



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The pupils have enjoyed a hugely enriching 2nd half term back at school. With school trips, STEM days, Science experiments, and Christmas performances, children at Plumpton School have developed skills right across the curriculum these past several weeks.

INSET day Monday 6th January – NO SCHOOL

A reminder that on Monday 6th January there will be no school for pupils. We begin Term 3 on Tuesday 7th January.



Nut-free school reminder

Plumpton School is a proud nut-free school. We ask that you support us in maintaining this by ensuring your child's packed lunches and snacks are completely nut free. In addition, please ensure any hamper donations, or other foodstuff donations, are similarly nut free.

Plumpton packed lunches

Chartwells – the company that runs our school kitchen – recently participated in our Open Morning to prospective Reception parents. They revealed that their internal research had found that *"A packed lunch contained over 3 times the saturated fat, 3 times the salt and over 2 times the sugar of that in a Chartwells school meal!"*. A staggering finding!

Please see attached to this email for a copy of the new Chartwell's school lunch menu for Term 3.

Attendance

Woodpeckers have been the dominant force in our weekly Attendance Cup competition this term; here are the attendance results for this week:

- **Robin Class** – 91.67%
- **Woodpecker Class** – 91.65%
- **Kingfisher Class** – 95.64%
- **Owls Class** – 91.74%



Sports Quality Mark

Our Sports Leader, Mrs Taplin, is thrilled to announce that we have achieved a Gold Sports Quality Mark in recognition of Plumpton's commitment to providing children with an enriched PE education (incl. the Daily Mile, After-School Sports Clubs and high-quality PE lessons).

Events such as last term's Mud Run truly showcase Plumpton's dedication to Sports. Now, with all sponsor money for the Mud Run event counted up, we can reveal



that **£375** was raised for our school during this event. Well done to all pupils that took part!

Good luck Mr Munnery

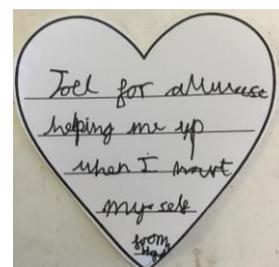
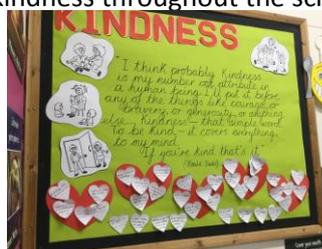
All staff and pupils here at Plumpton Primary School would like to wish Mr Munnery the very best in his new role. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of our pupils here at Plumpton.

Eco-Council update - Christmas Card recycling

The Eco Council would really like to recycle the Christmas cards that you receive this year. Please bring them into school on the week beginning the 6th January and hand them in to your class Eco Council Representative.

School Council update #2 - Kindness

Take a look at our Kindness board in the school hall – it's full of kindness hearts (giving thanks for random acts of kindness throughout the school).



Parent Pay

A reminder that over the course of this academic year, we are going to be phasing out the use of cash at Plumpton School and, soon, we will ask for parents to pay for trips and clubs solely via ParentPay. If you need support in using the ParentPay system, please contact the School Office.

Trips – Ashdown Forest, Cumnor

This term, pupils at Plumpton School have taken part in a number of trips, events and visits linked to their classwork.

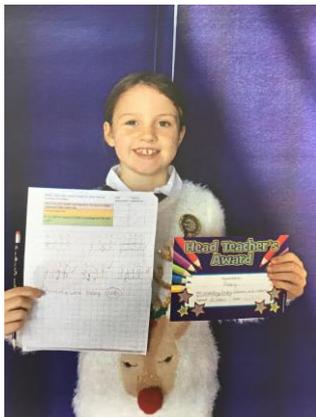
Pupils in Key Stage 2 visited Ashdown Forest for a 'Stone Age Day'; Owls and Kingfishers lived like prehistoric man and sharpened tools, made shelters and practised their hunting skills. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who accompanied us on these trips.

Moreover, our Owls pupils were this year the first class to visit Cumnor House School to use their Science laboratories; we extracted DNA from our cheeks and compared it to the cells of a strawberry.



Wonderful work

We are continuing to champion pupils who regularly display excellent learning behaviours such as resilience, perseverance, curiosity and collaboration. Our Executive Head teacher, Mr James, gave out his coveted *Executive Head Teacher's Award* to a few pupils from each class last week. Take a look at our Wonderful Work board in the school corridor!



12 Days of Rock[stars] Christmas Challenge

You should have just received a letter inviting you and your children to be **Rockstars** this Christmas. We are challenging all our 112 pupils to practise times tables and counting skills over the holidays. Are you rockstar enough? Take on the challenge!

Art this term

Our Woodpeckers TA and Art connoisseur, Mrs Griffiths, has been working hard with Owls Class and Woodpecker Class this term to bring their topics of Ice Explorers and the Stone Age to life. Take a look:



Christmas Fayre – Thank you

Thank you to all of you who worked to ensure that our annual Christmas Fayre was such a success. Over **£1,300** was raised to support our school in continuing to strive ahead. Thank you parents and pupils for coming along, and thank you, too, to our PPTFA for turning our school into a veritable Santa's Grotto.

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

Dates For Your Diary

January 2020	
Monday 6 th	INSET day – no school
Tuesday 7 th	First day back at school
Monday 13 th	Owls Class Meet 3pm
Tuesday 14 th	Kingfishers Class Meet 3pm
Tuesday 14 th and Wednesday 15 th	Yr6 breakfast club begins – letters received
Thursday 16 th	Woodpeckers Class Meet 3pm
Friday 17 th	Robins Class Meet 3pm
Thursday 23 rd	Owls Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 30 th	Kingfisher Class Assembly 9am
February 2020	
Friday 7 th	Woodpeckers Class Assem. 9am
Thursday 13 th	Robins Class Assembly 9am

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