



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,
 Happy New Year! Welcome back to an exciting new term. We hope you all had a lovely restful holiday with family and friends. This term promises to be as busy and productive as last term, but fortunately not quite as long!

Quentin Blake

Last term, the children all designed individual birthday cards to celebrate Quentin Blake's 85th Birthday on the 16th December. Following this, each and every design was sent in a (very large) envelope to Mr Blake - we hope he enjoyed receiving them! If you would like to see copies of the children's designs, Mrs Edwards has created a superb display in the school corridor. Please do come in and have a look!

Class Topics

We have some very exciting topics taking place this term. In Year 5/6, Owl Class are learning about Earth and Space as part of their 'Don't Get Lost' topic, while in Year 3/4 Kingfisher Class will also be learning about Earth and Space but with a particular focus on the moon and the lunar cycle. Lower down the school in Reception class and Year 1/2, they will be enjoying finding out about Africa. Robin Class will be learning about African animals and exotic fruit, while Woodpecker Class will be learning about all the different habitats of African animals. You are warmly invited to attend the curriculum meeting for your class – please look at the 'Dates for your Diary' section on the next page.

School Clubs

School clubs will start on Monday 8th January including a Debating Club for KS2, which will be run by Mr Hughes on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm. A copy of all the clubs available was emailed to all parents and carers at the end of last term. However, if you would like a paper copy please see Mrs Ketley in the school office.

Parent Forum

On Wednesday 24th January, we will be having a parent forum from 9am until 9.45am in the school hall. All parents and carers are invited to meet with Mr James, Mrs Buchan and members of the Skylark Federation Governing Body. During this time, you will have the opportunity to ask any questions or discuss any queries you may have. We hope to see lots of you there!

Daily Mile

As part of the PE curriculum and on the days when they do not have a PE lesson, each class completes the 'daily mile'. The benefits of this include increased energy levels and more active engagement during lessons. To ensure all children can participate in this important activity, please make sure they have a pair of suitable footwear e.g. trainers in school every day – thank you.

House Points Winners

Congratulations to Air House who earned the highest number of house points last term. Their reward is an extra sports session with Mr Munnery doing a variety of fun activities. Well done to all the children in Air House!

Uniform

Once again, a huge 'thank-you' must go out to all parents and carers for sending your child to school looking smart! All the children are very proud to be part of our school community and this is reflected in their appearance. Please also ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat to wear at playtime and lunchtime because it can get very cold on the playground! If you require any items of school uniform, please speak to Mrs Ketley in the school office.

Attendance

We want all of our children in school for every day of the academic year. If your child is unable to attend school (due to illness) please contact the school office daily by 9.00am on 01273 890338. Here are the attendance results up to 20th December 2017:

| Class | Attendance % |
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| Robins | 93% |
| Woodpeckers | 96.5% |
| Kingfishers | 97% |
| Owls | 96% |

Congratulations to Kingfishers.

Class Blogs

Don't forget to look at your child's class blog for up to date information. Class blog addresses:

Robin Class:

plumptonrobins.wordpress.com

Woodpecker Class:

plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com

Kingfisher Class:

plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com

Owl Class:

plumptonowls.wordpress.com

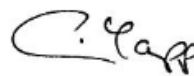
Dates for your diary

| January 2018 | |
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| Monday 15 th | Kingfisher curriculum meeting 3.15pm – 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 16 th | Owl curriculum meeting 3.15pm – 3.30pm |
| Thursday 18 th | Woodpecker curriculum meeting 3.15pm – 3.30pm |
| Friday 19 th | Robin curriculum meeting 3.15pm – 3.30pm |
| Wednesday 24 th | Parent and Governor Forum 9am – 9.45am |
| February 2018 | |
| Friday 9 th | Last day of Term 3 |
| Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th | HALF TERM HOLIDAY |
| Monday 19 th | First day of Term 4 |
| Thursday 22 nd | Swimming gala Y4-6 (invitation only) |
| March 2018 | |
| Thursday 8 th | Owl class assembly 9am |
| Thursday 15 th | Kingfisher class assembly 9am |
| Thursday 22 nd | Woodpecker class assembly 9am |
| Thursday 29 th | Robin class assembly 9am |
| Thursday 29 th | Last day of term 4 |
| Friday 30 th March - Monday 16 th April | EASTER HOLIDAY |
| April 2018 | |
| Monday 16 th | First day of Term 5 |

Best wishes,



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