



Plumpton Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to our second school Newsletter of Term 2. In spite of the national lockdown, we have lots of Plumpton School goings-on to share with you.



## Attendance

Attendance at Plumpton Primary School currently stands at 96.6% this term and very close to the Local Authority target of 97%. This week's attendance winners are Kingfisher Class with an impressive 97% attendance record this term. **Well done Kingfishers.**

As before, please note that 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.



## Progress toward our SDP

This year the principal focus of our *School Development Plan* (SDP) is ensuring our pupils **catch-up** following the disruption to their learning in the summer months. This means that we are continuing to promote **the very best attendance**, as well as using our Catch-up Funding from the Government to address gaps that have formed in the children's understanding (particularly in Maths and English). In addition, this year we are also focusing on: Maths (and the continued use of Times Tables Rockstars), Writing, Sporting opportunities and the continued promotion of Kindness.



## Food vouchers

We understand that these are difficult times for some families, so Plumpton Primary School would like to let you know that we can offer – or put you in contact with those who can offer – **food vouchers** to any families that find themselves in need of extra support. Please contact the school office for information and rest assured that we will deal with your request with the utmost discretion.



## School and Eco-Council update

This past fortnight our School and Eco Councils have been focusing on reducing our school's carbon footprint by nominating light monitors. For safety, our School and Eco councils will continue to meet in Key Stage bubbles.



## Take One Treasure update

Our topic this term is *Take One Treasure*, and, in recent weeks, our Lapwings and Robins pupils have been exploring the history of **Toys** throughout time while working on observing change through time and on sequencing events in history. Further up the school, in Woodpecker Class, pupils have been delving into all things **Egyptian** and comparing this ancient civilisation's customs to ours in 2020. The Kingfishers have been exploring the **Vikings** and have been applying what they know from their study of pirates to better understand these marauding invaders. Finally, our Owls have been analysing the history of the **Aztecs**, a civilisation which ruled much of modern-day Mexico at the same time as the Tudors ruled England.



## Digital Leaders update

Plumpton Primary School can now proudly boast that it has **Digital Leaders** amongst its pupil body. This past fortnight our digital leaders have met with Miss Oakes – our Computing leader at our school – and have discussed their roles and responsibilities in class as well as what initiatives they will spearhead in order to improve Computing (and E-Safety) at Plumpton Primary School.

## Emotional Health and Wellbeing update - SENCo

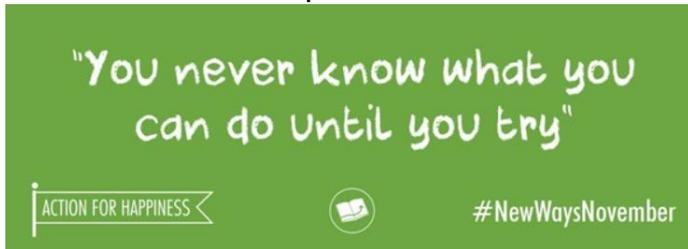
### **New Half termly Wellbeing Group**

#### *Helping Your Child with Anxiety*

If your child is struggling with worrying or anxiety, this group is for you.

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1.00am-1.45am  
online – Zoom meeting, Maximum of 6  
Parents and Carers per group.  
Sophie Shannon, Skylark SENCo.

Please contact your school office to book a place.



## Children in Need last Friday

Last Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, all our pupils came to school wearing 'Funky Footwear' in aid of Children in Need. All pupils took part in the Daily Mile and a Joe Wicks workout as part of this year's Children in Need mission of promoting children's mental and physical wellbeing.



## Virtual tour of the school - website

A reminder that you can find a virtual tour of Plumpton School on our school website: <http://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/>. Click on the 'Virtual Tour' tab to find a tour from our Head of School, Mr Hughes.

## Safety measures – reminder

Please check out our safety measures video (for parents and carers) on our school website; click on the following link: [https://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/web/full\\_re-opening\\_of\\_school\\_2020](https://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/web/full_re-opening_of_school_2020). In addition, please see below for a reminder of the measures we are implementing to help prevent the potential spread of the Coronavirus:

- Pupils will arrive at school and leave school according to the staggered times;
- Indoors, pupils will remain in consistent class bubbles throughout the school day;
- Pupils will play in year group bubbles and in zones during play times and lunch times;
- Breakfast Club will be limited to 15 children, and must be booked in advance;
- G-Suite log-ins have been provided in case of localised/national lockdowns in the future;
- Children will be prioritised for testing should they display any symptoms;
- Classrooms will be well-ventilated;
- Children will wash their hands frequently throughout the day, including on arrival at school, before home time and between sessions;
- Cleaning staff will clean the school site at the beginning of the day and in the middle of the day, with a particular focus on high-touch areas such as switches, door handles and tables;
- Visitors will wear masks in communal areas of the school.
- **NEW** measures:
  - School Staff will wear face coverings on the school gate and the beginning and end of the day;
  - It is recommended that parents and carers, when dropping-off and picking-up, also wear face coverings.



### Your outward-looking village school

This term we have been exploring our topic of *Take One Treasure* from a different perspective. Children have been taking their learning right across the globe this November: the Aztecs, the Vikings, the Egyptians and the history of Toys are now our topics for this term. A little closer to home, we have also been writing to older members of our community in the last two months: thank you to our wonderful Plumpton community for engaging so keenly with our pupils' letters. They have really enjoyed reading your replies!



### Google Classroom & Tapestry reminder

Please check out our Google Classroom tab on our school website (<http://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/>) where you will find all the information you need to help guide you through the use of Google Classroom. Included are: our *Golden Rules for Google Meet* should we ever need to meet for our live 'check-in'; a Plumpton timetable to help you follow the school timetable if you're at home; and clarification of our offer (see both the *Remote Learning Plan* and *Remote Learning Policy*).

### Thank you from the Haywards Heath foodbank

A big



for supporting Haywards Heath Foodbank.  
Your donations make a BIG difference  
to local people in crisis.



We are pleased to inform you that the weight of the food collected for the Haywards Heath foodbank for Harvest was a staggering **141.90kgs** – a fantastic amount!

The Haywards Heath foodbank would like to thank you for supporting them in their work to give food to those who have come upon difficult times. This year they have been giving food to an average of about **100** people each week, and 60% of them are children. Thank you very much for your generosity.

### Christmas Performances this year

This year, in line with Government and Local Authority guidance, we will be inviting parents and carers to view our Christmas performances virtually via Google Classroom and Tapestry. Robins, Lapwings and Woodpeckers will be collaborating to put on a Christmas Nativity, and will each be taking a scene of the Christmas story that will then be knitted together for you to view online. Kingfishers and Owls will be singing some contemporary Christmas songs for you to enjoy: again, you will be able to view their performance via your child's Google Classroom portal.



### Cross-Country competition last week

A big **well done** to all pupils who took part in our Plumpton School Cross-Country competition last week.



Thank you, Mrs Taplin, for organising such a fun, mud-filled event!

### Dates For Your Diary

November 2020	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	STEM day – see letter
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Phonics Screen taking place
December 2020	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccine – <i>return your slips</i>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas pieces uploaded to G-suite & Tapestry
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Christmas hamper draw
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2

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