



## Plumpton Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's really important we take a moment to celebrate how well our pupils have settled back into school this term. After nearly six months of disruption, Plumpton's pupils have excelled this term and we applaud every single one of them for their hard work and determination since returning on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Well done, Plumpton!

### Attendance

This term's attendance winners are Woodpecker Class with an impressive 97% attendance record.

**Well done, Woodpeckers!** Our Whole-School Attendance figure also stands at an impressive 97%.

As before, please note that your child does not need a Covid-19 test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell (and do not have a temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste) because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.



### Google Classrooms and Tapestry

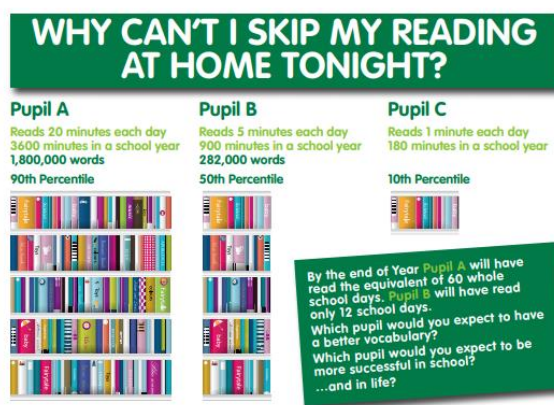
Your children are now all set up with their Google Classroom and Tapestry log-ins. Please keep on logging on regularly to see the teachers' video homework lessons. Enjoy!

### Thank you – USP responses

Thank you to all those parents who responded to our request for feedback about Plumpton's USP: we are collating your ideas as we speak and really appreciate you taking the time to write to us.

### Reading Star

Each week, our classes are jostling to be the class with the highest number of Reading Stars. This infographic explains why reading is so crucial:



### Car-sharing – top tips:

The Local Education Authority has produced a list of top-tips for families who are having to car-share in order to get to school each day:

- Share the transport with the same people each time;
- Keep to small groups of people at any one time;
- Open windows for ventilation;
- Travel side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them (where seating arrangements allow);
- Consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle;
- Clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products - make sure you clean door handles;
- Consider asking the driver and passengers to wear a face covering.



### Our updated website

Please check out our updated school website (<https://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/web>) where you will see a dedicated **Google Classrooms** tab in which we have included our school's *Remote Learning Plan* and any 'How to' letters we have sent out regarding submitting work for teachers to mark. In addition, you will also see a **Virtual Tour** tab in which Mr Hughes, our Head of School, invites you to enjoy a virtual walkabout of the school. Please share far and wide with anyone who might be considering Plumpton School for a September 2021 start.

### Harvest THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest food bank. Here is a photograph of your hugely appreciated foodstuffs just before they made their way to the Haywards Heath Food Bank. Thank you.



### Pick-up and drop-off reminder

Thank you for your continued support at drop-off and pick-up times. A reminder of the timings:

**08.30am – 08.40am** – Kingfishers Class (Yr. 4/5) and Owls Class (Yr. 5/6);

**08.45am – 08.55am** – Robins Class (Reception), Woodpeckers Class (Yr. 2/3) and Lapwings Class (Yr. 1);

**3.00pm** – Robins Class (Reception);

**3.10pm** – Kingfishers Class (Yr. 4/5) and Owls Class (Yr. 5/6);

**3.20pm** – Woodpeckers Class (Yr. 2/3) and Lapwings Class (Yr. 1).

### Zoom Parent Consultation Meetings

A big thank you from all our teachers for taking part in our Zoom Parent Consultation Meetings this week. The teachers have enjoyed sharing with you the children's successes this term and discussing targets which should allow them to excel into Term 2.

### Breakfast and After-School Clubs – update

This term we have noticed that our Breakfast and After-School clubs are not as full as they were prior to the lockdown in March this year. We would like to take this opportunity to urge you to use this fantastic facility (which runs from 07.45am – 08.30am and 3.00pm – 5.30pm respectively), as, without sufficient pupil uptake, we will not be able to continue running these clubs. Please contact the school office on [plumptonoffice@skylarkfed.education](mailto:plumptonoffice@skylarkfed.education) to book a place for your child at our Perch Breakfast Club or After-School Club.

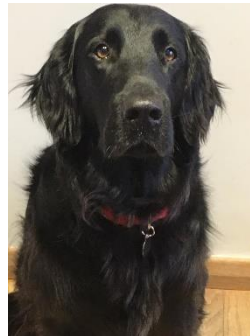


### Class charity update

The Robins Class have voted the *Rockinghorse Children's Charity* as their Class Charity for this academic year.

### Nero the Reading Dog is BACK

Welcome back, Nero! Our wonderful Pets As Therapy companion is back at Plumpton Primary School and enjoying reading with our Woodpecker Class.



### Dates For Your Diary

November 2020	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day – <b>no school for pupils</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Term 2 for pupils
December 2020	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2

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