

Poppy Post

Future dates:

w/c 23rd October 2017 – Parents Evenings

Friday 27th October 2017—School finishes for half term

Monday 6th November 2017—Back to school

Wednesday 20th December 2017—School finishes for Christmas

What to do if you need to speak to us:

Home school diaries are a great way to communicate messages between parents and teachers. Please could we ask that diaries are sent into school daily and ask your child to hand these to their class teacher if there is a message inside.

Mrs Latimer is always on duty at the start of the school day at the Upper School door entrance.

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.

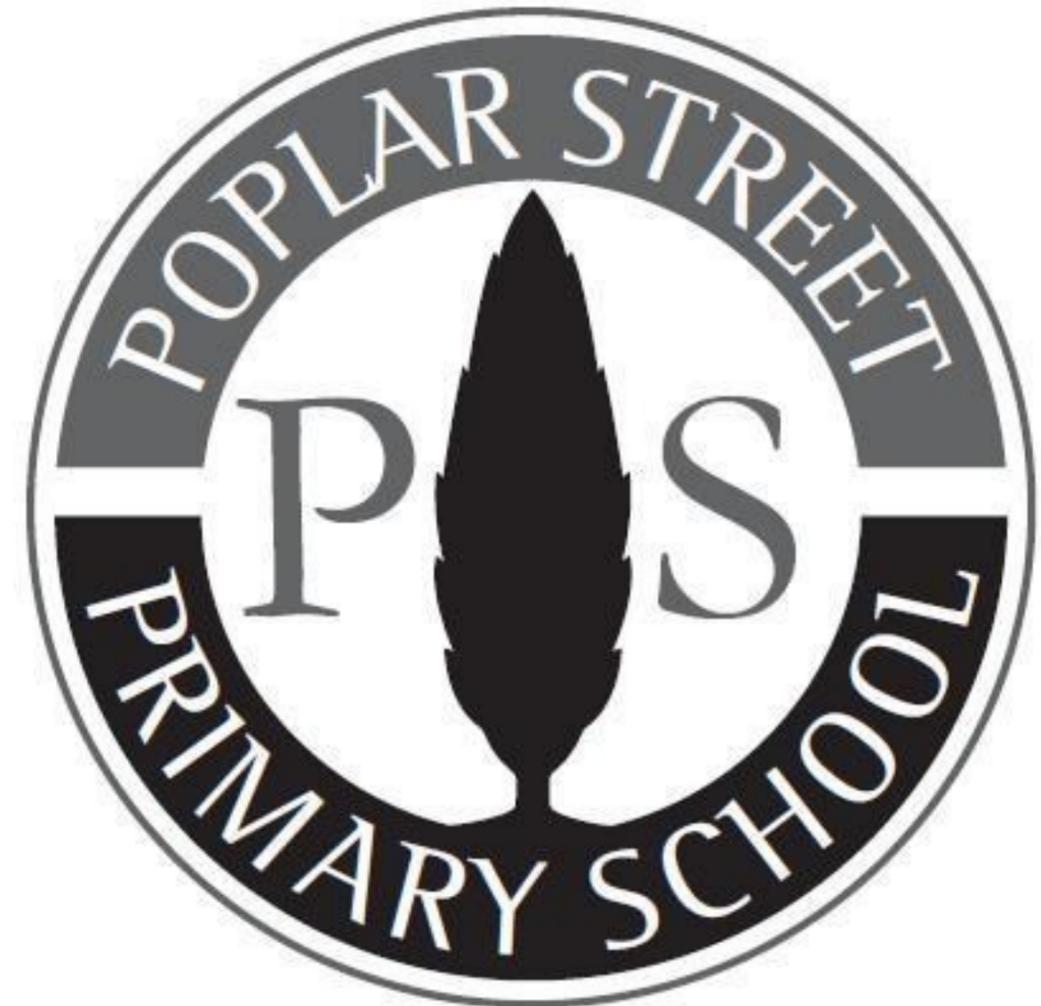
Can you help hear children read? Test children on their times tables? Are you creative and would like to help with arts and crafts or wall displays in school?

If you are interested and would like some experience helping out, then please speak to Mrs Latimer or any member of staff.

For more information about what's happening in Year 5, visit the Year 5 web page at www.poplarstreet.tameside.sch.uk where you will find regular news as well as our continually updated Twitter feed.

Poplar Street Primary School—Year 5

Working together—Aiming high



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Year 5- Autumn Term—2017

**Did you know you can follow our learning on Twitter @popyear5
We would love some new followers!**

Autumn Newsletter:

Dear Parents /Carers,

Here are some details about the topics we will continue to enjoy until the Christmas holidays.

Topics

Our first topic will be a geographical one focused on Bridges and Rivers using the classic story 'Wind In the Willows' to inspire our writing. This will be followed by a history topic based on the events of 100 years ago and the changes this caused in the local area. Our written work will be based on journalistic writing, diaries and the book 'War Game'.

In addition we will learn about world war one poetry and the local hatting industry. Our first science topic is about life cycles and this will be followed by work on solids, liquids and gases.

School Visits:

We have a visit to Park Bridge Heritage Centre in the first half term to support our work on Rivers and Hatting.

Reading:

Thank you for your support in listening to your child read. Even though your child is in Year 5, it is more important than ever that you continue reading with your child regularly and discuss the books that are read. **We would be grateful if you could encourage them to use independent strategies to read unknown words and**



check their understanding by asking them questions about the book. Please can you make a note of the pages your child has read and add any comments you wish to make in your child's planner. As soon as a book is finished, children will be given the opportunity to choose another book to read.

Homework, Times tables and Spellings:

Year 5 children will receive one piece of **Literacy** or one piece of **Numeracy** homework each week. This is given out on a **Thursday**, to be returned by the following **Tuesday**. Children will be given a full list of spellings to be learned which should be practiced **regularly** at home; **Please keep this list safely and encourage your child to practice a few words every day.**

Our expectation is that all children should already know all times tables and related division facts up to the 12 times table.

School uniform:

The children all look very smart in their school uniforms. Please could we ask that you **label all your children's clothing** (including PE kit, coats and footwear) clearly with their name and class, if you have not done so already. This will help us to ensure that children do not lose their belongings in school. Long hair must be tied up for school.

PE:

PE for both classes is on Wednesday afternoon. However, children need to have their PE kit in school every day. We will send them home every half term to be washed. The PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, plain dark shorts and trainers. **(pumps are no longer allowed during PE lessons since they do not properly support the children's feet)** You might like to provide your child with some jogging trousers for outdoor sessions, weather permitting. **All children must have their earrings removed on their PE day.**

Drinks and Snacks:

We offer water for all to drink. We would encourage children to bring in their own water bottle which they can have access to throughout the day. Please ensure it is clearly labeled with your child's name. Please note any squash/sports drinks/fizzy drinks are not allowed in school and will be sent back home at the end of the day.

Milk is offered via the school milk scheme which is payable through ParentPay. Please could we remind parents that they should only send a healthy snack into school for morning break. If children bring yoghurts please provide a spoon as we do not have spoons available in the classroom. Alternatively, children may bring in squeezable yoghurt tubes,



In addition a healthy snack scheme is offered through school and payable through ParentPay. Details are available from the school office.

The free breakfast club is still available each morning in the school hall from 8.30 am. More details are available from the office.