



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is our second newsletter of the academic year in which we share with you the goings-on at Plumpton Primary School.

[Zoom 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week](#)

Thank you for attending our Zoom-based 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. The teachers have really enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with you virtually this week and discuss the exciting learning opportunities we have planned for pupils for the weeks and months ahead. If you were unable to attend the meetings this week, please check out your child's class blog for information.

[Attendance](#)

As explained in our letter to parents over the last fortnight, pupils are now expected to attend school full-time. As a result, we have recommenced our hotly-contested Attendance Oscar competition in our Friday Celebration Assemblies. This week's winners were Owls Class with an impressive 100% attendance record for much of this week.

Well done to Owls Class!

Going forward, your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell (and do not have a temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste) because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.



[Student Reps](#)

A huge **well done** to all the pupils who took part in our Plumpton Election this week. We know it takes a lot of guts to stand up in front of your peers and deliver a speech. We are very proud of all the candidates who put themselves forward for election. After counting the ballot papers yesterday, we are thrilled to inform you that we now have our new elected representatives in place: they will serve their peers for the course of the academic year. During our Celebration Assembly today, pupils were told of the winning candidates and received their badges: keep them safe, reps!

[Class charities](#)

Today pupils have received a homework slip which asks them to prepare a presentation to their peers advocating that their chosen charity should be chosen as their **class** charity. You can also find a copy of this homework slip on the class blogs (see links below).



[Class Blogs](#)

A reminder of the links to our class blogs:

Robin Class: plumptonrobins.wordpress.com.

Lapwings Class: plumptonlapwings.wordpress.com

Woodpecker Class:

plumptonwoodpeckers.wordpress.com

Kingfisher Class: plumptonkingfishers.wordpress.com

Owl Class: plumptonowls.wordpress.com

Google Classrooms and Tapestry

Next week you will receive further information about our Google Classrooms plans for online learning (should we be forced to close due to a national or localised lockdown) including your child's log-in credentials for the Google Classroom portal. This week, teachers have received further training on delivering learning through the Google Classrooms platform, and pupils in Upper Key Stage Two have even logged in, joined their virtual classes and completed a few funky challenges relating to *Take One Treasure*.

Pupils in Robins Class will use their Tapestry log-in to access remote learning materials: Mrs Allen is already communicating with families to get them fully set-up on the Tapestry system.

Harvest

Next week you will receive a letter from our Deputy Heads of School – Miss Newnham and Mrs Williams – with information about our Harvest arrangements this year. This year, our Harvest theme is **Generosity** and we have some exciting plans for spreading Plumpton School's generosity right throughout the local community. In next week's letter, you will also hear how our virtual Harvest festival will look and how you will be able to access the Harvest piece of your child's class.

Pick-up and drop-off reminder

Thank you for your continued support at drop-off and pick-up times. Children are arriving at school and leaving in a safe and gradual manner. The timings continue to be as follows:

08.30am – 08.40am – Kingfishers Class (Yr. 4/5) and Owls Class (Yr. 5/6);

08.45am – 08.55am – Robins Class (Reception), Woodpeckers Class (Yr. 2/3) and Lapwings Class (Yr. 1);

3.00pm – Robins Class (Reception);

3.10pm – Kingfishers Class (Yr. 4/5) and Owls Class (Yr. 5/6);

3.20pm – Woodpeckers Class (Yr. 2/3) and Lapwings Class (Yr. 1).

New Forest School Area

We are excited to announce that Plumpton Primary School now has a new Forest School area. During the summer holidays, a gate was installed on the school field, allowing classes to access the land just south of the school. A huge thank you to Tim Johnson and Mark Gilbert for your help in making the space Forest-School-Ready.



Music

We are really pleased to inform you that Music lessons have recommenced at Plumpton Primary School. Mrs Farey, our Music Teacher, has restarted her work with all our classes and is working towards the Harvest piece that will be shared with you in the coming weeks. We will also be welcoming back Mr Robinson, our Violin/Viola teacher, in the coming weeks: pupils enjoyed watching his promo video in class assemblies this week; he is recruiting and would love to have more pupils join his small-group sessions.

Dates For Your Diary

September 2020	
Wednesday 30 th	School Nurse – Vision - Robins
October 2020	
Friday 23 rd	End of Term 1
November 2020	
Monday 2 nd	INSET Day – no school for pupils
Tuesday 3 rd	First day of Term 2 for pupils
December 2020	
Friday 18 th	End of Term 2

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