



Plumpton Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoy reading this jam-packed newsletter in which we share with you the goings-on at Plumpton Primary School this December.

## Attendance

Attendance at Plumpton Primary School currently stands at 96.7% this term and is very close to the Local Authority target of 97%. This week's attendance winners are Woodpecker Class with 96% attendance record this term. **Well done Woodpeckers.**



## Bike lights



It is lovely to see so many pupils travelling to school by bike this year – it's a great, active start to the day. A gentle reminder to ensure your child's bike has the **required lights**: this time of year it is often dark at both the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up and we want to be sure that **motorists** can see you.

## Digital Leaders update

This term, our Digital Leaders have started using new software to create professional E-safety posters for our school. They have also started learning different short cuts on the keyboard to help make computing more efficient.



## Your outward-looking village school

This term, Plumpton Primary School has once again been looking to keep in touch with the older members of our community. This week, pupils have followed up their cards to local OAPs with a Christmas letter.



## Food vouchers

We understand that these are difficult times for some families, so Plumpton Primary School would like to let you know that we can offer – or put you in contact with those who can offer – **food vouchers** to any families that find themselves in need of extra support. Please contact the school office for information and rest assured that we will deal with your request with the utmost discretion.



## School and Eco-Council update

The School and Eco-Councils have again reached out to the community by writing Christmas messages to the isolated members of our village. I'm also pleased to report that the light monitors have helped reduce our weekly energy expenditure (Miss Newnham).

## 'Home' – our NEW project in January

We have loved delving deep into our Treasure project these last two terms and have learned so much about the Tudors, Aztecs, Vikings, Egyptians & Toys (to name a few). We have done really well to hone our source analysis skills over the past few months and are now looking forward to getting stuck into our new project, entitled 'Home', from January. This ostensibly Geographical topic will see us venturing to all corners of our world. Watch this space!

## INSET day change – REMINDER

We would like confirm that, though our next INSET day was originally planned for Monday 22nd Feb (the first day of Term 4), **it is now Friday 12th Feb (the last day of Term 3)**. School will be closed for pupils on this day.

## Mrs Ketley's Hampers and virtual draw

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Ketley's Hamper Draw has raised £906 for our PPTFA. Thank you, Mrs Ketley, for coordinating this fundraising, and thank you



### Google Classroom & Tapestry reminder

Please check out our Google Classroom tab on our school website (<http://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/>) where you will find all the information you need to help guide you through the use of Google Classroom. Included are: our *Golden Rules for Google Meet* should we ever need to meet for our live 'check-in'; a Plumpton timetable to help you follow the school timetable if you're at home; and clarification of our offer (see both the *Remote Learning Plan* and *Remote Learning Policy*).

### How we communicate with families



We understand that, within the current Government guidelines, it is sometimes challenging to speak with your child's class teacher on the school gate, so we would like to remind you that you can contact class teachers in lots of other ways:

- Discuss homework queries on **Google Classroom** or **Tapestry**;
- Arrange a **telephone** or **Zoom consultation** via the School Office: your child's class teacher will, then, endeavour to speak with you at the end of the teaching day when the pupils have been dismissed.

In addition, we will continue to communicate with you using the following means:

- **Emails** – we will email you letters to inform you of updates/trips/events/goings-on;
- **Website** – our website contains a wealth of information;
- **Text** – we will text you if a last-minute cancellation has taken place;
- **Parents' evenings/reports** – Our parents' evenings are twice yearly (next in March), and an End of Year report is produced in July;

### Year 6 Rock-climbing

Our Year 6 pupils took part in Rock-Climbing in early December at Plumpton College. Thank you, Mrs Taplin, for accompanying our Year 6s – I know they all had lots of fun!



to all those members of our wider community who donated prizes.

### Our new Super Skylarks

To become a Super Skylark, pupils need to fulfil *Ten Awesome Things* including consistently doing their homework and being a good role model.

Congratulations to Hal, Tallulah and Daisy for being the first to achieve this accolade!

### Virtual tour of the school - website

Attached to this email is a flyer from the Local Authority confirming that 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 is the deadline for applying for a place for our Robins Class next year. A reminder that you can find a virtual tour of Plumpton School on our website:

<http://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/>. Click on the 'Virtual Tour' tab to find a tour from Mr Hughes.

### Dropping your child off at Breakfast Club



Our morning Breakfast Club is increasingly popular with families but, with this, we are noticing that some parents are driving into the school to drop their child off outside the office. We remind parents and carers that, for safety reasons, you must park outside our external gates (at the roundabout) and walk in.

### Christmas Performances this year



A reminder that you can now view both our Early Years/Key Stage 1 Nativity *and* our Key Stage 2 carol performance via your Google Classroom or Tapestry log-in.

### Funky Sock Monday

Last week you received a letter about our exciting new Monday Morning initiative that we hope will see pupils skipping into school ready for a day full of learning. That's right, next term sees us all coming into school every Monday wearing weird and wonderful socks (that will be sure to dispel any Monday blues!).

### Dates For Your Diary

January 2021	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day back at school
February 2021	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – no school for pupils

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# Merry Christmas from Plumpton Primary School!

