

Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 24 January 2022

Thank you for your patience and flexibility last week with the temporary changes to drop off and collection arrangements due to the KS2 playground being out of use. The new markings look fabulous, and I'm sure the children will enjoy using them at playtimes, lunchtimes and during lessons.

Article 31 - Right to play

Number Day takes place on Friday 4 February, and to mark this day, we would like to raise the profile of number work in school. Children in EYFS can come to school dressed as a **Numberblock** or a **Robot** to help promote counting. Children in Y1 can come to school dressed as a **Robot** to help promote Numbots. Children in Y2 & Y3 can come to school dressed as a **Rock Star** to help promote TTRS. Children who would prefer not to dress up can wear their school uniform as usual.

Article 29 - Goals of education

Mrs Hodson

Head Teacher

Attendance

Last week, Class RB had the highest attendance with 99%. Well done!

With the illnesses slowly disappearing the whole school attendance for last week was 91.9%, which means the attendance for the year to date has remained to 95%.

We are aiming for our whole school attendance to be over 97%, and we hope you support us in reaching this target.

Article 28 - Right to an education

Family Learning

We still have some spaces available on the free Family Learning course 'Family Fun with Reading', which starts tomorrow at 9am.

Family learning gives you the opportunity to spend 1 hour in school with your child during every session.

The course tutor, Sarah, has said that you can attend tomorrow even if you haven't managed to enroll, but you will need to bring some ID e.g. driving license, bank card. We hope you can join us!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 25 January - 9am First family learning session

Wednesday 26 January - India, Republic Day

Friday 28 January - 8 x KS1 children to All Stars Cricket event

Monday 31 January - National storytelling week

Tuesday 1 February - Chinese New Year

Thursday 3 February - Lola's 1st birthday

Thursday 3 February - Time to Talk Day

Friday 4 February - Closing date for parent governor nominations

Friday 4 February - Sri-Lanka, Independence Day

Friday 4 February - Number day

Friday 4 February - 2pm Open afternoon for parents

Monday 7 February - Children's mental health week

Tuesday 8 February - Safer internet day

Wednesday 9 February - Year 2 drumming workshop

Thursday 10 February - 4.30-5.15pm EYFS & Y1 FoP disco

Thursday 10 February - 5.30-6.15pm Y2 & Y3 FoP disco

Friday 11 February - Year 2 Friendship and behaviour workshop

Friday 11 February - UN International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Friday 11 February - Last day of term 3

Monday 21 February - Term 4 begins



Parent Questionnaire Feedback

As I mentioned on a previous newsletter, following the recent parent questionnaires, I will respond to some of the 'what I would like to see in the future' comments each week:

More school trips

COVID obviously put a stop to school trips over the past couple of years, but these are gradually being planned again. The children have enjoyed a number of visitors to school to enhance the curriculum, and we are currently planning the first residential as part of our Y4 curriculum offer.

More certificates and rewards

Our Celebration Assembly on a Friday celebrates Superstars; Dojo Champions and Reading Achievements. Classes also plan additional rewards, and I love it when children visit me to proudly share their work, and they love the stickers & certificates they receive!

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The Poplar Promise

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