



## Plumpton Primary School

# Newsletter

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### Welcome

A warm welcome to you all and another busy term!

### Anti-Bullying Week

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week and World Kindness Day. We were thinking about respecting one another and what it means to think of others. Some of the children's work is now displayed in the 'Nest' and you are very welcome to pop in and have a look. We also celebrated the BBC's Children in Need Day and raised an impressive £117.70 - thank you to everyone for your support with this! Our school takes bullying seriously and we will continue to work on initiatives with the children in our Personal, Social and Health Education sessions.

### School Grounds

Thank you to the students of Plumpton Agricultural College for reshaping and tidying the willow structures on the school grounds, and for erecting a new fence around the allotment. We have also received a very generous donation of compost from local MP Maria Caulfield for our allotment and Reception class garden, for which we are extremely grateful.

### Christmas Production

Today, your child has brought home a letter about the Christmas production, which takes place at the village hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. Please use the reply slip to order your FREE tickets and return it to Mrs Ketley in the school office asap. Tickets will be available from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. There will be a collection after the performance to raise money for the children's entertainer on the last day of term.

### Art Donation

We have received an incredibly generous donation of £500 from Mrs Annette Shelford on behalf of the Newick and District Decorative and Fine Arts Society. The society has sadly disbanded, but wanted to make a donation to their local primary school to promote art development through a whole school project. This is a very exciting opportunity for us and we will keep you posted in the coming weeks as to how this money will be used in school. Fortunately, we have since learned that the society has joined up with the Art Society in Uckfield and we wish them every success!

### PPTFA

Don't forget the Christmas Fayre next Friday between 5pm and 7pm. The PPTFA have been working tirelessly preparing for this festive occasion, and there is a rumour that we will be having a visit from a very special person in a red suit! There will be craft stalls games and refreshments, so please come along and support our school.

### School Council

This week in school council we officially made a football rule chart. We have some other school ideas including inviting parents to Friday assemblies and a buddy bench since Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need have just come and gone. Our last point is we would like to introduce nature reps to look after our environment and, linking to this, Mr Hughes wants our next school council focus to be about the outside environment. By Matilda and Tamas (Year 6).

### Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box will be available for Christmas Cards, from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## Attendance

Regular attendance continues to be a main focus for ESCC and for us; therefore, we strongly encourage you to bring your child to school unless they are unwell. Please contact the school office daily by 9.00am on [01273 890338](tel:01273890338) if this is the case. Children must be in full time education the term after their fifth birthday.

Here are the attendance results up to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Owl Class	97.2%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kingfisher Class	97.1%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Woodpecker Class	96.4%
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Robin Class	87.5%

Congratulations to Owl Class, but once again it was very close! Well done to KS2 for setting such an excellent example for the rest of the school to follow. Can we get to the target of 98% next time?

## Adverse Weather

There was a light sprinkling of snow in parts of East Sussex recently; winter has arrived! If, due to exceptional weather conditions, we are unable to open the school we will notify you by text message. Any details regarding a school closure will be on our school website and on the East Sussex County Council website. Information regarding school closures is also given out on Heart FM. We only close the school in exceptionally adverse weather conditions; we always try to remain open. However, the safety of our pupils and our staff is, of course, paramount.

## Class Blogs

The class blogs are updated weekly and offer lots of information about your child's class (there are pictures too!).

You can access them using the links below:

Robin Class:

[plumptonrobins.wordpress.com](http://plumptonrobins.wordpress.com)

Woodpecker Class:

[plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com](http://plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com)

Kingfisher Class:

[plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com](http://plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com)

Owl Class:

[plumptonowls.wordpress.com](http://plumptonowls.wordpress.com)

## Dates For Your Diary

December 2018	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	PPTFA Christmas Fayre 5pm -7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Christmas Production at the Village Hall 1.30pm – all welcome!
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Magic show for the children
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 2
January 2019	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day – school closed
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Term 3 starts
February 2019	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Owl Class Assembly
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfisher Class Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	February Half-Term Holiday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 starts
March 2019	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Woodpecker Class Assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Class Assembly
April 2019	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 4
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Term 5 starts
May 2019	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATs Celebration
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 5
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	May Half-Term Holiday
June 2019	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Term 6 starts
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Phonics Screening
July 2019	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

Best wishes,

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