



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a jam-packed and sunny term here at Plumpton School. Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to!

SATs is over – Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils have done us proud this week. They've worked incredibly hard and have actually enjoyed the SATs as an opportunity to show off all they've learned this year.

Year 6 will be enjoying a post-SATs treat on Friday with sword-fighting, sports and painting on the cards. Well done, Year 6! You deserve it.

Sports update

As ever, Plumpton School has been participating in a number of sporting events this term. Firstly, our Kingfishers have just begun their swimming lessons at Cumnor House Independent School (making use of their fantastic pool facilities).

Also, our wonderful Woodpeckers didn't let the rain stop them taking part in a Multi-skills tournament at our school a few weeks ago. Take a look at the photos:



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](tel:01273890338).

Thai and Trivia

This is where I say a huge thank you to everyone who came together to make the Thai and Trivia event such a success.

The PPTFA has informed us that they raised a whopping £5,000 for our school, with some money still to come in.

This is a phenomenal figure for a school of 104 pupils and serves to demonstrate the commitment of you all to supporting our school to succeed.

Thank you for your generosity – we promise it will go to enhancing children's learning in an exciting and innovative way. Watch this space!

School Council update

We are holding an anti-idling campaign telling the village to turn off their engines at school and at the railway crossing. This stops the air in our village being contaminated by bad gasses. To add to this we are holding a competition throughout the school on making a poster on the anti-idling campaign. The winner's poster will be put up by the railway next to the crossing. **Tilly & Tam (Yr6)**.



New After-School Club Leader

Next week our new After-School Supervisor, Mrs Taylor, will take over from Miss Bingham.

We're really excited to welcome Mrs Taylor to our school – she is an experienced Teaching Assistant at Hamsey School who will bring a wealth of experience to the role.

Mrs Taylor will jointly run this Thursday's After-School Club with Miss Bingham to introduce herself to the pupils.

Art and DT week

Our Art & DT Leader, Mrs Allen, is organising a fun Art and DT week next week that will involve children taking their learning outdoors.

Here are the attendance results up to today:

- **Robin Class** – 94.4%
- **Woodpecker Class** – 96.5%
- **Kingfisher Class** – 95.6%
- **Owls Class** – 96.4%

Congratulations go to Woodpecker Class!

Punctuality and attendance

We're really proud of our attendance and punctuality here at Plumpton School and we celebrate children who are consistently present and prompt.

Mr James is going to continue to celebrate great attendance using the Attendance Oscar during his Wednesday assemblies. However, next term we're going to have a 'Punctuality Push' and Mr James will also be congratulating the classes with pupils who don't arrive late. Top tip: Mr James loves to give out prizes! It'll be worth it!

A reminder that the school gates are open from 08.30am and close at 08.40am.

Local artist joining the Plumpton team

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Griffiths, a local artist, is going to be working with pupils at Plumpton School in Term 6 and throughout next year.

Mrs Griffiths, next term, will work with Owls and Woodpeckers classes to create and design work linked to their learning journeys. In the new academic year, Mrs Griffiths will work with Kingfishers and Robins.

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



Nero Spring-Bank Holiday Reading Challenge & PAT dog

It's that time of year again! Our next holiday Reading Challenge is upon us.

To celebrate the fact that Plumpton School will have its very own PAT (Pets As Therapy) Reading Dog next term, we're encouraging the children to hone their reading skills before they read to Nero (a lovely black Flatcoated Retriever). I will be sending home a letter challenging pupils to take up the Nero challenge next week.



Dates For Your Diary

May 2019	
W/c Monday 20 th	Art and DT Week
Tuesday 21 st	Safety in Action Yr6
Wednesday 22 nd	PGL parents' meeting Yr6 (home time)
Friday 24 th	End of Term 5
June 2019	
Throughout T6	Phonics Screening Check
Throughout T6	Yr4 Multiplication Check
Thursday 6 th	Kingfisher Class Assembly
Tuesday 11 th	Majority of Phonics Screening to take place
Wednesday 12 th – Friday 14 th	Yr6 PGL Residential Trip
Friday 14 th	Woodpecker Class Assembly
Monday 17 th	Patina Artist Day (Owls)
Wednesday 19 th	Yr5 Lewes Old Grammar School visit
Thursday 20 th	Robins Class Assembly
Friday 21 st	Author visit AM (KS2)
W/c Monday 24 th	Yr5 Bikeability
Monday 24 th	Patina Artist Day (Owls)
Wednesday 26 th	Patina Artist Day (Owls)
Friday 28 th	Sports Day
July 2019	
Monday 1 st	School Council Parliament visit
Tuesday 2 nd	Yr5 LOGs Big Dance
Friday 5 th	PATINA parade Owls
Thursday 11 th	Connect with the Countryside Owls
Friday 12 th	EofY production (KS2)
Monday 15 th	Yr5 Bikeability
Friday 19 th	Last day of term
September 2019	
Thursday 5 th	First day back Term 1

Best wishes,

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