



Plumpton Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 of the academic year. This term always seems to be full of opportunity: lighter mornings, warmer weather and the run up to Easter. We are now halfway through the academic year, and this means pupils are really knuckling down and getting stuck into their new topics.

## Book Week & the February Reading Challenge

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the February Reading Challenge; you really did read in some unusual places (on horseback; in Iceland; in the bath...)!

Now it's Book Week! We've really got stuck in with our D-E-A-R, our 'Guess the Teacher's Book' challenge, and we're gearing up for a visit from Comic Book author Nick Jones. Watch this space!

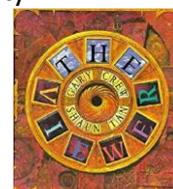


## February Fundraising Fortnight

We had some last minute donations to our February Fundraising Fortnight fund and the money raised now stands at **£500** (raised in total by all 4 of our classes). This money will now go to the following class charities: CLAPA (The Cleft Lip and Palate Association), Rockinghorse Children's Charity, Evelina Children's Hospital, and PATINA Lewes Art Fund.

## Our learning this term

This term our rocking Robins are learning about 'Growing' and will track the progress of seeds and plants as they grow throughout the Spring months. They will be reading *Bog Baby*. Our wonderful Woodpeckers will be learning about Castles (I wish I could go back to Year 1/2!) and will read a book called *The Paper Bag Princess* – a parody of the traditional Dragon-Princess relationship. Kingfishers are learning about their 'Local Environment' this term, capped off with an exciting trip to Cuckmere Haven, and will read my favourite lower Key Stage 2 text: *Oliver and the Seawigs*. It follows a young boy's journey to save his parents from the wrath of a 'rambling isle' called Thurlstone (and his sidekick Stacey de Lacey). Finally, Owls are also learning about Local Geography and are reading a text called *The Viewer*; it is all about a young boy's discovery of an old viewer which takes him on a journey of discovery and opens his eyes to the past and future of humanity.



## 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** – 97%
- **Kingfisher Class** – 96%
- **Owls Class** – 96.5%

**Congratulations** go to **Woodpecker Class!**

## Maths Week 2019

We invite you to 2 Maths Workshops taking place next week. They focus on making you aware of the methods we use to teach the four 'operations' (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** 9am to 10am – KS1

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** 9am to 10am – KS2

## Sports – swimming and cricke'

Mrs Taplin has been criss-crossing the county this term to take our budding athletes to Swimming Galas and Cricket Tournaments. The Owls and Kingfishers who attended have been wonderful ambassadors for Plumpton School – well done!



## Class Blogs

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

**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)

## Comic Relief



**Comic Relief** – as you will see from our list of diary dates, Comic Relief is coming soon. We have this year's red noses on sale in the School Office!

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** children will have the chance to mark this special fundraising day by sharing a joke with their classmates (we are looking forward to lots of laughs but please ensure that their material is suitable for school).

We will also ask that children come to school that day wearing **a red t-shirt** and bring with them a £1 donation. More details to follow in a letter from Mrs Taplin.

## Dates For Your Diary

March 2019	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Woodpecker Class Assembly
W/C Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Class Assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
W/C Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am – KS1 Maths Workshop
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am – KS2 Maths Workshop
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> + 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lewes Big Dance (Yr5)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Yr5 Little Big Bang - Ringmer
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Football Comp. Hamsey
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
April 2019	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Service 2.15pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents' Evening 3.15-5.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	STEM day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 4
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Term 5 Begins
May 2019	
Throughout T5	KS1 SATs take place
W/C Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 5

Best wishes,

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