



## 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 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017:

Class	Attendance %
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](http://plumptonrobins.wordpress.com)

Woodpecker Class:

[plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com](http://plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com)

Kingfisher Class:

[plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com](http://plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com)

Owl Class:

[plumptonowls.wordpress.com](http://plumptonowls.wordpress.com)

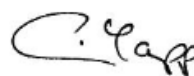
## Dates for your diary

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

Best wishes,



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Head of School



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