



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to express a personal thank you for your support over the past few weeks. Though it has been a cold and dark month, it has been a pleasure to speak to many of you at the school gates, and share with you some positive stories about the children's classwork. I have had the pleasure of observing learning in all of our classes this term and I can say with some confidence that I have learned a lot about 'The Farm', India and Ancient Egypt. Meanwhile, to support our staff's continued professional development, I have even had the chance to teach Woodpecker Class a number of times while also working with small groups in Kingfisher Class. I have been really impressed with our children's focus and interest in their topics.

[A message from our School Council – Tilly and Tam \(Year 6\)](#)

This week in School Council we've had a couple changes. First, Mr. Hughes handed over the reins of the School Council to Ms. Newnham. We have also had a look at our school vision statement. It currently reads: *We celebrate individual talents and encourage everyone to achieve their best within a safe, caring and happy environment. All pupils achieve their best at Plumpton Primary school every child comes first.* We set some homework based on our vision statement and asked for your feedback on what changes you'd like to see made to it.

We also decided to paint a Buddy Bench to make it stand out so everyone can identify its purpose. To decide the colour of the bench we have held a vote on it throughout the school.

[Staff Vacancy – After-School Club Leader](#)

The Skylark Federation would like to appoint an After School Club Leader at Plumpton School.

We require the club to run Monday to Thursday every week, in term time from 3pm until 5.30pm. We offer a full induction package with potential further opportunities in the future.

Closing date: Friday 8th February @ 12:00pm (noon) 2019

Proposed interview date: Wednesday 13th February 2019

Application forms and further details are available by email: ahill@skylarkfed.education or from the school office: 01273 890338.

[Our learning this term](#)

A selection of photographs from our lessons this term:



Robins Forest School

Owls Pyramid friction investigation

Woodpeckers Indian Music

Kingfishers – Canopic Jars

[World Book Day/Book Week](#)

We love reading at Plumpton so we will be turning

Attendance

We are still looking to improve upon our attendance figures this term (with the LEA and DfE expectation of 97% in mind). Therefore, as ever, 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.

Here are the attendance results up to today:

- Robin Class – 93.3%
- Woodpecker Class – 96.5%
- Kingfisher Class – 96.5%
- Owls Class – 96.8%

Congratulations go to Owl Class!

Maths Week 2019

The week commencing Monday 11th March marks National Maths Week and we will be using this national event as a platform for raising the profile of Maths at our school. We invite you to 2 Maths Workshops taking place that week which focus on making you aware of the methods we use to teach the four 'operations' (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Tuesday 12th March: 9am to 10am – Maths Workshop KS1

Thursday 14th March: 9am to 10am – Maths Workshop KS2

Schools and political activity

We have spoken to the local Conservative Party regarding their recent flyer, and have made clear that we were unaware that the photo taken of our pupils in our school allotment would be used in this way. We reiterate that all schools, including ours, are politically neutral.

Class Blogs

Our class blogs are updated regularly and offer a wealth of information. You can access them using the links below:

Robin Class:

plumptonrobins.wordpress.com

Woodpecker Class:

plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com

Kingfisher Class:

plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com

Owl Class:

plumptonowls.wordpress.com

World Book Day into a Book Week this March. During the week commencing Monday 4th March, Plumpton School will be transformed into a bibliophile's heaven. We will reprise our much-loved **Drop Everything And Read** initiative while also making a display of books that teaching staff are currently reading at home (the catch is...the children will need to match the book to the teacher!). On WBD itself, we will dress up as our favourite book characters – more information to follow.

Dates For Your Diary

February 2019	
Thursday 14 th	Kingfisher Class Assembly
Friday 15 th	Non-school uniform day
Friday 15 th	Last day of Term 3
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd	February Half-Term Holiday
Monday 25 th	Term 4 begins
March 2019	
Friday 1 st	Woodpecker Class Assembly
W/C Monday 4 th	Book Week
Thursday 7 th	Robin Class Assembly
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
W/C Monday 11 th	Maths Week
Tuesday 12 th	9am – KS1 Maths Workshop
Thursday 14 th	9am – KS2 Maths Workshop
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief
Tuesday 19 th + 20 th	Lewes Big Dance (Yr5)
Thursday 21 st	Yr5 Little Big Bang
Wednesday 27 th	KS1 Football Comp. Barcombe
Thursday 28 th	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
April 2019	
Tuesday 2 nd	Easter Service 2.15pm
Tuesday 2 nd	Parents' Evening 3.15-5.30pm
Friday 5 th	STEM day
Friday 5 th	End of Term 4
Tuesday 23 rd	Term 5 Begins
May 2019	
Throughout T5	KS1 SATs take place
W/C Monday 13 th	KS2 SATs week
Friday 24 th	End of Term 5

Best wishes,

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