



Plumpton Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to all our pupils and their families. It has been a pleasure to see all our passionate Plumpton pupils at school this week and getting engrossed in their learning already. This is Term 1 of the academic year, and we have an enriching first half-term of the academic year in store with our whole-school *Take One Treasure* topic.

Our project this term

This term, all pupils – irrespective of their age or key stage – will be delving deep into the wondrous theme of *Take One Treasure*. Pupils will explore Treasure through the aims and objectives outlined for their year group in the National Curriculum.

As a taster, our very youngest pupils will explore how we *treasure* our family, loved-ones and local environment. Our oldest pupils – in Key Stage Two – will analyse primary source material relating to treasure. *Whose treasure was it? Why was that treasured back then? What is treasure today, and what was treasure for the Egyptians/Tudors?*

Watch this space!



Coronavirus control measures

Please see below for a brief summary of the control measures we will implement at Plumpton Primary School:

- Pupils will arrive at school and leave school according to the staggered times;
- Indoors, pupils will remain in consistent class bubbles throughout the school day;
- Pupils will play in year group bubbles and in zones during play times and lunch times;
- Breakfast and After-School Clubs will be limited to 15 children, and must be booked in advance;
- G-Suite log-ins will be provided in case of localised/national lockdowns in the future;
- Children will be prioritised for testing should they display any symptoms;
- Class sizes will be kept small and classrooms well-ventilated;
- Children will wash their hands frequently throughout the day, including on arrival at school, before home time and between sessions;
- Cleaning staff will clean the school site at the beginning of the day and in the middle of the day, with a particular focus on high-touch areas such as switches, door handles and tables;
- Visitors will wear masks in communal areas of the school.



Attendance

As explained in our letter to parents last week, pupils are **now expected to attend school full-time**. As a result, we are now looking to see if ANY class can topple the Woodpeckers Class who, before the Lockdown, reigned supreme as the class with the best attendance last academic year.

- Owls Class –
- Kingfisher Class –
- Woodpecker Class –
- Lapwings Class –
- Robins Class –



How we communicate with you

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify how, as a school, we communicate about your children's learning:

Emails – we will email you letters to inform you of updates/trips/events/goings-on;

Website – our website contains a wealth of information;

Text – we will text you if a last-minute cancellation has taken place;

Parents' evenings/reports – Our parents' evenings are twice yearly, and an End of Year report is produced in July (more information coming soon);

Open Door policy – we always welcome parents dropping in with any questions/queries. Now, in the current climate, we ask you to arrange a telephone meeting – please pre-book these meetings with the school office.

Help us keep in touch with you

Please ensure that our School Office has your up-to-date contact details. We will need these if we ever need to contact you about your child feeling unwell during the school day. East Sussex County Council's 'Safeguarding Best Practice' requires schools to have at least **two** contact details for each family – so please make sure we have all the information we need.



School Council update – #PlumptonElects

In the coming weeks, pupils will elect their school reps who will represent them for the course of the academic year. Pupils will be encouraged to write a speech, present it to their peers and pitch their revolutionary ideas for transforming the school. More information to follow.

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

Welcome

We'd like to welcome Miss Jones and Mrs Finch to our teaching team: Miss Jones and Mrs Finch will be teaching our new Lapwings Class (Mrs Finch on a Wednesday). We also extend a warm welcome to **all our new pupils** who have joined in the last week, both our new Robins and those pupils who've joined our other classes: Joseph, Milli, Bronwen, Euan, Lilly-Ann, Ida and India.

Dates For Your Diary

September 2020	
Thursday 17 th	Curriculum letters to parents
W/c Monday 21 st	Class meets via Zoom (<i>letter to follow</i>)
Monday 21 st	Owls Class Meet – 3.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Woodpeckers Class Meet – 3.30pm
Thursday 24 th	Kingfishers Class Meet – 3.30pm
Friday 25 th	Lapwings Class Meet – 3.30pm
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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