



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another jam-packed term is drawing to a close. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported us in a variety of ways this term by helping with the February Fundraising Fortnight, a wide range of trips/visits, and by coming into school to watch the pupils' lovely class assemblies.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February marked International Safer Internet Day. Pupils at Plumpton School learn about E-Safety throughout the year, but this special day allowed us to hone in on this year's global theme of 'Together for a better internet'. We have displayed a sample of the children's work on our new Safer Internet board in The Nest classroom.

February Fundraising Fortnight

Thank you for supporting your child throughout the February Fundraising Fortnight. We are currently totting up the total amount raised and will get the final figure to you by the end of the week. Meanwhile, here are some photographs of our budding fundraisers in action:



Attendance

Overall attendance at present is 95.4% which is below the Local Authority and Department for Education expectations of 97%. We will continue to write to those parents whose children's attendance falls far below the requirement.

However, a well done to Woodpecker Class with 96.8% attendance.

Visits this term

Woodpeckers and Robins have been out-and-about this term to help bring to life their classroom topics.

Robins visited Middle Farm and enjoyed glorious weather. Take a look:



Our Woodpeckers visited Cumnor House Independent School to earn their Bunsen Burner Licences, and to take part in a Popcorn experiment!



School Council update – Energy Watch

Our School Council have been working hard – once again – to improve our school's environmental credentials. This term our School Council representatives have been battling to ensure that Plumpton beats Hamsey and Barcombe in reducing its energy usage...and we have! Over the course of January, Plumpton School's energy output reduced by 8%. Take a look at our School Council board when you're next in school.

Progress towards our SDP

Our School Development Plan is available for you to view on our school website. It outlines what we are doing to ensure the school, and our pupils, continue to develop and flourish.

This term we have focused on improving three aspects of what is called the 'SDP': attendance, reading for pleasure, and local community links.

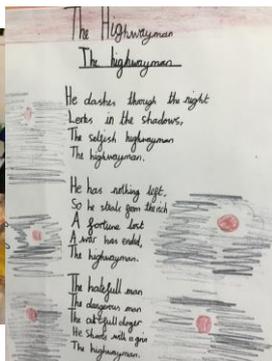
Firstly, as mentioned above, we are pleased that **attendance** is slowly beginning to improve. We are really pleased that, since September 2019, our overall attendance figure has increased by 1.3%.

Secondly, we are looking forward to celebrating all things book-related during our **Book Week Bonanza** the week commencing March 2nd. We have been busy organising an author visit and a whole-host of exciting reading opportunities. Moreover, we are continuing to welcome our Reading Dog, Nero, to school who is working hard with readers from right across our school.

Finally, we have been successful in raising lots of money to support a wide range of **local charities**, including Raystede, Ronald McDonald House, The Horse Trust, and Patina, Lewes. Our Year 3 pupils have also taken part in some rockclimbing classes at Plumpton College this term (see below for photos).

Poetry Day

On January 31st we forgot about the usual timetable of English, Maths and Science, and just focused on Poetry. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils in all classes to really get stuck into a poem in great detail. Take a look at some of our creations:



Rock climbing

Our Year 3 Kingfishers took part in rock climbing at Plumpton College!



February Reading Challenge

Today children will bring home in their book bags the newest holiday reading challenge. This half-term break, children are challenged to read in extreme and unusual places (provided it's safe). We would love to add photographs of the children's wild reading to our Reading Star display, so please snap away!



Looking ahead to next term (Book Week/Sports Relief)

Next term is also set to be jam-packed with lots of exciting events. Notably, we will be celebrating our Book Week with our author visit on Tuesday 3rd March and our World Book Day dress-up day on Thursday 5th March. Then, beginning Mon 9th is the annual Sports Relief week.

Class Blogs

A reminder of the links for our class blogs:

Robin Class: plumptonrobins.wordpress.com

Woodpecker Class: plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com

Kingfisher Class: plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com

Owl Class: plumptonowls.wordpress.com

Dates For Your Diary

February 2020	
Friday 14 th	Non-uniform day
Friday 14 th	Pre-loved clothes sale – PTA – 2.30pm
Friday 14 th	Last day of Term 3
Monday 24 th	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 25 th	Crepe sale – PTA
Wednesday 26 th	SATs briefing to parents KS2 – 3.10pm Letter to follow
Thursday 27 th	Yr6 Chailey Maths restarts
Friday 28 th	SATs briefing to parents KS1 – 3.10pm Letter to follow
Saturday 29 th	Patina Jumble Sale – Village Hall
March 2020	
Monday 2 nd	BOOK WEEK BONANZA begins
Tuesday 3 rd	Author visit day
Wednesday 4 th	Yr6 invited to Chailey Show Letter to follow
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Monday 9 th	Sports relief week begins
Tuesday 10 th	Maths workshop for parents Letter to follow
Wednesday 25 th	KS2 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip
Tuesday 31 st	Easter Service – 2pm – school hall
Tuesday 31 st	Parents' evening 3.10pm-5.30pm
April 2020	
Thursday 2 nd	Parents' evening 4pm-7pm

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