



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a busy half term and have focused on enriching children's educational experience with a range of **themed weeks** and **school trips**. Take a look!

Maths Week

Towards the beginning of the term, Plumpton School took part in a whole-school **Maths Murder Mystery!** Pupils, each day, had to decipher clues and cryptic messages to identify which member of staff murdered the mysterious victim. In addition, we welcomed parents and carers in key stages 1 and 2 to parent workshops (in which our Maths Leader Mrs Buchan shared with you our Calculation Policy). We also studied the artwork of Wassily Kandinsky as his work includes a lot of 2D shapes. Thank you Mrs Buchan for organising our fun-filled Maths Week.



Learning behaviours update

We are continuing to fill our marble jars when pupils demonstrate learning behaviours/values such as: pride (in their work), focus, determination, kindness, collaboration (and many more). Already this term, Owls and Woodpeckers have filled their jars and are working to fill them again. Robins and Kingfishers are close to filling theirs too!



In addition, in our Friday Assembly we have been celebrating children who have earned 25, 50, 75 or 100 house points. Well done to **Hal** for earning more House Points than anyone at Plumpton School – 84 at the last count!

Trips and events

This term our pupils have criss-crossed Sussex! We have visited Cumnor House, Cuckmere Haven, and Hever Castle. The children had lots of fun and used these opportunities to bring their classroom learning to life. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help us on these school trips.

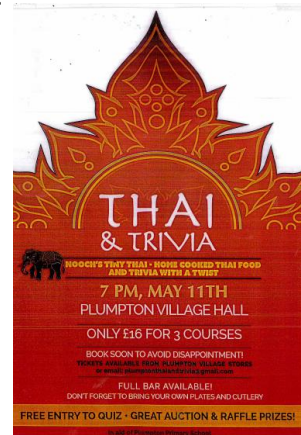


PTA update

Our wonderful PPTFA have a big **fundraiser** coming up on May 11th at Plumpton's Village Hall.

They're raising money to support us in raising the profile of STEM subjects at our school by contributing towards the cost of mini-iPads. This technology will be used to promote a fun and exciting approach to the learning of the times tables (among other things!) using an app called Times Tables Rockstars.

Book now to avoid disappointment!



Attendance

We continue to strive for 97% attendance across the school; please make every effort to get your child in school every day on time. If your child is unable to attend school (due to illness) please contact the school office by 9.00am on [01273 890338](tel:01273890338).

Here are the attendance results up to today:

- **Robin Class** – 94%
- **Woodpecker Class** – 96%
- **Kingfisher Class** – 95%
- **Owls Class** – 97%

Congratulations go to Owl Class!

Tutors

If you are thinking about hiring a tutor for your child, there are a few top tips from the LEA:

- ✓ Hire a tutor who has an up-to-date DBS;
- ✓ Ask the tutor for details of two referees and follow them up with a phone call;
- ✓ Ask the tutor for the details of the parents of current or former pupils and follow them up with a phone call;
- ✓ Check that the tutor is properly accredited and qualified by asking to see evidence such as certificates and then contact the relevant accreditation body or organisation;
- ✓ Ask the tutor proactive questions; listen for inconsistencies in information you are being told and observe body language;
- ✓ Be clear where the tutoring will take place and who will be present. You may wish either to be in the same room, or to leave the door open and enter the room at random. Your child's bedroom is not a suitable study space;
- ✓ Trust your instincts, and don't be afraid of calling off the lessons

Class Blogs

Our class blogs are updated regularly and offer a wealth of information. Please use the links below:

Robin Class:

plumptonrobins.wordpress.com

Woodpecker Class:

plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com

Kingfisher Class:

plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com

Owl Class:

plumptonowls.wordpress.com

School Council update

In our School Council meetings this term we have been discussing what we would like to see around our village. A few ideas included: an outside gym section at our local park and a water themed area for the summer months (which are quickly approaching). We are working with Plumpton's Parish Magazine this term too. **Tilly & Tam (Yr6)**.

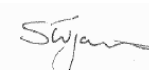
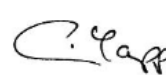
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Dates For Your Diary

April 2019	
Friday 5 th	STEM day
Friday 5 th	End of Term 4
Tuesday 23 rd	Term 5 Begins
Thursday 25 th	Yr6 Forest School begins
W/c Monday 29 th	Scholastic Book Fair begins (hall)
May 2019	
Monday 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 8 th	Swimming begins – Kingfishers
Throughout T5	KS1 SATs take place
W/c Monday 13 th	KS2 SATs week
W/c Monday 20 th	Art Week
Tuesday 21 st	Safety in Action Yr6
Friday 24 th	End of Term 5
June 2019	
Throughout T6	Phonics Screening Check
Throughout T6	Yr4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 12 th – Friday 14 th	Yr6 PGL Residential Trip
Wednesday 19 th	Yr5 Lewes Old Grammar School visit
W/c Monday 24 th	Yr5 Bikeability
Friday 21 st	Author visit
Friday 28 th	Sports Day
July 2019	
Monday 1 st	School Council Parliament visit
Tuesday 2 nd	Yr5 LOGs Big Dance
Friday 5 th	PATINA parade Owls
Thursday 11 th	Connect with the Countryside Owls
Friday 19 th	Last day of term
September 2019	
Thursday 5 th	First day back Term 1

Best wishes,



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