



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term One has been jam-packed with learning about The Heart. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's books and artwork during our Open Afternoon last week.



Eco update

Our Eco-councillors have been working hard to improve our school's environmental credentials. Their first job has been to make clear to pupils which bins are for recycling and which are for general waste. Next, they will turn their attention to plastic waste, and they are currently talking with our Business Manager about purchasing plastic recycling bins for our school hall.



SUPER Skylarks

We will soon be opening nominations for pupils to join the Super Skylarks. Watch this space!



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** – 91%
- **Woodpecker Class** - 98%
- **Kingfisher Class** – 97%
- **Owls Class** – 95%



Year 6 Forest School and gardening

Our Year 6 Owls have loved their Forest School sessions with Mr Gilbert this term. They have learned, and honed, a whole host of skills: carving, building, fire-lighting (among others!).

In addition, our Gardening Club have been picking produce such as beans, onions and carrots this term. Next they are preparing the flower beds for the winter weather! Brrr!



School Council update

Our School Councillors have been working hard to forge ever closer links with our local community. This term they have written a letter to a local landowner asking if we can use their land for Science/Outdoor Learning lessons.

"We are writing to you to ask if the children at Plumpton Primary School would be allowed to use your field for exploring creatures and wildlife and to analyse different types of plants and enhancing our forest school experience..."

Annabelle Wallis and Jasper Leaney (Owls representatives).

School Crossing update

You will have noticed that we are recruiting for a new Crossing Patrol on Station Road. See below:

Crossing Patrol Advert

Plumpton Primary School
requires a volunteer or group of volunteers
to help us with the school crossing patrol.

Monday – Friday

8.15am – 8.45am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm

Term time only

[Help us keep in touch with you](#)

Our Reception/Year 6 buddies

We celebrate kindness each and every day at Plumpton School, and there is no better way to exemplify this than to speak to our Year 6 Buddies.

They have worked tirelessly this term to ensure their new Robin buddies have settled in well at Plumpton School. Thank you for hard work, Year 6!



Grant Dejonge

A big thank you to Grant Dejonge for commissioning a piece of art to support Plumpton School. The raffle raised a whopping £650 in just a few weeks. We promise to put the money to good use!



Foodbank

Thank you for donating tins and other foodstuffs to the Haywards Heath Foodbank last month. Your kindness has made a big difference.

Polite reminder: drop-off and pick-up

At drop-off and pick-up times, the Southdowns roundabout can become very busy and congested with traffic. A reminder that we ask parents to drop-off their children without parking on the pavement/curb – this makes the walk-to-school for other pupils potentially very hazardous.

In addition, in the Summer Term, our School Council spearheaded a campaign to fight against the noxious gases caused by vehicles 'idling' outside school. A reminder that we encourage parents to turn off their engines if stopping.

Thank you for your cooperation.

History timeline

We love our History timeline!

Our School Council is currently looking into building steps up to the timeline so pupils and teachers alike can use it during lessons!

Thank you to the PPTFA for funding this timeline project!



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.

Breakfast/After-School Club update

From next term, Miss Everest will lead Breakfast Club Monday, Tuesday and Friday as Miss Carter begins her maternity leave. Mrs Timmins will now lead Breakfast Club on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

A reminder that, for health & safety reasons, we ask parents not to drive into the staff car park (incl. for these clubs).

Best wishes Miss Carter

We would like to wish Miss Carter a very happy maternity leave. We extend our best wishes to her and her family at such an exciting time.

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	
Monday 4 th	First day back Term 2
Friday 8 th	Individual photo day
Friday 8 th	STEM Day
Thursday 14 th	Stone Age trip (Owls)
Friday 15 th	INSET day – no school
Wednesday 20 th & Friday 22 nd	Open Morning for prospective Reception parents
December 2019	
Wednesday 4 th	Whole-school pantomime (AM)
Wednesday 4 th	Cumnor House Science (Owls)
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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