



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new term! It is hard to believe that we are already over half way through the academic year! This term is going to have a very sporty feel as we get ready to support the national fundraising event - Sports Relief.

Sports Relief

This year, the children at Plumpton Primary school will be running to Kenya for Sports Relief – which takes place from Monday 19th March until Friday 23rd March. The total distance is a massive 4000 miles! Don't panic, we won't literally be running to Kenya, so passports are not required! Instead, sports coach Mr Munnery and HLTA Mrs Taplin have planned an entire week's worth of physical activity for the children and staff to participate in. Activities will include running, skipping and circuits. Each class will complete a series of 15 minute sessions throughout the day. Due to the popularity of skipping throughout the school, Mr Munnery has also arranged a skipping workshop on the Tuesday of this week. Your child will be bringing home a sponsorship form to help raise money for this very worthwhile charitable event, therefore, thank you in advance for all your support! Don't forget to bring your trainers into school!



New Teaching Assistant

We would like to welcome Miss Katie Dewar who is our new Teaching Assistant in Owl Class.

Parent Pay

As you know, Parent Pay started this week. Thank you to all those parents who have logged on and paid for meals and also pre-booked meals for their children. Children will still select their dinner choice in class each day, but it does help if parents have logged on and indicated that their child will be having a dinner. You don't have to log on each day to indicate that your child will be having a dinner, you can pre-book for the week/month/term.

Please note that all dinners should be paid for in advance by Parent Pay and on the day, if paying cash. Unfortunately, we cannot accept payment by cheque. If you are experiencing any problems or have a query, please contact Penny Ketley in the School Office.

World Book Day

This year, World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 1st March. By now you would have received a letter from Mr Hughes, who leads English throughout the school, detailing all the exciting events going on throughout the week. This year's theme is 'Dress up as your favourite book character' and we can't wait to see the children in their costumes! We can also confirm that the Scholastic Book Fair will arrive at school on Thursday 26th April until Thursday 3rd May. You will have the opportunity to purchase from a wide selection of children's books every day from 3pm. The book fair will be set up in the school hall or in the school library.



Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held on Tuesday 20th March between 4pm and 7pm and on Thursday 22nd March between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Please book an appointment at the school office to see your child's teacher.

After School Clubs

Clubs held after school are continuing to grow in popularity, and it is lovely to see so many children participating and enjoying themselves at these extra-curricular activities – particularly Mr Gorton's Frisbee club! Please remember that the adult responsible for leading the club will bring the children to the school office for you to collect.

Crossing Patrol

ESCC are currently advertising for a new crossing patrol. If you are interested in this position and would like some extra information, please access the details on the ESCC website.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be an important focus in school. If your child is unable to attend school (due to illness) please contact the school office daily by 9.00am on 01273 890338. Here are the attendance results up to 23rd February 2018:

Class	Attendance
Robins	92.5%
Woodpeckers	96.6%
Kingfishers	96.8%
Owls	96.4%

Congratulations to Kingfishers.

Class Blogs

Don't forget to look at your child's class blog for up to date information. Class blog addresses:

Robin Class:

plumptonrobins.wordpress.com

Woodpecker Class:

plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com

Kingfisher Class:

plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com

Owl Class:

plumptonowls.wordpress.com

Dates for your diary

February 2018	
Wednesday 28 th	Y5 science at Cumnor House 2.00pm – 3.30pm
March 2018	
Thursday 1 st	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 th	KS1 trip to Paradise Park
Thursday 8 th	Owl Class assembly 9am
Thursday 15 th	Kingfisher Class assembly 9am
Friday 16 th	Whole school music day with Jane Humberstone
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Sports Relief Week (including skipping workshop)
Tuesday 20th	PARENTS EVENING 4pm – 7pm
Wednesday 21 st	Year 5 science at Cumnor House 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 22 nd	Woodpecker Class assembly 9am
Thursday 22 nd	Year 5 at the Big Bang Science event at Kings Academy, Ringmer
Thursday 22nd	PARENTS EVENING 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 th	KS2 trip to Bodiam Castle
Wednesday 28 th	Easter Church Service at All Saints Church, Plumpton Green 2.15 – 3pm
Thursday 29 th	Robin Class assembly 9am
Thursday 29 th	Last day of Term 4
Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
April 2018	
Monday 16 th	First day of Term 5
Thursday 26 th until Thursday 3 rd May	Scholastic Book Fair
May 2018	
Monday 7 th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 14 th - Thursday 17 th	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th	Year 5 Bikeability 1pm – 2.30pm
Friday 25 th	Last day of Term 5
Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st June	HALF TERM
June 2018	
w/c Monday 11 th	Year 1 National Phonics Screening

Best wishes,

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