



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all for what promises to be an exciting year ahead! The children have already settled into their new classes and are working hard on their new topic 'Take One Flight'.

We would like to welcome Mrs Marianne Allen to our school, she will be teaching Robin class. We would also like to welcome Miss Jasmine Manley in her new role as a graduate teacher in Year 3/4.

Class organisation for 2018/19 is as follows:

YR Robin Class – Mrs Allen

Y1/2 Woodpecker Class – Mrs Williams / Miss Newnham

Y3/4 Kingfisher Class – Mrs Matheson / Mrs Buchan

Y5/6 Owl Class – Mr Hughes

Take one Flight

Our new topic throughout the school this term is 'Take One Flight'. The children in Owl class are exploring the history of aviation through the lens of their English text, Fly Me Home. Kingfisher class are learning about birds of prey through the African tale Fly Eagle Fly. While in Woodpecker class, the children are discovering how the Wright Brothers conquered the skies in the book Taking Flight, and Robin class are reading the children's classic Owl Babies to help them learn about nocturnal birds and animals.

To celebrate our topic we would like to invite you all to an art exhibition and open afternoon on Tuesday 9th October from 2pm until 4pm. We hope you can come!

PPTFA

The PPTFA AGM will be held at school on Thursday 4th October at 6pm. Crèche facilities will be available. We hope to see lots of you at their forthcoming fundraising events which include; a jumble sale at the village hall on Saturday 29th September from 2pm to 4pm, the annual Halloween disco at school on Wednesday 31st October from 4pm to 5.30pm and the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December from 5pm to 7pm. A huge thank you to Mrs Meredith-Jones and her wonderful team for all their continued hard work for our school!

School Council

On Monday, we will be transforming our school hall into a Polling Station. Each of the pupils in our school will receive a ballot paper in order to vote for the school councillors from their class. The successful candidates will be revealed soon after!

School Gate

To ensure the safety of your children, the school site is kept securely locked during the school day. The blue gates for children coming in and leaving school will be open at the following times:
 Morning: 8.30am to 8.45am
 Afternoon: 3pm to 3.15pm

End of day arrangements

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and is to walk themselves home, please complete a form in the school office. If your child is to be collected by someone other than yourself, please notify the office, in person or in writing, of who will be collecting your child. Teachers will not release your child to an unauthorised person, as we have a duty to safeguard your children until they are in your care or that of an authorised person.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently entitled to free school meals. Your child may be entitled to free school meals for all their time at Primary School. If you are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance or some other form of support, your child may be entitled to free school meals throughout primary school and possibly beyond. If your child does qualify, they also receive Pupil Premium funding for at least 6 years. This funding is used to support children's learning and help towards the cost of, for example, school uniform, after school clubs and school trips. If you would like to apply for these 'long-term' free school meals you just need to complete a form that is available from the school office.

If you qualify, please contact the office by Thursday 4th October so we can register this information in time.

Remember, if you are in receipt of benefits, you need to register for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 to ensure they receive free meals beyond Year 2, and also for your child to receive the pupil premium funding.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school (due to illness) please contact the school office daily by 9.00am on 01273 890338.

Class Blogs

The class blogs are updated weekly and offer a wealth of information. You can access them using the links below:

Robin Class:

plumptonrobins.wordpress.com

Woodpecker Class:

plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com

Kingfisher Class:

plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com

Owl Class:

plumptonowls.wordpress.com

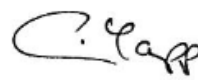
Dates For Your Diary

September 2018	
Curriculum meetings 3.15pm	
Monday 17 th	Owl class
Tuesday 18 th	Robin class
Wednesday 19 th	Kingfisher class
Thursday 20 th	Woodpecker class
Tuesday 25 th	Owl class to Science museum
Friday 28 th	Whole school STEM day
Saturday 29 th	PPTFA Jumble Sale 2pm – 4pm
October 2018	
Thursday 4 th	PPTFA AGM 6pm
Friday 5 th	Harvest Festival 2pm school hall – all welcome!
Tuesday 9 th	Art Exhibition and Open Afternoon 2pm – 4pm
Tuesday 16 th	Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Wednesday 17 th	Parents Evening 3.15pm – 5.15pm
Thursday 18 th	INSET Day – school closed
Friday 19 th	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29 th	Term 2 starts
Wednesday 31 st	PPTFA Halloween Disco 4pm - 5.30pm
November 2018	
Wednesday 21 st	New Reception parents Open Morning 9.15am – 11.30am
Friday 30 th	PPTFA non-uniform
December 2018	
Friday 7 th	PPTFA Christmas Fayre 5pm -7pm
Wednesday 12 th	Christmas Dinner day
Friday 14 th	Whole School Christmas production at the village hall 1.30pm – all welcome!
Wednesday 19 th	Last day of Term 2
January 2019	
Wednesday 2 nd	INSET Day – school closed
Thursday 3 rd	Term 3 starts

Best wishes,



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