



Autumn 2 Newsletter

November 2016

After hearing my first fireworks earlier in the week it must mean that we are in November. It must also mean the big C is well on the way. Please keep an eye out for reminders of all the events that are happening this half term. We wouldn't want you to miss out to all the future events.

The library learning zone is now finished and is already for use. I've already noticed groups of children sneaking into it. It certainly is the place to read!

I hope you found the new report card useful. A more in-depth discussion will be available later in the term to discuss your child's progress.

My weekly blog is still active. The blog gives a weekly update on the week's events at school. It can be accessed from the Home tab on the school's website or at:-

<http://ploverheadteacher.wordpress.com>

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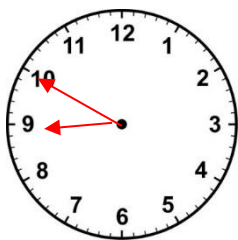
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Children must be taught how to think not what to think.

PUNCTUALITY AND SCHOOL START TIME

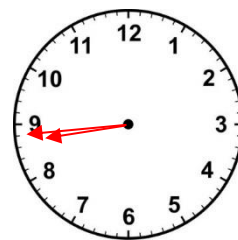
We encourage parents to support their children to arrive at school on time every day. Did you realise that being just 10 minutes late each day will add up to 50 minutes a week? That is almost a full literacy or maths lesson! Classes usually start the day with the same lesson so it is the same lesson that is being missed.

Sometime lateness is unavoidable. If you know your child will be late, please let us know as soon as possible. The school office telephone is manned from 8:30am. Thank you.

School starts at 8:50am



Nursery morning session starts at 8:45am



BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 8th November until Friday 11th November. There will be a wide range of books available for all age ranges for you to view in the small hall from 3:25pm until 4:15pm.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Friday 18th November 2016 is Children In Need Day. The theme for this year is "The Big SPOTacular". It is a non-uniform day and children can make a donation of 50p to the charity and come dressed in a fun fashion.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Class 2O who won the £50 for having the best attendance this half term. They achieved an attendance percentage of 98.0% for this half term.

It is good to see our overall attendance improve by 0.6% from last year, and 1.2% in the last 2 years, but it can improve even further. Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.5%. As a parent/carer you can help us achieve this target by:

- Organising non-urgent medical appointments after school;
- Helping your child get into a routine at breakfast and bedtime;
- Encourage your child to prepare their school uniform ready for school the night before;
- Organising your child's equipment the night before it is needed (e.g. PE kit)
- Encourage healthy eating and exercise to boost your child's immune system;

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, the office needs to be called on the first day of absence before 9:00a.m. If we do not hear from you then you will be called by the school. A written note needs to be sent with your child on the first day they return to school explaining the reason for their absence. Please remember if your child's attendance is below 95% you will need to provide evidence to support any additional school days they miss. Without evidence absence will be classified as unauthorised.

Please remember that we cannot give permission for any leave of absence during term time, unless there are specific exceptional circumstances. Any family that takes leave of absence during term time could receive a fixed penalty notice issued by the Local Authority.

PARENTPAY - SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENT

Thank you to all the parents who have activated their ParentPay accounts and are now paying for school meals online. School is committed towards a completely cashless system and unfortunately we will not be offering the facility to accept cash **for school meals** in school from Tuesday 3rd January 2017, unless there are exceptional circumstances and this has been prearranged with the school.

ALL pupils at Plover Primary school have a ParentPay account. Please contact the school office if you need your child's activation details.

If you prefer not to pay online you can request a PayPoint Card to enable you to pay cash at the local PayPoint stores. Initial cards are free, however there is a charge for any replacement cards.

Whichever option you choose to pay for school dinners please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is kept in credit at all times.

In the future parents/carers will be able to pay for class school trips and residential trips online. More information and details will be sent at a later date.

BIKE GET BRIGHT EVENT

As part of the school's involvement with the Sustrans Bike It project a Playground Cycle Skills Session has been organised for Years 3, 4 and 5 to be held on Tuesday 8th November. The children will practise their balancing, braking and general bike handling skills through a series of fun cycling games, designed to help them develop into more skilful and safe cyclists.

The children taking part will have received their notification from school. If your child has not received an official notification of participation they will not be taking part on this occasion.

WORLD CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 16th December it will be World Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

Children can donate 50p to this charity and wear their favourite Christmas jumper on that day instead of their school sweatshirt. They will need to wear their normal school uniform under their Christmas jumper.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

We realise that parking around school can be a problem, but please can we ask that parents leaving and collecting children from school park safely and legally around the school. Also, please give consideration to residents living adjacent to the school.

Once again we are having problems with parents who are using the staff car park when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Please can we remind parents again that they are NOT permitted to use the school car park at any time of the day.

Pedestrians should use the pathways on school premises. Please do not bring your children in through the car park gates, or walk through the school car park. This area is in constant use and presents a danger for children walking through.

INFORMATION SHARING

We need to work with parents/carers in partnership if our children are going to have the best experiences possible at school and clear communication is the key to this.

If you need something clarified or are concerned about something that your child shares with you about school then the first port of call is to speak to your child's teacher. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please make an appointment to see them, either directly or make an appointment through the office. Don't try to share in-depth information with class teachers when they are bringing children in from the playground at the start of the day as this disrupts the morning routine.

You can also make an appointment with the school's Parent Support Adviser, Mrs Barras, to discuss any issues concerning your child.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER	EVENT
Tuesday 8 th November	Bike Get Bright Event - Y3/Y4/Y5 pupils only
	Book Fair Starts 3:25pm-4:15pm
Wednesday 9 th November	Bags2School collection - 9:00am
	Foundation Stage Phonics meeting
Friday 11 th November	Foundation Stage Phonics meeting
Friday 18 th November	Children In Need Day-Non uniform day-50p contribution
DECEMBER	
Monday 5 th December	Parent's Evening Week
Tuesday 6 th December	KS1 Nativity - 2:00pm
	Foundation Stage Nativity - 2:30pm
	Pyramid Carol Service -
Wednesday 7 th December	KS1 Nativity - 2:00pm
	Foundation Stage Nativity - 2:30pm
Friday 9 th December	Traditional British Christmas Day
	School Christmas Dinner
Monday 12 th December	KS2 Concert
Tuesday 13 th December	FS/KS1 parties
Wednesday 14 th December	Merit A Assembly
	Year 3/4 party
Thursday 15 th December	Merit B Assembly
	Year 5/6 party
Friday 16 th December	Xmas Jumper Day
	Fun Afternoon
	School closes for Christmas Break
JANUARY	
TUESDAY 3rd January 2017	Children return to school after Christmas break.

Some of these dates and times may be subject to change. Other activities may be added at a later date. Any changes will be notified to you in due course.