# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

# Monday 7 December 2020

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Bring a Bauble' day last week. The school Christmas trees look very festive, and it was a joy to see how much effort the children had put in to making their decorations. The children will have the opportunity to collect their decoration to bring home on the last day of term. Thank you again for your support.

You might have noticed a slight change to the newsletter this week. This is due to our proposal to change our school colour from blue to green! This is for a number of reasons. Firstly, with our Environment and International work, we feel being a 'green school' ties in with our aims, ethos and work. Secondly, we would be able to stand out from other schools in the area. There are many other blue schools, but no green primaries. This will be us! The green uniform items will be a gradual change. There is no expectation to buy the new uniform immediately, but as your child grows out of the blue, your next purchase will be green. This means there will be no additional financial cost to anyone. Our website is also being developed to promote the changes, and will include useful information for everyone.

#### Mrs Hodson

**Head Teacher** 

#### Attendance

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

The whole school attendance for last week was 98.2%, and the attendance for the year has remained at 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.

#### Christmas

Friday is Christmas Jumper Day! The children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper as part of a non-uniform day for a suggested donation of £1 for the Save the Children charity.

On Friday, the children will also have their Christmas dinner in school. The school chef and midday staff have been working hard on the menu, and we're sure the children will enjoy it. There might even be a surprise visitor to school on Friday as well! How exciting!!!

#### **Parent Questionnaires**

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

### Menu information

In the new year, the weekly menus will be on our school website. These will be dated, so you will know which menu to look at for each week.

#### Response to queries in a timely manner

It has been lovely to read how many of you appreciate the opportunity to be able to contact staff directly with queries on Class Dojo. The staff monitor their messages daily during working hours, and aim to reply within 24 hours. We feel this is timely. If you have an urgent message we need to know, please phone the school or send an email to enquiries@poplarfarmsch-cit.co.uk Complaints are addressed in line with the policy.

## **Diary Dates**

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

*Thursday 10 December* - Human Rights Day

*Friday 11 December* - Christmas Jumper Day

*Friday 11 December* - Christmas dinner day

*Friday 11 December* - National Santa run

Monday 14 December - Virtual pantomime week in school
Thursday 17 December - Last day of term 2

Monday 4 January - Term 3 begins Wednesday 6 January - First playground leader training for 6 Y2 children

**Wednesday 13 January** - First family learning session

**Wednesday 10 February** - Final playground leader training for 6 Y2 children

*Friday 12 February* - Last day of term 3



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