



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very exciting couple of weeks at Plumpton in the lead up to Christmas. The Whole School Christmas Production was a lovely occasion – our actors, our readers and our choir did themselves proud and it was the perfect start to our Christmas events in school.

Christmas Fayre

We are so lucky at Plumpton School to have such a wonderful PPTFA. The Christmas Fayre this year was a huge success and raised £1,025 for our school. We would not be able to offer such a wide range of enriching and creative opportunities for our pupils were it not for the extra funding raised by the PPTFA – thank you.

Coats and Shoes

The weather is becoming colder and wetter. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat to wear when they are outside for playtimes and lunchtimes. Also, please ensure that their shoes are appropriate for winter conditions. We want our children dressed appropriately for the weather and the activities that they are doing.

Twelve Days of Reading Challenge

Are you brave enough to take part in our Twelve Days of Christmas Reading Challenge? We've devised lots of exciting reading challenges for the children to complete over the course of the Christmas break – some as easy as reading a cereal packet. We look forward to seeing the photos of lots of exciting reading happening!

Choir at St. Michael's Church, Plumpton College

Thank you to our Plumpton School Choir for singing at the Christmas Carol Service at St. Michael's Church last Monday. Father Godfrey personally thanked them for their beautiful rendition of 'Walking in the Air'. As ever, a huge thank you to Mrs Meredith-Jones for teaching our choir such beautiful songs (and for dealing with the technical hitches as a true professional!).

Our Whole School Christmas Production

Weren't they wonderful? The teachers were so thrilled with just how confidently and clearly our actors spoke. They really commanded the stage well at the Village Hall (in front of a huge audience). Parents - thank you ever so much for your support in sourcing and making all their wonderful costumes. We hope you had a wonderful afternoon and appreciated the message of the story: Christmas is a time to love our neighbours and treat everyone, irrespective of their background (or species in our production), with respect.



Attendance

Attendance at school is a key priority at our school. 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 today:

- Robin Class – 90%
- Woodpecker Class – 95.8%
- Kingfisher Class – 96.3%
- Owl Class – 96.5%

Congratulations go to Owl Class. The local authority and Department for Education expectation is 97%. Please make every effort to get your child in school every day and on time.

Class Blogs

The 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

Dates For Your Diary

January 2019

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| Wednesday 2 nd | INSET Day – school closed |
| Thursday 3 rd | Term 3 starts |

February 2019

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| Thursday 7 th | Owl Class Assembly |
| Thursday 14 th | Kingfisher Class Assembly |
| Friday 15 th | Last day of Term 3 |
| Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd | February Half-Term Holiday |
| Monday 25 th | Term 4 starts |

March 2019

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| Friday 1 st | Woodpecker Class Assembly |
| Thursday 7 th | Robin Class Assembly |

We would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in January.



Best wishes,

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