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Dear Parents/Carers,

Before we break up, I wanted to share some of the highlights the children have experienced this half term.

### **New Starters**

We are pleased to welcome all of our new starters to Plumpton School. Everyone has fitted into our school community brilliantly and it's been lovely for our existing pupils to be able to make new friends.

### **Bikeability**

Our Year 5 pupils were able to work with our Bikeability coaches at the beginning of September. They learned lots about bike maintenance as well as road safety and were able to achieve the green light to cycle safety on quiet roads. Well done to all!

### **PE**

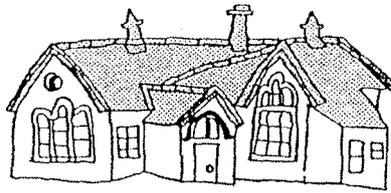
To make the most of the lovely autumn weather we have had lots of PE lessons across school. In addition to lessons taught by the teachers, Classes 1 and 2 have been working with Action Ants doing lots of fun activities from golf to 'Total Warrior' and Classes 3 and 4 have been working with Jonathan Osbourne, our cricket coach.

We will still be going outside for PE after the half term break so remember to pack joggers, trainers and your hoodie as the weather will be getting colder.

### **Friends of Plumpton School**

At the beginning of September, each class gave Friends a 'Wish List' of resources they would like for the children to use. These ranged from games to support maths to a new carpet mat for Class 1. Friends of Plumpton School were able to grant these wishes and the children now have lots of lovely new resources to make learning even more fun! Friends have also paid for lots of new reading books to replace ones which have been either lost or simply worn out as well as some new blinds for Classes 3 and 4. A MASSIVE THANK YOU to Friends of Plumpton School!

With the half term holiday giving the perfect opportunity for everyone to get out walking, there is a family prize for the family who raises the most money! All money raised will go towards reading books. Don't forget to sign up to 'easyfundraising' and the Plumpton School Lotto; both are excellent fundraisers for school.



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### **Playground**

As you will all be aware, work has begun on the new Plumpton Community Play Area. We are all very excited to see the progress being made and the children will be able to start playing on it in November! Please feel free to use the school playing field in the holiday if you live in the village. Many thanks to everyone involved and to the organisations and businesses who have donated money for this to happen!

### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

The children have been amazing this term, adapting to new rules and procedures. They have all worked very hard and deserve a fabulous week off. Usually, we would have invited you in to meet with your child's class teacher during this last week of half term. As an alternative, you will receive a progress report with targets during the first week back in November. If you have any queries or concerns with the report you will be able to arrange a telephone interview with the teachers. You can also contact the teachers via See-Saw and Tapestry.

### **Drop Off/Pick Up**

I would like to thank all of our families who have supported us with all of the new routines, policies and procedures. It is difficult and I know there have been frustrations. With your support we have been able to keep our school community safe and the children have been able to enjoy being back at school. As the dark nights approach we will be making some changes to ensure that the children can leave school safely. Class 3 children will leave school at 3.25pm by the main entrance which is well-lit. If adults collecting pupils from Class 3 could wait on the pavement on the other side of the carpark railings, teachers will be able to direct the children to you. Class 4 will exit via Church Lane as usual. If you do need to park there, please be extra cautious of the children leaving by that gate.

To make drop off in the morning a little easier, if you have 2 or more children in school you may arrive at the earliest time.

Class 1 - 9am

Class 2 - 8.55am

Class 3 - 8.50am

Class 4 - 8.45am

If you arrive on the school site at 9am or after, please come to the main entrance so your child can be registered. By sticking to these times we are able to minimise the number of people on site and politely ask you not to arrive early and congregate outside of the infant classroom doors.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in November for another busy half term.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Penny

Head teacher