awareness Week, and had some good discussions in classes about how we can save water. In Y2, eggs arrived that soon hatched chicks! The chicks will be with us in school until Thursday, so I'm sure all children will have the opportunity to see them this week.

As we now move into another national 'roadmap' key date, we have updated our COVID risk assessment again. One change is that face masks outside at drop off and collection times are now optional. However, please continue to maintain social distancing. You will still need to use your allocated year group gate until further notice. Thank you for your ongoing support with our COVID restrictions.

**Mrs Hodson**  
Head Teacher

## Attendance

Last week, Puma 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 to date has risen to 97%.

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

## Reading events

A reminder about the reading events taking place next week.

The events will start at 11.15am, and will finish at 1pm. One parent / carer for each child is invited to join us at 11.15am to enjoy an outside reading event (weather permitting) with their child, before enjoying a picnic lunch on the field.

The school will provide children with a picnic lunch, but adults will need to bring their own.

## Poplar Pioneers

We are thankful that Brightstars has provided wrap around school care for Poplar Farm School since we opened in September 2018. However, following a recent meeting, it was agreed for Poplar Farm to run our own provision with a start date of Monday 28 June 2021. Parents will still be able to use the Brightstars holiday clubs. Thank you again to Brightstars!

Poplar Pioneers will be run by school staff, and the opening times will be 7.30-8.45am and 3.15-5.50pm. Parents will be able to book and pay for the provision through the ParentMail app. The costs are as follows:

Before school - £5, including breakfast.

After school (until 4.30pm) - £5, including a cold snack.

After school (until 5.50pm) - £10, including a cold snack and a hot tea, served at 4.45pm.

Further information about how to book for Poplar Pioneers will be sent home after half term.



## Diary Dates

**Monday 17 May** - National walk to school week

**Monday 24 May** - National children's gardening week

**Tuesday 25 May** - 11.15am EYFS outside reading event and picnic with parents

**Tuesday 25 May** - 6pm Parent information meeting for Sept. intake

**Wednesday 26 May** - 11.15am Y1 outside reading event and picnic with parents

**Thursday 27 May** - 11.15am Y2 outside reading event and picnic with parents

**Friday 28 May** - Last day of term 5

**Monday 7 June** - Term 6 begins

**Tuesday 15 June** - Scholastic book fair in school for a week

**Monday 28 June** - Arts Week 1

**Tuesday 29 June** - Sports Day

**Monday 5 July** - Arts Week 2

**Tuesday 6 July** - Reserve day for Sports Day

**Friday 9 July** - End of year reports and September 2021 class information sent home to parents

**Monday 12 July** - Arts Week 3

**Monday 12 July** - Move up morning for all children



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## The Poplar Promise

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