



Welcome to our Autumn half-term edition. The new school year has got off to a flying start, lots of things to read about, and of course, lots of things to look forward to as we approach the Festive Season.



Harvest

Our service began with Mr White saying a few words about the meaning

of Harvest Festival and how it has been a tradition at Plumtree for many years. At the Service we sang a number of songs, some of our favourites were "Orange, Yellow and Brown" and "All Things Bright and Beautiful". The children who sang duets were Isabella and Kate, Brooke and Grace, Maria and



Eva and last, but not least, Libby who sang a solo. The Service was enjoyed by all, and what a fantastic turn out from all of the parents. The music was beautifully conducted by Mrs White. Thank you all for coming
By Chloe and Brooke

Everyone made Harvest Bread

Bread facts by Joseph

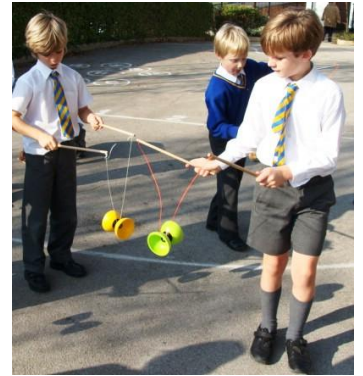
Bread is probably the one food eaten by people of every race, culture and religion.

Baking bread is a universal sign of peace.

Murphy's law dictates that buttered bread will always land butter-side down.

The Diabolo craze has hit Plumtree

Sam Joy has started a new craze involving Diabolos. Everyone has got them so get yours fast! There are lots of tricks to learn, from 'The X Grind' to 'Cats Cradle'. Here are some of our avid Diabolo players; Oliver Small, Taylor Woodhouse, James Cordon, Harry Fairlie, Max Small, Joseph Hunt, Max Fairlie and Sam Joy (the best!!) Come on girls join in and beat those boys!



By Harry Fairlie

Steve Coles comes to Plumtree School

Oliver Daniels couldn't believe his luck when he won a competition to create an Astrosaur character. Steve Cole, author of the Astrosaur, Cows in Action and Slime Squad books said that Oliver's creation, Tex Torris the ornithochierus, showed that Oliver was a true Astrosaur fan.

Steve Cole visited our school and spoke to us all about his work, his books and how he writes them. He signed a complete collection of his books for Oliver and presented him with an Astrosuperfan certificate.

Everyone had a fabulous time! Here is what people thought of Steve Cole – "funny, energetic, good at acting and just brilliant".



By Oliver Daniels



Important Dates for the second half of Autumn Term

Nov		
Thurs	3	School Photographer
		Infant Yrs 1 & 2 History Outing
		PA Meeting
Wed	16	Theatre Company visit (pm) Whole School
Fri	18	Children in Need Charity Day
Fri	25	Netball & Football matches
Dec		
Mon	5	Music Exam week (Mon & Wed)
Fri	9	Nativity Service in Church 2.00pm Infants and Nursery
Sat	10	Junior Choir in John Lewis
Tues	13	Junior Carol Service in Church 7.30 pm

School Family Weddings

Tara (year 2) was Bridesmaid at her parents' wedding.



And **Saira**
(now in Year 7)
was Bridesmaid at
her mum's
wedding to Barry.

Years 5 and 6 are getting their bikes in tip-top condition for BIKE ABILITY!

Bike Ability gives you the skills and confidence to cycle in modern road conditions



There are 3 levels

Level 1- you learn to control and master your bike in a safe environment like a playground.

Level 2 – you learn to deal with traffic on real roads.

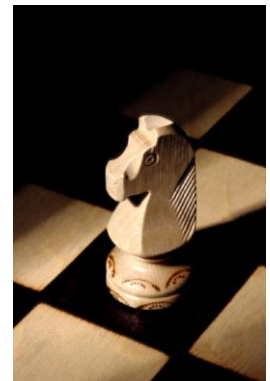
Level 3 – you learn skills you need to ride your bike in all sorts of traffic situations

You get badges for completing each level.

By Kate

Chess Club

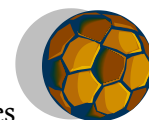
Chess Club is starting after half-term. Oliver thinks Chess Club will be amazing. Libby thinks it will be successful. Archie thinks Chess Club will be the best club in the school.



Adam thinks Chess Club will be very good and people who cannot play should be able to learn. Chess Club is being organised by James and Nathan. At the end of term there will be a competition for members of the club.

By James and Nathan

Football Match We had our first football match of the season against Salterford School. The score was 4 – 3, a loss for us. The boys tried their hardest though and it was a really close game in the end. Our goals were scored by James (2) and Max (1). It was a promising start to what will hopefully be a great season.



