

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2017



We hope everyone has a lovely half term break. We will see you all back at school on Monday 30th October.

Sponsored Read-a-thon

Each class has been set a challenge to read 150 books in 5 weeks.

It will begin on Monday 13th November and run until Friday 15th December.

All funds raised will be used to buy new home reading material for the children.

Further details will follow.

Dragon's Den

Today was the Y1 and Y2 investment assembly. Local businesses were invited along and the children showcased their ideas for their outdoor area in the hope that they could help.

If anyone is involved with any businesses who could help with donations of money or appropriate equipment please contact the office.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School will break up for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 22nd December. Children will return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Attendance & Lateness

Current Whole School Attendance: 95%

Lateness: 2821 minutes = 47 hours of lost learning time which is unacceptable!

School starts at **8.50am** for all children apart from Nursery who begin at **9am**. Please ensure your child is in the yard and lined up before this time. Children should be collected at **3pm** for Nursery and **3.15pm** for all other classes.

If you are planning a holiday please remember that school will not authorise any days regardless of circumstances.

If your child is persistently late and/or their attendance falls below government expectations of 96% then you may be invited into school to discuss your child's attendance with our attendance lead, Miss Latimer. In certain instances you may also be referred to the local authority attendance team who could pursue legal action against you.

BIKE & SCOOTER SAFETY

Please could you remind your children of the importance of staying safe when riding their bikes and scooters to and from school. We have had reports from concerned residents and parents about children riding dangerously on roads.

Children are welcome to use our bike shelter to store their bikes and scooters during the school day. These are left at their own risk and school are not responsible for any loss or damage to these items. We encourage children to bring a lock to

Homework Project

Children have been set a homework project to design and make/create an idea from their favourite book.

Completed projects should be returned by Wednesday 1st November.

Extra Dates for your Diary

30th October: DBA Awareness Day
Family learning 2pm
31st October: Years 5 & 6 to visit the New Wear Crossing & Halloween Disco

13th November: AntiBullying Week
17th November: AntiBullying Family learning 2pm
6th December: Year 6 to visit Shildon Railway Museum

Clubs

We still have places available in our nightly after school clubs.

If your child would like to take part please see the school office for details of clubs available.

Please note that Monday's craft club and Thursday's cartoon club are currently full.

Shout Outs

Well done to **Macey Walker** in Year 6 who has recently held trials for Sunderland Girls Football team.

Also a big thank you to all our Lunchtime Staff who do a fantastic job looking after your children.

We encourage the children in our school to be respectful to all adults and hope parents will encourage this too.

DINNER MONEY

Please note the price of a school meal is £2.00 per day (£10.00 per week).

Please send money in a named, sealed envelope to your child's class each Monday or alternatively you can pay online via the link on the school website.

Old £1 coins

Please be aware that we are no longer accepting old style round pound coins.

Blog

Our class blogs are available to view on our website each Friday from 4pm.

This is a great opportunity to read about what your children have been learning, class awards and upcoming events.

Please visit:
www.plainsfarmacademy.co.uk

Charity Donations

Thank you for your help with donations this term.

We have raised the following for great causes:

Jeans 4 Genes: £168
MacMillan Coffee Afternoon: £223.04

Upcoming charity days:

30th October: Wear red for DBA UK
17th November: Children in Need
14th December: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Water Bottles/Nut Allergy

Please could you provide a water bottle each day for your child.

School promote a nut free environment. Please avoid sending your child to school with items containing nuts.