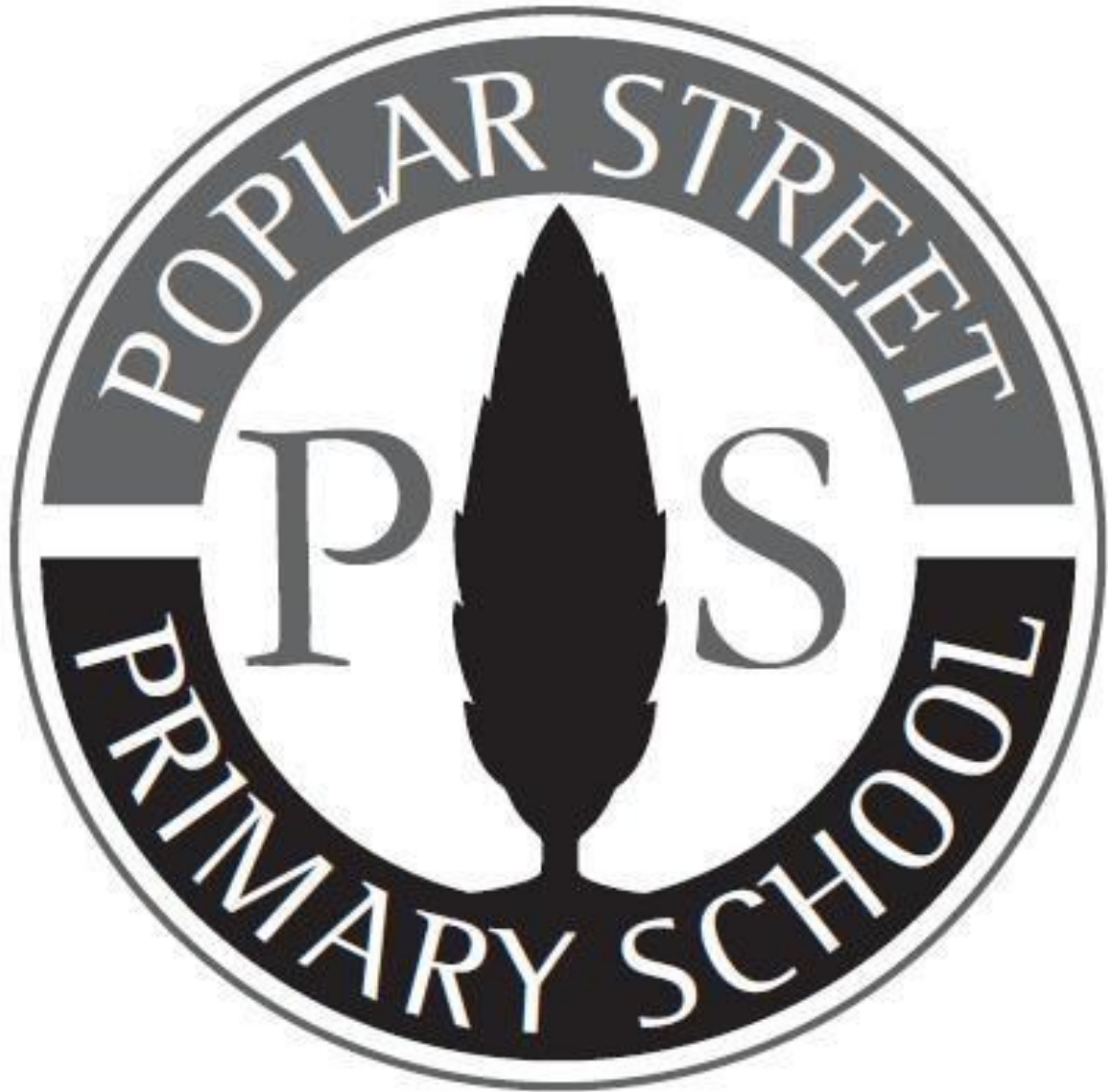


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Foundation Stage

Autumn term

'Working together-aiming high.'

Welcome to this term's newsletter.

Read on to find out what your child will be doing this term.

Dear Parents/Careers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We are delighted at the way the children have settled in to school and we look forward to spending the following academic year together with you.

Session Times:

FS1 am session – 8.45am – 11.45am (doors open from 11.35am)

FS1 pm session – 12.15pm – 3.15pm (doors open from 3.05pm)

FS2 8.55am – 3.15pm (doors open at 8.45am & 3.05pm)

Sessions for Nursery Parents:

We will offer parent sessions in school, to explain how you can support your child at home.

