



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to our **third** newsletter of the academic year in which we share with you the goings-on at Plumpton Primary School over the past few weeks.

Nero the dog

Plumpton Primary School has been working hard to ensure it can welcome its favourite canine friend back to school safely. We are really pleased to inform you that, from next week, Nero the dog will be joining us every Wednesday to read with us. Welcome back, Nero!

Attendance

We have recommenced our hotly-contested Attendance Oscar competition in our Friday Celebration Assemblies. This week's winners are Owls Class with an impressive 100% attendance record for the **entire** week. **Well done Owls!**

As before, your child does not need a Covid-19 test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell (and do not have a temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste) because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.



Nut-free school reminder

Plumpton School is a proud nut-free school. We ask that you support us in maintaining this status by ensuring your child's packed lunches and snacks are completely nut free.



Parents' Evening

Last week you received a letter informing you of our arrangements for Zoom-based Parent Consultations this term (commencing the week of Monday 19th October). This week, you received the Meeting IDs and passcodes for these meetings.

We look forward to speaking with you about our pupils' progress and hard work this term.

Class charities

The votes have been counted and the Plumpton Class Charities for this academic year are:

Robins: Voting underway!

Lapwings: Chailey Heritage

Woodpeckers: Sparks

Kingfishers: Cats Protection

Owls: Patina



Class Blogs → G-suite

Our class blogs will now be closed in favour of Google Classrooms. To access the curriculum letter & homework for each class, please now visit your child's Google Classroom page on classroom.google.com.

Wrap up warm & water bottles



The weather is turning a little chillier now, and, so your child is warm at playtimes, please make sure your child has a school jumper in school and brings a warm coat with them to wear outdoors. We are endeavouring to keep a constant flow of fresh air in the classrooms, so having a jumper, even indoors, is important. Thank you for your support with this. Please also ensure your child has their water bottle with them each day.



Google Classrooms and Tapestry

You have now received your child's log-in details for their Google Classroom portal. We hope your children have enjoyed accessing their online homework on this new platform. Teachers will continue to post materials on this portal to help build confidence in using this new technology. Please do get in touch with us if you are having any difficulties logging in: it is best we iron out any complications right away before the platform is potentially used for online learning from home.

As explained before, pupils in Robins Class will use their Tapestry log-in to access remote learning materials: Mrs Allen and the Robins teaching team are already sharing photographs of the children's classroom learning using Tapestry. Again, should you have any queries, please do speak with us.



Harvest

This year, our Harvest theme is **Generosity** and, as well as asking parents and carers to donate tinned foods to our school food pile, pupils at Plumpton Primary School will be writing to vulnerable and isolated members of our community. Finally, as explained before, you will also be able to view a virtual Harvest piece from your child's class via their Google Classroom log-in (on Friday 16th October).

Pick-up and drop-off reminder

Thank you for your continued support at drop-off and pick-up times. Children are arriving at school and leaving in a safe and gradual manner. The timings continue to be as follows:

08.30am – 08.40am – Kingfishers Class (Yr. 4/5) and Owls Class (Yr. 5/6);

08.45am – 08.55am – Robins Class (Reception), Woodpeckers Class (Yr. 2/3) and Lapwings Class (Yr. 1);

3.00pm – Robins Class (Reception);

3.10pm – Kingfishers Class (Yr. 4/5) and Owls Class (Yr. 5/6);

3.20pm – Woodpeckers Class (Yr. 2/3) and Lapwings Class (Yr. 1).

School Council update

This week our School and Eco-Councils met for the first time. They discussed what it's like to be back at school and how they're feeling to be back at school full-time. They explored the changes to the school timetable and, then, crucially, discussed their first PROJECT. All of Plumpton School are now *Energy Sparks* and their first challenge is the reduce the amount of energy used at school. Light monitors – keep your eyes peeled!

Black History Month

Our *Take One Treasure* topic provides us an excellent opportunity to learn about Britain's Black History and, as October is Black History month, pupils across the school will be exploring this seminal part of our history. Owls Class and Kingfisher Class are reading *Diver's Daughter* (in English and Story time respectively), and this book has already allowed pupils to analyse Britain's past and its role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Virtual tour for prospective 2021 intake

Keep an eye on our website in the coming few weeks, where you will soon find a virtual tour of the school for prospective 2021 Reception parents. Know of anyone with a child who is set to join Primary School next September? Tell them about Plumpton School and direct them to our website!

This week's OFSTED visit

This Thursday 8th October, we were visited by Ofsted as part of their programme of visits to collect information about schools' post-Covid-19 Lockdown recovery planning. A letter about the visit will be published in the next 18 days.

Dates For Your Diary

October 2020	
Monday 19 th	Parent Consultations begin
Friday 23 rd	End of Term 1
November 2020	
Monday 2 nd	INSET Day – no school for pupils
Tuesday 3 rd	First day of Term 2 for pupils
December 2020	
Friday 18 th	End of Term 2



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