



*Poppy Field School offers a holistic, family-oriented, therapeutic approach to bringing children inner-peace and contentment, enabling them to access education, and become positive, valued members of society.*

## Summer (2) Newsletter 2023

Welcome to our first Poppy Field newsletter. We will produce one every half term, sharing key events and news from the last few weeks, as well as signposting events that may be coming up.

It is hard to believe we opened our doors seven weeks ago as we get ready to break up for the summer on **Friday (21<sup>st</sup> July)**.

We started with three fabulous students, and have increased to five over the weeks. We are now very excited to grow both our classes and staffing team in September. We will be welcoming Alex Hornby as our Deputy Head Teacher, along with Aimee and Katie as class teachers, and six new teaching assistants.

Students return to school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. Staff will come back on the Monday for training sessions and to ensure everything is ready to welcome your children back for a positive new year with us.

On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** we will be holding our IEP open morning. The office team will invite you to come into school and look at your child's books, have an explore, enjoy a drink and a mingle and meet with your child's class teacher. This will allow any conversation or updates from the summer, and for the teacher to share your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) for the Autumn term.

The office will be in touch to agree your appointment this week.



### **Parent Survey – Your Opinion Matters!**

We have absolutely loved the last few weeks, getting to know your children and welcoming them to Poppy Field.

We are committed to making sure that your children have the best experience possible in school, and value your feedback to ensure we are achieving that.

Could you please spare two minutes to complete the questionnaire below, allowing us to take in feedback and review the first half term with your feelings captured. It is only by honest communication that we can build positive working relationships and work together in the best interest of your child.

You can click on the link, and the form is virtual, making it easy to complete on any device.

Your comments and time are greatly appreciated and valued. The link is available on our Facebook page, if it makes it easier to access.

Many Thanks in anticipation.



<https://forms.office.com/r/3jFhtky5HR>





## Uniform



A reminder about uniform standards across the school. At Poppy Field, we believe that uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also ensures pupils are not put under any pressure because of the type of clothes they wear and that everyone is treated equally.

At Poppy Field, our uniform policy reflects our wish for children to be both comfortable and well turned out; we are incredibly proud of how smart all pupils look; please continue to support your child following the uniform policy by ensuring that they are wearing:



- ✓ **black** or **grey** school trousers, skirt, culottes, or pinafore (tailored school shorts are acceptable in warmer weather)
- ✓ a Poppy Field logo polo shirt (provided)
- ✓ a Poppy Field logo sweatshirt (provided)
- ✓ **plain black** shoes- trainers or canvas shoes are acceptable as long as they are plain black, with no logos in any other colour than black and have black laces and black soles
- ✓ no jewellery, make up or nail varnish
- ✓ hair of natural colour with no patterns, lines or Mohican styles, long hair should be tied up
- ✓ an outside waterproof coat must be brought each day (hoodies are not acceptable), as we go offsite regularly and the weather cannot be trusted!

As we break up for the summer, please let the office know if you require replacement uniform for the new academic year, as we fully understand your children will grow over the summer! Telephone number 0151 332 3000, or email Tracey at [tdwyer@poppyfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:tdwyer@poppyfieldschool.co.uk).

Two polo shirts and jumpers will be issued each academic year, free of charge. Additional polo shirts and sweatshirts are available to purchase from reception throughout the year.



## Safeguarding



Keeping you and your children safe is not always easy. The Poppy Field Team are here and willing to help. However, we are well aware that help is sometimes needed 24/7. We have updated our school website Safeguarding page offering useful websites and contact details for a variety of services, if you need support. We are mindful that six weeks is a long time and are keen to ensure support is available. The school Facebook page will also be updated to share the same links and details, this week.

**If you think a child or young person is in immediate danger, please ring 999.**

The school website is <https://www.poppyfieldschool.co.uk/>



## What have we been up to?



Well – what haven't we been up to!?! It may have only been seven weeks, but we have been strawberry picking, horse-riding, trampolining, painting at Spike Island, to the Ice Cream factory, Anderton Boat Lift, Halton Castle, the Catalyst Museum, Saint Luke's Church, Acorn Farm, Widnes fire station as well as the local parks and shops for social skills and topic. Wow!



