

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 12 October 2020

Thank you to everyone who donated food items for the Grantham Food Bank for our Harvest collection. Our Harvest Festival was slightly different this year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, however we hope you enjoyed seeing the videos on Class Dojo. The children certainly enjoyed watching all the classes!

This week, the children will be designing their Christmas Cards with the Friends of Poplar committee in readiness for the festive season. You should hopefully be able to see the designs at the start of term 2, when you will be able to order from a wide list of Christmas gifts, created by your child. The items available to order include: Christmas cards; Christmas gift tags; a tea-towel; a mug or a tote bag. Great gift ideas, and a great way to raise money for the school.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered a new PE hoodie for their child to wear on PE days. The children look very smart in them, as well as warm and comfortable! For those parents who have requested the hoodies be delivered at school, we hope they will arrive in school later this week.

**Mrs Hodson**  
Head Teacher

## Attendance

Last week Firefly Class had the highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!  
The whole school attendance for last week was 97.5%, and the attendance for the year has fallen slightly to 97.9%.  
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.

## Friends of Poplar

FoP have a number of events planned to raise money for school. They are currently raising money for:

- A reading book vending machine
- Resources for the sensory garden

These will be school great additions for all our children, and we hope you can help FoP with their fundraising this term.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 12 October** - Y1 & EYFS completing Christmas card designs  
**Tuesday 13 October** - Y2 completing Christmas card designs  
**Thursday 15 October** - Global handwashing day  
**Thursday 15 October** - 5pm EYFS parent meeting via Teams  
  
**Thursday 22 October** - Last day of term 1  
  
**Monday 2 November** - Term 2 begins  
**Wednesday 4 November** - 1pm Initial family learning session  
**Thursday 5 November** - Flu vaccinations  
  
**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 30 November** - Tree planting project week  
  
**Wednesday 9 December** - Final family learning session  
**Friday 11 December** - Christmas Jumper Day  
  
**Thursday 17 December** - Last day of term 2

## COVID-19 Updates

The children continue to respond well to the risk assessment measures in place. We are very proud of them! However, please read these few reminders about some of the measures:

- Please check your child's pencil case. We have noticed some items are running low in them, and as the children cannot share resources due to cross contamination they all need: pencil; crayons; ruler; rubber; pencil sharpener; scissors; glue stick.
- We have test and trace posters at the school gates and on the doors at the main entrance. If you are using this app, please scan the QR code.



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