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Friday 15th June 2018

MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD

I wanted to take this opportunity to talk to you more about our transition to Primary school from this September. For us, as a school, it gives us peace of mind knowing that the children and parents have been offered a little more stability and surety regarding school places for our next year's Year 5 children. As you know this move has been on the cards but we were not expecting it until September 2019. This does not however, mean we have been resting on our laurels. There has been a lot of activity that has gone on and things are starting to fall into place. I know the biggest question you have surrounds where we will put the children but we definitely have a plan and one which we find exciting!

As part of our discussions we have looked at the way in which we utilise our building and grounds. With this in mind I am excited to tell you that we have plans underway for a purpose built Pre-School and Nursery block which will be situated on the green space just inside the school car park. There are many adaptations that we will be making and I can assure you that site safety is being well considered. You will notice on your return in September the significant differences to the front of the school grounds which will also include bike racks and scooter storage which are long overdue. The plans for what this should look like can be found on our school website: www.mapletreelowerschool.com

We are aware that during this time the rest of the school will also need some changes made to ensure that the building and resources are suitable for the older children we will have; this will enable us to keep Year 5 (and Year 6 the following year) within the school. We will also continue to invest within the main building to ensure that is up to date and we are very lucky that Friends of Maple Tree are currently fundraising to help us raise money towards a computer suite. As a result of the Pre-School and Nursery moving into their new rooms, and Year 5 taking up residence in the main building, it means that we will need to have a very big move around of furniture into new class spaces. With that in mind I am hoping that we might have a number of strong parent volunteers who would be willing and able to help us with the 'Big Furniture Shuffle' on Monday 16th July, 6.30 – 8.30pm. Refreshments will be provided but the more support we have the more easily we will make the transition for all of the children. If you think you would be able to help, then please let the office know.

There are other things that are happening and I will tell you more about that in next week's newsletter but suffice to say that we are all very positive about the changes that we are making.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

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Attendance Award	
The best attendance award is presented to:	
Little Saplings 98.1%	Lime 91.9%
Chestnut 95.3%	Beech 90.9%
Ash 97.5%	Willow 98.9%
Sycamore 97.6%	Oak 99.3% ★
Cedar 92.9%	Elm 99.0%

IMPORTANT DATES
Summer 2
<u>Friday 29th June</u> Non-uniform day for Summer Fair donations
<u>Tuesday 3rd July</u> Sports Day
<u>Thursday 12th July</u> Reports out
<u>Friday 13th July</u> Open Afternoon 2.30pm
<u>Saturday 14th July</u> Summer Fair
<u>Monday 16th July</u> Big Furniture Shuffle 6.30-8.30pm
<u>Wednesday 18th July</u> Year 4 Production
<u>Friday 20th July</u> Term ends

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



Beech Class	HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS	Chestnut Class
Maja		Nisa
Ash Class	Willow Class	Sycamore Class
Elin	Roary	Szymon
Oak Class	Elm Class	Cedar Class
Freddie	Max	Patrick

House Point Winners
Congratulations to...



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