



Plumpton Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I extend to you all a warm welcome back to school after a lovely half-term break. This term is both busy and exciting with lots of events taking place in the build up to Christmas.

### Royal Letters

At the start of term in September, the children wrote letters to Prince George wishing him lots of luck at his new school. In their letters they described their own personal experiences and how they felt on their first day. After reading all the letters, we selected 12 to be sent to Kensington Palace, and a few weeks later a personal reply was sent to each of the 12 children on behalf of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. This is a very special occasion for the children involved and we would like to congratulate them on behalf of everyone here at Plumpton Primary School. The 12 lucky children were:

**Esme Yassin, Ziggy Johnson, Erris McIlwain, Freddie Millis, Annabelle Wallis, Stanley Springham, Isobel Ponsford, May Smith, Joseph Gattiker, Rosie Ward, Verity Holden and Rosie Holden.** Well done!



### House Captains

At the end of last term, the hopeful Year 6 candidates gave their rousing speeches to the school in a bid to become one of the four House Captains. Following this, all the children cast their votes and the four successful winners were announced. Congratulations to **Mikey Lambert** (Water House), **Milly Hacker-Scott** (Fire House), **Hattie Duff** (Air House) and **Bebe Aldridge** (Earth House). Well done!

### House Point Winners

Congratulations to Water House for earning the highest number of house points in Term 1. They have been presented with the House Cup and have chosen a non-uniform day as their reward. The non-uniform day will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and the theme is to wear something blue. We would like to ask for a £1 donation per child and all donations will go to the BBC Children in Need appeal.

### ESCC 'Get a Grip' Leaflet

Earlier this week, your child brought home a leaflet produced by East Sussex County Council entitled 'Get a Grip'. The leaflet has been produced by the council and is intended to tackle the concerns of persistent pupil absence from school. However, we are aware that some parents have deemed this leaflet to be offensive. Therefore I would like to inform you that this publication was given to all children under the instruction of ESCC and it has not come from Plumpton Primary School. If you have any concerns regarding its content, please contact the council directly.

## PTA

A date for your diary: this year's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5pm to 7pm.

## Cakes for Birthdays

If you would like to send homemade cakes into school to celebrate your child's birthday, please could you attach a list of ingredients. The cakes are given out at the end of the school day to take home to eat, and some children at our school suffer from food allergies. Therefore it would be very helpful to the parents if they know what ingredients have been used and whether the cake is suitable for their child. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Coats for Winter

Recently, there has been a distinctive change in the weather and it is now increasingly colder and wetter. Therefore, please can I remind you that children must come to school wearing an appropriate winter coat. They will not be allowed out onto the playground unless they have a suitable warm coat to wear. Thank you for your support.

## Attendance

We want all of our children in school for every day of the academic year. 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 8<sup>th</sup> November:

Class	Attendance %
Robins	93.75%
Woodpeckers	96.1%
Kingfishers	97.8%
Owls	95.6%

Congratulations to Kingfisher Class, who received the award this week!

## Reminder - Open Morning/Afternoon

A reminder that our school will be open to prospective parents for our new Reception class intake in 2018 on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November between 9.30 and 11.30am, and on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of families!

## 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](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)

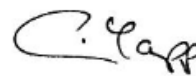
## Dates for your diary

November 2017	
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 4pm – 6pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpecker Class Assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day: wear blue £1 donation to Children in Need
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kingfisher's trip to Portsmouth
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Robin Class Assembly
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	High 5 Netball Tournament Y5/6
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon for prospective parents 1.30pm – 2.30pm
December 2017	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Author visit for KS1 – Rachel Kemp
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair 5pm – 7pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robin's and Woodpecker's trip to Drusillas
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Christmas Celebration Village Hall 1.45pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Skylark Super Sing
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
January 2018	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Term 3 starts for children

Best wishes,



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