



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term pupils have hit the ground running and have already delved deep into their topics of *The Stone Age* and *Ice Explorers*. You can already see some photographs of the children's learning on your child's class blog (see below for links to the blogs).

INSET day this FRIDAY (15th) – NO SCHOOL

As you will have read in my last newsletter, this Friday 15th November teachers have a staff INSET day for staff training with colleagues from across the Skylark Federation. This means that school is closed on Friday to children.

SUPER Skylarks

We are thrilled to announce that our first three Super Skylarks of the year are Thomas, Frazer & Lucy in Year 6!

Our Super Skylarks are nominated for fulfilling '10 Awesome Things' which include being Reading Stars, completing homework and always being a good role model. Being a Super Skylark also affords you special privileges such as being first in the line for lunch!

The rest of Yr5/6 are now vying to be the next nominees!



Xmas jumper day for our PPTFA

Our wonderful PPTFA are hosting their annual Christmas Fayre in December and would like to collect a wide range of gifts and prizes for their Tombola stall.

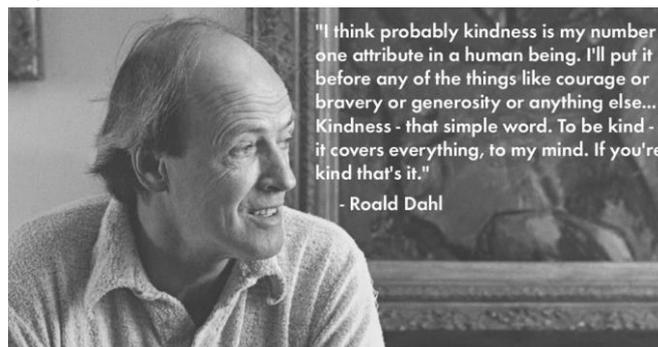
As a result, on Wednesday 4th December, children are invited to come into school wearing their Christmas jumpers, and in return are asked to bring in a Tombola prize. More information from Mrs Cottenham to follow!



School Council update - Kindness

Our School Council has once again been spearheading a range of exciting initiatives. Firstly, they are still awaiting a response regarding using the field nearby Plumpton School for Outdoor Learning sessions. Then, a bit closer to home, the School Council have been taking stock of just how kind our school is. They published a 'Kindness Questionnaire' which all pupils filled in. The findings were clear...our pupils know what it means to be kind, but we, as teachers, should be celebrating it even more!

As a result, Mrs Edwards has begun creating a Kindness Wall in the school hall which has emblazoned upon it a famous Roald Dahl quote about Kindness. The School Council would like this to become an active display that parents and children alike can use to celebrate kindness in-and-around Plumpton School.



Attendance

Inevitably, there will be times when your children are too unwell to be in school, but we ask that our pupils are in school every day whenever possible to support us in our reaching our attendance goal of 97%+.

Here are the attendance results up to today:

- **Robin Class** – 92%
- **Woodpecker Class** 97.9%
- **Kingfisher Class** – 97.2%
- **Owl Class** – 94%



Parent Pay

Over the course of this academic year, we are going to be phasing out the use of cash at Plumpton School and, soon, we will ask for parents to pay for trips and clubs via ParentPay. If you need support in using the ParentPay system, please contact the School Office.

Get Together for Children in Need

Next Friday 22nd November, children at Plumpton School will raise funds for the BBC's Children in Need 2019. They will 'Get Together' for Children in Need by coming to school dressed in clothing that represents a team of which they are a part...sports kits, cubs uniforms, ballet/gymnastics dress are all permissible!

Open Afternoons

Next week we will open our doors to the local community and to prospective Reception parents in particular. Next Wednesday 20th November and Friday 22nd November, we will host Open Mornings in which parents/carers who wish to send their children to Plumpton School next September can sample the wonderful learning environment here at Plumpton. In addition, Mr Hughes, Mr James and Mrs Allen will be on hand to answer any questions parents may have!

Please share this far and wide!

A taste of our Learning Journeys so far this term:



Help us keep in touch with you

Please ensure that our School Office has your up-to-date contact details. We will need these if we ever need to contact you about your child feeling unwell during the school day. East Sussex County Council's 'Safeguarding Best Practice' requires schools to have at least two contact details for each family.

Christmas Cards!

Christmas has arrived a little early at Plumpton School this year as pupils in all classes have designed a Christmas Card design that you will soon be able to purchase to send to family this Christmas. We expect to be able to share with you a letter explaining pricing/sizing in the coming weeks.

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

November 2019	
Thursday 14 th	Stone Age trip (Owls)
Thursday 14 th	T2 curriculum letters sent to parents
Friday 15 th	INSET day – no school
Wednesday 20 th	Rocks and Soils talk – Kingfishers
Wednesday 20 th & Friday 22 nd	Open Morning for prospective Reception parents
Tuesday 26 th	Class photos
December 2019	
Tuesday 3 rd	Kingfishers trip to Ashdown Forest
Wednesday 4 th	PPTFA Xmas jumper day
Wednesday 4 th	Whole-school pantomime (AM)
Wednesday 4 th	Cumnor House Science (Owls)
Friday 6 th	PPTFA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 th	Owls watching Chailey Winter Show
Thursday 12 th	Choir singing in the community
Wednesday 18 th & Thursday 19 th	KS1 Nativity (AM) & KS2 Carol Concert (PM) Letter to follow
Friday 20 th	Magic show for children
Friday 20 th	Last day of Term 2

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