



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Plumpton School, and all its staff, wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



Nut-free school reminder

Plumpton School is a proud nut-free school. We ask that you support us in maintaining this by ensuring your child's packed lunches and snacks are completely nut free. In addition, please ensure any hamper donations, or other foodstuff donations, are similarly nut free.

Fundraising success – Mrs Ketley's Hampers

All the money raised through Mrs Ketley's Christmas Hamper draw has been counted up, and we can reveal that **£600** was raised for our PPTFA through this initiative. Thank you to those of you who bought tickets, and a huge thank you to Mrs Ketley for taking the time to make each of those lovely hampers. Alongside the Christmas fayre, this means our school raised close to a whopping **£2000** in December.

Attendance

We are looking for a new class to **topple** Woodpecker Class this term (they have been the dominant force in our weekly Attendance Cup competition this term); here are the attendance results for this term so far are:

- **Robin Class** – 96.8%
- **Woodpecker Class** – 93.2%
- **Kingfisher Class** – 96%
- **Owls Class** – 91%



Victory for Robin Class! Well done on achieving the attendance Oscar this week!

Our topics this term

Robins

The Robins focus text this term is *What they Ladybird Heard* and is set on a farm where the reader can meet all the animals who manage to avert a burglar trying to steal a fine prize cow. Watch this space!



Woodpeckers

The Woodpeckers will be reading *Lila and the Secret of the Rain* which is an African tale linked to their topic of Africa.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers are reading *The Promise* by Nicola Davies, which is about humanity's impact on the world. This links to their topic of *Natural Disasters* (volcanoes, tsunamis and hurricanes).



Owls

Owls are reading *The Savage* by David Almond. It is a text about a young boy's bereavement and how he is coping by writing a tale about a savage who lives in the wilderness near where he lives. This book provides us with some opportunities to explore our topic of *Active Earth* in more detail.

School Council update – bins and pledges

Our School Council and Eco-Council have seen to it that our school now recycles a wider range of materials. Pupils will now see bins for recycling plastic and for recycling card at school.

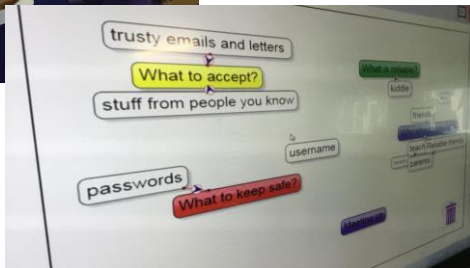


The School/Eco-councils would also like to thank all that took part in the Plastic Pledges assignment over the Christmas break.

Progress towards our SDP

With each day that passes, Plumpton is making strides towards fulfilling some of the pledges in its School Development Plan. This term we are focusing on improving the delivery of Computing across our school with a scheme called Purple Mash.

It is a fantastic programme that teachers and pupils can use in class to explore the Computing curriculum objectives. Just this week, Owls Class have examined in detail what it means to be 'safe online' and discussed the importance of keeping information safe.



Super Skylark update

A number of Owls pupils are close to fulfilling the *Ten Awesome Things* criteria in order to become Super Skylarks and to don the much-coveted purple jumper.

Meanwhile, across the Federation, Super Skylarks will now enjoy a number of privileges: a Free Footwear Friday; the chance to use the sports area throughout the week; and the opportunity to go to lunch whenever they choose.

We are looking forward to welcoming more pupils to the Super Skylarks!

Our assemblies this term

This term our Monday and Tuesday 'values' assemblies are focusing on Religious Freedom and Mindfulness. On Mondays, pupils will learn about the British Value of 'freedom of faith' and how, in Britain, we celebrate those who follow a myriad of world religions.

On Tuesdays, with Mrs Williams, pupils will explore their own Mindfulness and will learn about what it means to be kind to oneself.

Sports update – welcome Mr Timmins!

Mr Timmins has enjoyed a busy first week as our new Sports Coach, and has already worked with every class in the school on developing Gymnastics skills.

12 Days of Rock[stars] Christmas Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Christmas Times Tables Rockstars competition. Today in assembly, Mrs Williams, our Maths leader, celebrated your achievements and awarded the participants with special certificates. Well done to all!

The challenge continues into the new year, however – Boys vs Girls challenges are currently live in Owls and Kingfishers.

Rock on!



Class meets and class assemblies

A reminder that this week our class meets are being held. We invite you to come in and meet with class teachers to discuss the children's learning journeys this term. Please see the curriculum letters, sent by the school office yesterday, for more information.

Secondly, our class assemblies are taking place this term in our school hall. Pupils are looking forward to showcasing their learning on stage. See calendar below for dates.

Teeth and milk



Top tip! We have recently found out how important it is to leave teeth in milk if they have been knocked out/chipped. Given how many children knock/bump their teeth when playing, we wanted to share this top tip with you.

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

January 2020	
Thursday 16 th	Woodpeckers Class Meet 3pm
Friday 17 th	Robins Class Meet 3pm
Thursday 23 rd	Owls Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 30 th	Kingfisher Class Assembly 9am
Friday 31 st	Poetry Day
February 2020	
Monday 3 rd	FEBRUARY FUNDRAISING FORTNIGHT begins
Friday 7 th	Woodpeckers Class Assem. 9am
Tuesday 11 th	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 13 th	Robins Class Assembly 9am

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