



# PLUMPTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term we finally welcomed all the children back into school which has been lovely. A big thank you to you all for your continued support with following the restrictions that are in place to keep us all safe. Hopefully in the summer term we will see all restrictions lifted and we will be able to enjoy end of the school year celebrations as a whole school.

### World Book Day

On Thursday, 11th March the children celebrated World Book Day by coming to school dressed for an adventure! Each class took part in an adventure linked to a book and had a thoroughly good day.

### Sport

**Basket ball** – The junior children have enjoyed weekly basketball coaching this half term delivered by the Eden Valley Sports Partnership.

**Action Ants** – Action Ants continue to visit us weekly to deliver multi sports sessions to the whole school.

**Bikeability** – The year 3 children enjoyed taking part in a cycle skills course on the playground on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> March delivered by the Eden Valley Sports Partnership.

**Boogie Bounce** – The whole school had a fantastic time on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March taking part in Boogie Bounce. Sarah Newby brought her mini trampolines to school for the afternoon and the children bounced away to music!

### Ratcher!

On Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March the children had a fantastic afternoon celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ratcher being our school dog! They dressed in their best party clothes in return for a donation to Red Nose Day and enjoyed dog themed fun and games. £71 has been donated to Red Nose Day.

The teachers are busy planning 'Ratcher's Easter Reading Challenge' so please look out for more details on Tapestry and See-saw at the start of the holidays.



### Request for Help!

We have noticed that lots of our children in classes 1 and 2 are struggling to eat their meals at lunchtime because they cannot use knives and forks. In the past our older children have acted as role models and have shown children how to use knives and forks to cut up and eat food, however, due to the bubbles not being able to mix, this is no longer happening. It would be really helpful if you could help your child/children learn how to use knives and forks over the Easter holiday so that they are able to eat their meals at school.

### Water Bottles/PE Kits

**PLEASE** can we remind you that the children need a water bottle in school. They are available to buy from the school office for £2. Please also ensure your child has their PE kit in school **every day**. We suggest they bring it on a Monday morning and take it home on a Friday night.

### Play area/School field

Our play area and school field are for the whole community to enjoy out of school hours and at weekends. Please note school hours are 8am to 5.30pm therefore please can you avoid these hours if they are already occupied with children attending breakfast/after school club.

### Dates for your diary

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half term

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Class photos

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Break up for the summer holidays

Have a lovely Easter holiday,

*S.L. Penny*

Head teacher