These sessions will focus on Letters & Sounds, Maths and Understanding of the World. They will take place later in the school year.

Dates to follow.



Dates for your diary

Friday 29th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 24th Oct & Thursday 26th October - Parents' Evening sessions (times to follow)

Friday 17th November - Children In Need

Thursday 30th November—Christmas Activity Evening

Wednesday 6th December—Nursery AM Christmas Sing-a-Long 9am

Nursery PM Christmas Sing-a-Long 2pm

Thursday 7th December—Reception Christmas Sing-a-Long 2pm

Wednesday 16th December Foundation stage party 9am– 11.30. This party is for all foundation stage children, there will be no afternoon nursery for part time children on party day.

Fund Money:

Fund money is a voluntary contribution of £1 per week. The money from fund goes towards activities such as baking, cooking and food tasting. It also enables us to buy new resources through the year that need replacing.

Money can be paid through parent pay.

Home School Books:

Both FS1 & 2 send out Home/School books every Friday. These are to be completed over the weekend and returned on Monday.

Each child stands and shares their book with their group. This is a special time for each child to share their experiences with the rest of the class. It promotes speaking and listening skills and is a confidence building activity.

Letters & Sounds (FS2) only:

Daily Letters & Sounds sessions will begin soon. Each child will receive Letters and Sounds homework in their Letters and Sounds book every Friday. Please return your book by the following Wednesday.

PE (FS2 only) This session takes place each Thursday afternoon.

Children need to have their PE kit in school every day. We usually ask parents to leave PE kits on pegs for the whole half term and



take them home for a wash over the holidays. PE kit consists of t-shirt, shorts and pumps. (These must be labelled with your child's name) At the beginning of the school year, the children will be changing into their pumps only. We will let you know when the children will begin to change into full kit. Please actively encourage your child to put on and take off their own shoes to help us during these sessions.

Yoga: Reception children will also have the opportunity to take part in yoga sessions on a Tuesday morning during the Autumn term.

Labelling

Lots of our uniform, coats and shoes come from the same companies and with around 100 children in the Foundation Stage at any one time things can easily get misplaced. Please ensure that **all** of your child's clothing is clearly labeled (including coats, pumps and shoes) to enable us to easily identify your child's clothes. Could we remind all parents that children are allowed access to outside play every single day regardless of the weather. Please send them to school with suitable coats, gloves, scarves, hats etc. We have a limited stock of wellington boots and waterproofs which the children have to wear in particularly wet weather.

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, lunch boxes, containers and drinks bottles should be labelled

Snacks:

Children receive free fruit and milk in the Foundation Stage. Once your child reaches the age of 5, milk ceases to be free. If you wish to pay for milk for your child, you can do this through www.coolmilk.com/register. We do like to give the children a variety of additional healthy snacks including cereals and raisins. In Nursery, the teacher will stop the children to have their snack. In reception, children can access the snack table whenever they are hungry or thirsty.

Toys from home:

We **do not** allow children to bring toys from home into the setting. The toys often get lost or broken and this upsets the child. Please supports up on this matter.

Tapestry

Tapestry is our online system enabling you to access and comment upon observations and photos of your child at school. You can also share your own photographs and information about things your child does at home. If you are having difficulty accessing Tapestry, please approach your child's class teacher, who will be pleased to assist you with this.

Outdoor Equipment

May we ask all parents and carers to refrain from sitting on our mud kitchen and other outdoor play equipment. All outdoor play equipment is very expensive, and we are encouraging the children to take care of it.

Independence

The children have begun the year on a very positive note. We are very impressed with the way in which children are coming into school happily and mainly, independently. If your child is struggling with this independence, please continue to encourage them to come into the reception class without an adult, and to hang up their coat and to put their belongings away by themselves.

The children are coping very well at lunch times. The reception children are expected to try to eat their food with a knife and fork where appropriate. Some of the children are struggling to use these. Please continue to help your child to use cutlery at home to make this job easier for them at school.

Autumn Term Dates:

Friday 22nd October—finish for half term

Monday 6th November – Children return to school

Friday 20th December – Finish for Christmas

Thursday 4th January 2018 – Children return to school

We hope you have found our first newsletter helpful and informative. If you have any other questions/

Do you have any talents or skills that you could share?

Come and join our Poplar Street family and be part of your child's education.

Can you:-

Help hear readers?

Are you creative?

Can you tell stories?

Are you enthusiastic?

If you are interested please speak to a member of staff.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

