

Friday Flyer



9th October 2009

Poplar Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to Mrs Claire Johnson (Science Subject Leader and Year 6 Teacher) for initiating and helping us organise "Darwin Week". We hope the children have enjoyed learning about Charles Darwin and his work. I certainly know more than I did at the beginning of the week! You may be interested to know that some of the websites the children used during the week are available to access on the school website.

October is "Walk to School Month" and we would like as many children as possible to walk to school. In order to promote this, as well as Walk on Wednesdays, we will be having an extra Walk to School day. This will take place on Thursday 15th October. When the children arrive at the school gates they will be able to have their hand stamped. We welcome your support in this. We want children to understand that it is easy to reach the recommended daily 60 minutes of moderate physical activity when walking to school is included – thank you.

Next Week's Events

- Tuesday 13th October - Year 4 trip to Morden Hall Park
- Tuesday 13th October - School Council trip to Houses of Parliament with Siobhan McDonagh MP
- Thursday 15th October - Walk to School Day
- Friday 16th October - Year 6 trip to Polka Theatre
- Friday 16th October - Year 5 (Willow Class) trip to British Museum

Advance Notice

- Monday 19th October - Year 6 trip to National Gallery
- Tuesday 20th October - Year 1 trip to Science Museum
- Tuesday 20th October - Maple Class (Year 6) trip to Benjamin Franklin House
- Thursday 22nd October - Harvest Assembly led by Year 2
- Mon-Thurs 19th - 22nd Oct - Parent Consultations – further details will be sent out shortly
- Friday 23rd October - Last day of term (school finishes normal time)

Harvest Festival

Our harvest assembly this year will take place on Thursday 22nd October. We would be pleased if you could donate any non-perishable food i.e. tins and/or dried food. Please do not send in any fresh fruit, vegetables, bread or cakes. The children can take their food contributions to their class from next Monday 12th October. After the assembly the food will be sent to the Wimbledon Guild who will distribute it to organisations who help the homeless and needy. Year 2 will be helping to lead the harvest assembly. We will only be able to accommodate parents and carers from children in this year group. We will be showing the assembly to other classes in the school during the afternoon.

We are also supporting "The Lunchbowl Network" Charity. This Charity was set up 4 years ago by a family living in Merton Park who were appalled at the deprivation and poverty experienced by orphaned children living in the Kibera slum, Nairobi. We supported the charity last year and Sally McGreevy (the charity's founder) will be visiting the school on Monday 12th October. The children will be coming home with Lunchbowl Network envelopes. The idea is that your child will "earn" their £1 by doing jobs at home for you! Could we ask parents to give their children a donation in the envelope for them to hand it to their Class Teacher. £1 donation will provide an orphaned child with 3 hot lunches and the aim of the charity is to give out a proper nutritional lunch to these children once a week. Thank you.

Tissues

As we are approaching colder months, I anticipate that children's need for tissues will begin to rise. To help meet this need, we would be very grateful if your child could bring in a box of tissues for the class during the term – our yearly expenditure on tissues can be as much as £250 and so this would be a very helpful saving for the school. Please give your tissue boxes to your child's class teacher – Thank you.

PTA

The PTA would like to thank everyone who donated and bought cakes last Friday. The cake sale made £107. Please collect your cake tins from the PTA room if you have not already done so. Second hand uniform will again be available to buy at 50p per item from the PTA room after school every Friday. The next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 15th October at 1.30pm in Larch Class, everyone is welcome to attend.

Poptots Playgroup

Some of our parents have very kindly given up their time to organise a playgroup that takes place here at Poplar on Monday mornings. You are more than welcome to pop in – further details are set out below.

Scholastic Books

We have been asked to remind you that the last day for ordering books from Scholastic is Monday 12th October. You need to hurry!!

With best wishes for the weekend.

Katharine Davies

Mrs. K R Davies
Headteacher