



Plumpton Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School continues to be very busy this term and the children are working very hard. It has been lovely to see so many of you at our recent class assemblies, and we hope you enjoyed watching them as much as the children enjoyed performing them!

### Kingfisher Class Trip to Portsmouth

Kingfisher Class had a fantastic day at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard this Tuesday. They visited the HMS Victory and took part in an Elizabethan Explorers Education session. The children were particularly lucky too, as they also saw the HMS Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier (which happened to be in Portsmouth on the same day). The Kingfishers were therefore able to compare, first-hand, the differences between the HMS Victory (circa 1760) and the HMS Queen Elizabeth (circa 2017). The day linked perfectly to our topic of trade and the children learnt a lot about how sea trade has developed over the centuries (from early explorers, to the slave trade, to modern-day fair trade).



### Forest School

This term, the Year 5 children are enjoying forest school as part of the science curriculum. Plumpton parent Mr Mark Gilbert has planned a range of exciting activities which not only meet the expectations of the upper Key Stage Two curriculum, but are enabling the children to work towards achieving the John Muir Award (a national environmental award scheme which encourages people to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places). We are very lucky to have such a provision and the response from the children has been very positive!



### Open Morning

We had a very busy Open Morning and welcomed over a dozen sets of parents to our school. The Year 6 children did a superb job of showing the parents around and looked very smart for the occasion – well done Year 6! A reminder that our Open Afternoon for Reception 2018, is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November between 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

### Netball Competition

Some of the Year 5/6 children represented the school at a Netball Competition at Chailey Secondary School on Thursday this week. Mrs Taplin was very proud of them all.

### Children in Need

Last Friday, we raised an impressive £105 for Children in Need and a further £77.40 from our cake sale after school. Thank you to everyone who donated to this very worthwhile cause.

### PTA Christmas Fair

Don't forget this year's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5pm to 7pm at school.

### PTA Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations for the PPTFA Hamper Raffle. As well as the Hampers, we have some amazing prizes (i360 tickets, Race Day tickets, Hamper donated by the local Shop, Garden Voucher, Wine from Plumpton College, etc.).

Hamper Raffle Tickets will be sent home with your child on Monday. Please try to sell as many tickets as you can. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>

November:

Class	Attendance %
Robins	95%
Woodpeckers	96.6%
Kingfishers	98.1%
Owls	96.3%

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

### 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)

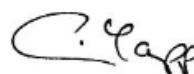
### Dates for your diary

November 2017	
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
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sussex Downs College Pantomime
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
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Magical Entertainment pm
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
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent and governor forum 9am – 9.45am

Best wishes,



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