By James

Autumn Wordsearch

Q	R	P	W	E	F	O	L	I	A	G	E	M	J	P
A	G	U	Y	F	A	W	K	E	S	H	D	Z	V	R
C	K	M	D	H	L	I	T	X	E	B	F	J	N	G
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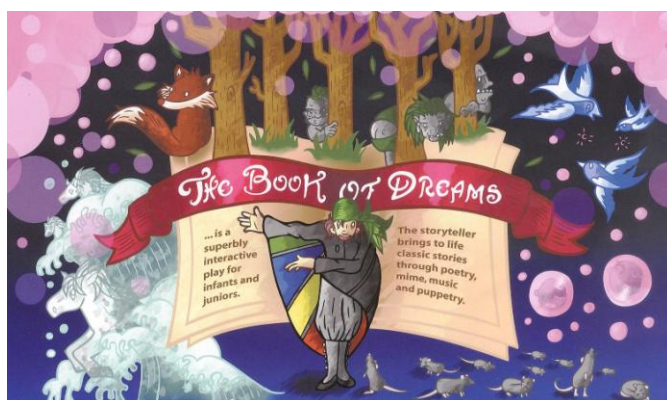
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| Guy Fawkes | Scarecrow | Pumpkin | Yellow |
| Autumnal | Acorns | Foliage | Brown |
| Harvest | Ghoulish | Cinnamon | Gourd |
| October | Migration | Witches | |
| Equinox | Seeds | Orange | |

by Maria

The Book of Dreams

At 2:00pm on Wednesday, 16th November a visiting theatre company will be performing to the whole school in the Burnside Hall.



Miss Bryan – Marathon Runner



A huge “Thank you” to everyone who sponsored me to run the Robin Hood half-marathon raising funds for Maggie’s Nottingham.

Thanks to your generous donations I’ve raised over £1300. Maggie’s officially opens on 2nd November and I’ve been invited to their Open Day.



Young bakers listening carefully to Mrs Tuttey.



Mrs Connell and Lauren visited school on “photograph day”.

Mrs Phillips and Hugh also popped in to see us.



Sally Harris, all the way from Australia to take J1 during Mrs Connell’s maternity leave.

The School Disco

We had fantastic time at the school disco on 8th October at Kinoulton Village Hall. It was the first time we have ever had a disco since I joined the school aged 3 and I really hope we can have another one before year 6 leave in 2012.

About 65 children came from school and the disco was run by Nigel who is great fun. We danced and also played games and there was a lucky dip with great prizes, sweets and drinks, and hotdogs. It was such fun.

I would like to say a big thank you to my Mummy and Maria’s Mummy for such a great night and to all the parents who helped.

Pleeeeeease do another one.

By Millie Icke



Hugo the “Break Dancer” by Grace

Hugo has been doing break dancing for two years. He started when he saw Diversity on Britain’s Got Talent and really enjoyed it. Hugo has won lots of competitions like Plumtree’s Got Talent, under 13s free style and best dancer under 12s. His favourite move is a back flip because it looks cool and is the hardest move he can do. He has UDO championships coming up which is a high standard competition. The group he is in is called Spritzer which has boys and girls in it. Hugo is looking forward to it very much.



The only way is up. Plumtree School netball team suffered huge a disappointment in its first match of the season against Salterford House School when we were thrashed 18-0! Despite trying, we just couldn’t gain possession of the ball although it must be said that we were playing against some very tall (who isn’t in my world?!) Salterford girls who were all in year 6; whenever the ball was in the air, it was snatched by Salterford. Goal after goal after goal they scored and by the end of half time they had an 8-0 lead! We were very disappointed by the result, but should reward ourselves 10 out of 10 for individual and team effort. We know that we must improve and we have time to practise before our next competitive match.

By Eva Hinchcliffe



BOOKS

by Emma Chalmers

Books are great! If your child doesn't like books or they think they are boring and prefer T.V., then I recommend funny or exciting books, maybe ones with pictures in. If you are thinking "Where do I get them from?", the best place would probably be to borrow them for free from the library or you could buy them from the internet or a great book shop like WHSmiths or Waterstones. If you are a girl you might like reading books by Enid Blyton, Jean Ure, Jacqueline Wilson or even ones by Michael Morpurgo. If you are a boy you might like reading books about ninjas or lots of action or frightening dragons. An author who is excellent at writing boys stories is Steve Coles. You might also like to read books like Harry Potter or Star Wars.

My favourite books that I have read recently are 'Sugar and Spice' by Jean Ure and the 'Mum Minder' by Jacqueline Wilson. I loved these books so much I couldn't put them down because they were so addictive. I recommend these two fantastic books because they made me feel part of it and they made me laugh and feel happy.



In 'Sugar & Spice' there is a teenage girl called Ruth Spice. She goes to a new school, which she hates, and she meets a really gorgeous girl called Shay Sugar. They become best friends and have lots of extraordinary adventures, but do friends tell each other everything? Get this amazing book and find out more!



Halloween

Haunted houses, curdling screams,
Freezing bats torn at the seams.
Full white moon, dripping candles,
Roaming forgetful zombie vandals.
Gnarled old trees, tossed in the breeze,
Cold ghosts shivering, knocking their knees.
Tricks and treating, from door to door,
Not enough sweets,
I must have more!

By
Ollie Small



Golfing Success for ex-pupils Eric and Harry who won The President's Trophy (a men's competition) at Stanton Golf Club this summer. Well done boys, we are all very proud of you,

James in Year 6 has been selected for the Nottinghamshire County Golf Winter Training Squad. He is a member at the Nottinghamshire Golf Club. James is hoping the coaching will make him a better player in the future.

