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Climbing the Branches of Success

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th March 2018

MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD

I apologise for the fact that there was no newsletter last week but the snow rather called a halt to everything! These past 2 weeks there has been so much going on and so much to report- it is one of those times that we embrace full-on school life!

We are still riding high on our Ofsted report and life here is **GOOD**! I feel immensely proud of the children and staff at Maple Tree who go out of their way, day in day out, to ensure that Maple Tree is a **GOOD** place to be and to know that the inspector also saw this and was able to reinforce what we already knew is a **GOOD** feeling!

I am so very grateful to you all for the support that you have shown and to hear of the lovely comments that you shared with the Inspector made me feel **GOOD**. It gives us all a boost when we need it and although we don't do any of this for the glory it is certainly **GOOD** to hear from time to time!

We also celebrated World Book Day last Thursday and it was great to see so many children taking part and bringing their favourite characters to light. There were many interesting conversations heard going on that day! Thank you for your help with their costumes and props.

We also waved goodbye to the majority of our Year 4 children this week as they ventured off to Caythorpe Manor in Grantham for a 2 night Residential. I have enjoyed my daily updates from Mrs Champion and am very proud to hear how our children have really thrown themselves at new challenges and have shown great levels of independence whilst away. Thank you so much to Mrs Champion, Mrs Scott and Mrs Woods for taking the children away. There are many super pictures on the website so please do check these out if you haven't already done so. I am looking forward to hearing all about it next week!



I would also like to thank Friends of Maple Tree for the amazing jackets they have given our Year 4 children as a leaving gift. They would have been most welcome during the colder moments I am sure!



And then this afternoon we have welcomed adults into school to have some fun with their children. There is always such a focus on work in lessons but it was nice to hear some laughter and chatting coming from around the school this afternoon! A lovely way to end a very busy couple of weeks. And there is more to come. Please check out the calendar on the next page for new dates.

I hope you all have a **GOOD** weekend!

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Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening has been rearranged for Thursday 22nd March 5.30 – 7pm for those parents who missed out due to having to postpone for bad weather.

We plan to keep the original appointment times that you were given but if this is not suitable or you have forgotten the time you were originally booked for, please contact the School Office.

For parents with children in Chestnut Class, Mrs Black will be running her Parents' Evening on Wednesday 14th March 4-6pm and Thursday 22nd March 4.30 – 7pm. Again, if these times are no longer suitable or you need a reminder, please ask the office.

Attendance Award

The best attendance award is presented to:

Little Saplings 87.9 %	Lime 95.7%
Chestnut 90.7%	Beech 94.8%
Ash 95%	Willow 88.3%
Sycamore 95.6 %	Oak 98.1%
Cedar 100%	Elm 98.5%

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



IMPORTANT DATES

Half Term 12th – 16th February

Spring 2

Monday 12th – Friday 16th March Art Week

Wednesday 14th March Chestnut Parents' Evening 4-6pm

Friday 16th March Class photos/Year 4 Leavers

Thursday 22nd March Parents' Evening 5.30 – 7pm (Chestnut class from 4.30pm)

Monday 26th March Art Exhibition in the hall 3.30 – 4.15pm

Thursday 29th March Easter Bonnet Assembly 9.15am

FoMT Easter Egg hunt 3.30pm

Easter Holiday Friday 30th March – Tuesday 17th April

Summer 1

Monday 16th April INSET day – no Kids Club

Tuesday 17th April Children return to school

Friday 25th May FoMT School Disco

Half Term 28th May – Friday 1st June

Summer 2

Monday 4th June INSET day

Tuesday 5th June Children return to school

Thursday 12th July Reports out

Friday 13th July Open Afternoon 2.30pm

Saturday 14th July Summer Fair

Wednesday 18th July Year 4 Leaver's Production

Friday 20th July Term ends

Consultation reminder

Our consultation closes on Friday 16th March. Please do sign your consultation papers and hand them into the school office or send to our Chair of Governors, Ted Rowland: chairofgovs@mapletreelowerschool.com
Additional copies can be found on our website.

Admissions

We have now determined our Admission Arrangements for 2019 and they are available on the school website or by contacting the School Office.

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Reminders from Little Saplings (Pre-school)

Little Saplings are holding two drop in sessions for parents on:

Monday 26th March at 12.15pm to 12.45pm
Tuesday 27th March at 12.15pm to 12.45pm.

If your child does not attend normal sessions on either of those days, then please pop in after session on Wednesday 28th March.

You will be able to see your child's Learning Journey and have an opportunity to speak to your child's key person.

Little Saplings class photograph will be taken on Friday 16th March at 9.15am. Please ensure your child arrives promptly for the start of session.

If your child does not normally attend that session and you would like them included in the photo, then please bring them promptly to the main school reception for 9.15am and we will collect them from you to have their photo taken with us all and return them to you at reception straight afterwards.

Many thanks
Little Saplings Team

Art Week/ Art Gallery

Next week the children will all be participating in Art Week and will be preparing a variety of different pieces of art work, using a range of materials, and media. The children will then produce one piece of art work to display in our Art Gallery. For many of you who have had children go through the school you will know what a lovely experience this is for the children and they are proud to see their work produced into a final piece displayed in a frame, which is then displayed in the hall as an art gallery. The Art Gallery is an external company who organise this and work alongside us. The Gallery be held on Monday 26th March in the school hall and will be from 3:30-4:15pm. The cost of the pictures will be £6.50 and you will be able to take your child's art work home with you after purchasing. Any pictures that are not collected will be held in the school office for **one week**, after which they will be returned to the gallery company, and you **will not** receive your child's work back.

We look forward to the children having a lovely week learning about different artists and producing some fantastic art work across the week, and we are sure that their work will produce a lovely experience for both parents and children alike.

Mrs Black
Art Subject Leader



Plea from Reception

We want your junk!! We are looking for empty toilet rolls, yoghurt pots, old food packaging (clean and safe- NO GLASS), boxes, cartons, kitchen roll tubes, and any old, unwanted shirts that the children can use as painting aprons as we are anticipating lots of creative 'juices' flowing next week, and we don't have enough aprons for all the children to use. (Please do not go out and buy aprons!)

Thank you!

