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# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

The children are fully involved in the learning of their new topics and pupil engagement is high. They speak so enthusiastically about what they are doing and are showing this month's values of 'Kindness and Co-operation' both in and out of the classroom. I am sure as the term goes on there will be even more for them to talk about.

If you can, please do join us for our 'Meet The Teacher' mornings (KS1 22<sup>nd</sup> September and KS2 29<sup>th</sup> September) or if you are unable and want to speak to the teacher then please make an appointment to see them through the school office.

The dates for this term are on the next page and they are also on our website. Hopefully this will give you plenty of notice for the dates of events and then more information will follow closer to each of them.

At the beginning of next week the children will be bringing home a copy of our new Home/School Agreement which we would very much like you to discuss with your child before you both sign and return it to school. This will now be sent out annually.

As usual, if you have any questions or issues then please do contact the class teacher or the Key Stage Leader. On the next page you will meet the team at Maple Tree so you know who to contact.

Have a good weekend.



### We are now a 'nut aware' school

We have a child with a **severe** nut allergy who must not come into contact with nuts. Please be vigilant when choosing snack and/or packed lunch items. For the safety of this child we do check the contents of children's packed lunches and snacks for any obvious items containing nuts. A slip may be put into your child's lunch box if anything is found so that you are aware also.

If you would like more information on severe allergies please visit <http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support.



### A Reminder

There is a meeting for Year 4 parents at 6pm in the school hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October to discuss a residential trip.



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## AWARDS

<p><b>Beech Class</b></p> <p>William A</p>	<p><b>HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS</b></p>	<p><b>Chestnut Class</b></p> <p>Isla K</p>
<p><b>Ash Class</b></p> <p>Samuel G</p>	<p><b>Willow Class</b></p> <p>Izzy D</p>	<p><b>Sycamore Class</b></p> <p>William M</p>
<p><b>Oak Class</b></p> <p>Zara Q</p>	<p><b>Elm Class</b></p> <p>Megan T</p>	<p><b>Cedar Class</b></p> <p>Cedar Class</p>

Attendance Award	
The best attendance award is presented to:	
Little Saplings 97.9 %	Lime 97.1%
<b>Chestnut 100 %</b>	Beech 90.9%
Ash 96.1%	Willow 97.2%
Sycamore 97.7 %	Oak 98.6%
Cedar 95.2%	Elm 94.1%

House Point Winners

*Congratulations to*

**Buzzards**

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



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## Message from Friends of Maple Tree

Welcome back! We would like to thank all those that have supported the events we have organised over the past year. With your support we have been able raise almost £4500 which has been used to enhance your child's school experience. Some of the things we have been able to purchase include, but are not limited to:

- Laptops
- Benches for the school playground
- Digital cameras for each class
- Transport for the whole school to the pantomime
- End of year trips for the whole school
- Year 4 leavers hoodies
- Contribution to the improvement of the Early Years playground

The **AGM** is on **Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm**. It will be held in the school meeting room. The current committee will all be standing down and a new committee will be elected. The AGM is open to everyone and we hope to see some new faces.

If you would like to be involved with Friends of Maple Tree but are unable to attend the AGM please contact us by email [fomt.mt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fomt.mt@hotmail.co.uk) or on our Facebook page 'Friends of Maple Tree Lower School'. We are in need of new volunteers as we have lost a number of volunteers due to their children moving on from Maple Tree. Without volunteers we are unable to put on any fundraising events.

Thank you for your support.  
Friends of Maple Tree Committee

## A Reminder...

### Macmillan Cake Sale

Our annual fundraising cake sale will be after school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall. All donations of cakes to sell would be gratefully appreciated.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Autumn 1

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Year 4 PGL meeting 6pm
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September KS1 Meet the Teacher 9-9.45am
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September FoMT AGM 7.30pm
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September Macmillan Cake Sale 3.30pm
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September KS2 Meet the Teacher 9-9.45am
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October Parent drop-in 9-10am
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October School photos
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Parents' evening 4-6pm
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October Parents' Evening 5-7.30pm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Assembly 2.30pm

### Half Term 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October

### Autumn 2

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November KS1 History off the Page
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Parent drop-in 9-10am
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November Grandparents' Breakfast 8.15 – 10.30am
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Parent drop in 9-10am
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Reception Performance 2.30pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Nursery Performance 11am
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Performance 9.30am and 5.30pm
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Performance 9.30am and 6pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Term Ends 3.30pm

### Christmas Holiday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

### Spring 1

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January INSET day
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January Children return to school
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Parents evening
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February Parents evening

### Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February

### Spring 2

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February Children return to school
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March Family Fun session 2.30pm
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March Easter Bonnet Assembly 9.15am
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Term ends

### Easter Holiday Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer 1

*Dates for this term to be confirmed later in the Autumn Term*

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## Meet the Maple Tree Teams

### EYFS Team

**EYFS Leader**  
Mrs Piggott

**Lime YN**  
Mrs Phillips  
Mrs Taylor  
Miss Whiting

**Lime YN**  
Mrs Piggott  
Mrs Germany  
Mrs Green  
Mrs Paddock

**Chestnut YR**  
Mrs Black  
Mrs Coats  
Mrs Gianninotti  
Mrs Lintott

**Beech YR**  
Mrs Darnell  
Mrs Carrick  
Mrs Hampton  
Mrs Paddock

### KS1 Team

**KS1 Leader**  
Mrs Wicks

**Ash Y1**  
Mrs Wicks  
Mrs Jacobs  
Mrs Payne  
Mrs Evans  
Mrs Mabbott

**Willow Y1/2**  
Ms Cassidy  
Mrs Green

**Sycamore Y2**  
Mrs Vickery-Cox  
Mrs Leigh

### KS2 Team

**KS2 Leader**  
Mrs Champion

**Oak Y3**  
Mrs Pond  
Mrs Jennison  
Mrs Longworth

**Cedar Y4**  
Mrs Scott  
Mrs Wood

**Elm Y3/4**  
Mrs Champion  
Mrs Cahill

If you have a query that is not class related, then please contact the office.

**Office Team**  
Mrs Varley   Mrs Martin   Mrs Brookman



**Pupil wellbeing Worker**  
Mrs Ewen

If you have concerns about the wellbeing of your child then Mrs Ewen is the person to contact.



**Cover Supervisor**  
Mrs Hilditch



**Cover Supervisor**  
Mrs Jones

Mrs Hilditch and Mrs Jones cover the teachers whilst they are on PPA or attending courses etc. They deliver lessons planned by the teachers.



Mrs Pond has taken over from Mrs Hyndman as SENCo. If you have any concerns about your child, please do contact her