



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy year it has been! Welcome to the final newsletter of the academic year.

Patina

On Friday 5th July, our Year 6 pupils paraded through the streets of Lewes dressed as Vikings and Dragons for the PATINA Moving On Parade. We have it on good authority that Plumpton were the loudest group who took part, and that they chanted throughout the parade. Thank you to all the parents who gave up time to help us create their fantastic How To Train Your Dragon-inspired costumes.



End of Year production

Weren't they great? Our KS2 pupils really enjoyed putting on their end of year show, Traitors' Quay. Thank you all for coming along to see the show and for putting so much effort into buying, making and designing their costumes. Thank you also to our wonderful PPTFA and choir leader, Mrs Meredith-Jones, for providing the wonderful interval refreshments and entertainment.

Parliament

At the beginning of July, our last two School Council teams were invited to visit the Houses of Parliament, following the success of our student school council initiatives over the past 2 years.

We toured the Palace of Westminster, looking at all the statues of past Prime Ministers and parliamentarians. Meanwhile, we were provided the opportunity to undertake a Q&A with the Sports, Youth and Loneliness Minister, Mim Davies MP. Children asked a range of grilling questions about a myriad of topics: Brexit, parliamentary lunches and women's equality. All children who attended were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Well done!



Thank you – parents, carers, volunteers

As we conclude a hugely successful academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the course of the year. Many of the extra-curricular events you have read about in this newsletter would not have taken place had it not been for parent volunteers – thank you for giving up your time to support our school.

A special thank you to the parents who have weekly given up their time to read with and teach our children. We really appreciate you sharing your knowledge and expertise this year.



Attendance

We continue to strive for 97% attendance across the school; please make every effort to get your child in school every day on time. If your child is unable to attend school (due to illness) please contact the school office by 9.00am on 01273 890338.

Here are the attendance results up to today:

- **Robin Class** – 94%
- **Woodpecker Class** – 96%
- **Kingfisher Class** – 95.9%
- **Owls Class** – 96.7%



Congratulations go to **Owls Class!**



Take One Heart

We are really excited to inform you that when our pupils return in September, they will delve deep into the topic of 'The Heart'.

Like their peers across the Skylark Federation, students in KS2 will use their topic of 'The Heart' as a platform for learning about a range of topics across the curriculum. For instance, in Science children will learn about the circulatory system, while in History they will study great doctors and medical breakthroughs in the 20th Century.

In EYFS (Reception) and KS1, teachers will use the topic of 'The Heart' to introduce children to a number of subjects: friendships, relationships and fairytales (to name a few). At the beginning of the year, children in Robins will learn about 'The Family'.

Bandstand grand opening

Last Saturday morning, our choir participated in the unveiling of Plumpton Green's new bandstand near the village hall.

The children sang a beautiful rendition of Christina Perry's Thousand Years and received a rapturous applause from the audience. Thank you to all the parents who attended and to Mrs Meredith-Jones for encouraging the children to sing so passionately (even after the KS2 production the night before!).



Sports Day

At the end of June, Plumpton celebrated its annual Sports Day on the school field. It was a wonderful occasion in which pupils demonstrated their team work and sports skill in a range of sports. Well done to everyone who took part and to:

George Morley for Longest Throw

Otto King for Longest Jump

Freddie Duff for Fastest run (boy)

Ella Meredith-Jones for Fastest run (girl)



Message for motorists – parking/driving near school

A polite reminder that near schools the speed limit (or absolute maximum speed) is 20mph. Please observe this speed limit when driving in and out of Southdowns to collect your children; it is used at all times by children and their parents.

When parking at drop-off or pick-up, please ensure you are parking safely and appropriately (and refrain from using the residents' bay). Parking dangerously can result in pavements being blocked and children being placed in danger.

Class Blogs

Our class blogs are updated regularly and offer a wealth of information. Please use the links below:

Robin Class:

plumptonrobins.wordpress.com

Woodpecker Class: plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com

Kingfisher Class:

plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com

Owl Class:

plumptonowls.wordpress.com

Dates For Your Diary

September 2019	
Wednesday 4 th	No school – INSET day
Thursday 5 th	First day back – Term 1
October 2019	
Friday 25 th	No school – INSET day for staff
November 2019	
Friday 15 th	No school – INSET day for staff

Have a lovely summer break,

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