

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 5 October 2020

On Friday this week, we have our Harvest Festival in school, however due to the current pandemic, we will not be able to invite you to join us for this. Last week, you received a ParentHub with information about food donations (tinned or dried food only, no fruit or vegetables) to be brought to school by Friday 9 October. We will then take these donations to Grantham Food Bank. In advance, thank you for your support with this.

I have a few staffing announcements to share with you. Mrs Eden left school last week to spend more time with her family, and Mrs Wielgus has replaced her on the midday supervisor team. Mrs Rowntree is also joining our support staff team this week to support some children in Y1 and Y2. We are delighted that Mrs Wielgus and Mrs Rowntree have joined our staff team. Mrs McGettigan has made the decision to leave us at the end of term 1. She would like to spend more time with her family, and also explore new avenues of work. Mrs McGettigan has worked at Poplar Farm School since we opened in September 2018, and she will be missed. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well with her new adventures. I will inform you when we have appointed a new TA for EYFS.

**Mrs Hodson**

Head Teacher

## Attendance

Last week Wildcat Class had the highest attendance with 99.3%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for last week was 97.9%, and the attendance for the year remains at 98%.

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

Thank you to everyone who joined FoP at their AGM last week. It was a successful meeting, and Gemma Bryant was nominated as the Chair Person for this academic year. FoP have a number of events planned for this term, including Christmas Cards; bubble movie nights and a 12 days of Christmas raffle. When dates have been finalised, we will let you know!

## Diary Dates

**Monday 5 October** - World teacher day

**Friday 9 October** - World mental health day

**Friday 9 October** - Harvest Festival

**Thursday 15 October** - Global handwashing day

**Thursday 15 October** - 5pm EYFS parents 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

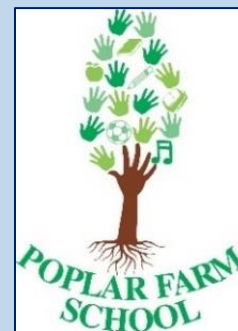
**Friday 11 December** - Christmas Jumper Day

**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:

- Windows are open in all rooms throughout the day, so as the weather begins to get colder, the children might need to wear a vest - possibly a thermal one!
- To reduce the number of people on school site, and follow social distancing measures, please ensure only 1 adult is present at drop-off and collection times.
- 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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