

# Poplar Farm Weekly Newsletter

Monday 28 February 2022

We had a fabulous first week back at school. The children have approached their new topics with great enthusiasm, and continue to produce high-quality work. Well done!

*Article 29 - Goals of education*

Following the updated COVID-19 guidance from the government last week, staff are no longer expected to undertake a LFT twice weekly, and our risk assessment will be updated later this week. It does mean that we have whole school singing assemblies again, and hopefully if cases remain low in school, we'll be able to invite parents to join us for celebration assemblies again soon! In line with the updated guidance, please do not send your child to school if they have tested positive for or have one of the main symptoms of COVID-19. Please continue to follow public health advice. Thank you.

*Article 24 - Right to the best possible health*

**Mrs Hodson**

Head Teacher

## Attendance

Last week, Class 2R had the highest attendance with 98.7%. Well done!

The whole school attendance for last week was 95.9%, which means the attendance for the year to date has risen slightly to 94.9%.

Thank you for your ongoing support with attendance during the pandemic.

*Article 28 - Right to an education*

## COVID-19 updates

The government's plan sets out that at present that all staff and pupils should still isolate for a minimum of 5 days if they either have symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive test.

Although this is no longer a legal requirement, it remains government policy and guidance and one that is supported in school. Therefore, all students will be asked to remain at home, or return home, if they are either positive or have symptoms of COVID-19 - or other illness - in line with normal practice.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 1 March** - Shrove Tuesday

**Tuesday 1 March** - St. David's Day

**Thursday 3 March** - World Book Day

**Thursday 3 March** - 2.45pm parents in school for shared reading event

**Monday 7 March** - NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assemblies taking place this week

**Tuesday 8 March** - International Women's Day

**Thursday 10 March** - Miss Ash visiting Class 1H

**Thursday 10 March** - International School Meals Day

**Monday 14 March** - British Science Week

**Monday 14 March** - Compost Week

**Monday 14 March** - 2pm

Science Open Afternoon for parents

**Wednesday 16 March** - Lithuania Independence Day

**Thursday 17 March** - St. Patrick's Day

**Friday 18 March** - Global Recycling Day

**Friday 18 March** - Comic Relief

**Monday 21 March** - The big walk and wheel week

**Monday 21 March** - World poetry day

**Monday 21 March** - Afghanistan New Year

**Tuesday 22 March** - World Water Day

**Tuesday 22 March** - EYFS Trip to Belton House

**Thursday 24 March** - Miss Ash visiting Class 1H

**Friday 25 March** - Greece National Day

## World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday this week, so just a few final reminders...

As well as a number of activities in school, including a 'book swap', the children will be able to dress as a favourite book character on the day. There is no expectation for you to buy a costume for the day - homemade costumes are as much as fun bought ones, and we are aware not all children enjoy dressing up, so this activity is optional.

At 2.45pm on World Book Day, parents or grandparents are welcome to join us in school for a shared reading event with your child. If you have more than 1 child in school, you can read with them together in one of the classrooms.

*Article 13 - Freedom of expression*



Phone: 01476 850680 / Website: <https://www.poplarfarmsch-cit.co.uk/website/> / Twitter: @poplarfarmsch

## The Poplar Promise

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