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# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD

Wow – what a week! Our consultation to become a primary school came out on Monday and Ofsted in on Thursday – things seem to be happening all at once!

Firstly, I want to apologise for the fact that I cancelled Parents’ Evenings this week. It is not a decision I made lightly and I appreciate it was very short notice however we also were faced with an unusual set of circumstances. Whilst I am sure you will appreciate school was ready for an inspection there are always last minute things we need to get ready and evidence needs to be collected against a specific list of requirements which we do not know about until the day before. This always means there is some last minute running around. We have also had a huge amount of sickness amongst children and staff over the last couple of weeks which has taken its toll on us all. As it was I had staff in school until gone 9pm on Wednesday night and if this had been following Parents’ Evening it would have been gone 11pm which is a totally unrealistic expectation when they have such scrutiny the following day.

Parents’ Evenings have been rearranged for after half term (please see dates later on in the newsletter) and I am sure you will have the opportunity to proudly share your child’s work as we did with the inspector yesterday.

I also want to thank you all for your kind messages and support that you showed us this week – the offers of help and sweet treats were gratefully received by staff and certainly helped us through an intense period. I am also heartened by the responses we had via parentview. It is great to see the majority of you seeing the school as we do. I totally understand and accept that parents will have worries and concerns and I would ask that you make an appointment to see a member of SLT to address these with you. I will be analysing your responses in more detail after half term.

The staff and children did Maple Tree proud yesterday and although the report will not be out for a couple of weeks the hard work that goes into school on a daily basis is testament to the commitment and love that staff have of the school and your children. We make it a plan of not doing things for Ofsted, we do things for the children but sometimes those lines become blurred and it takes an occasion to make us take stock of quite how much is happening in school.

I want to personally thank the staff and governors for their contributions and efforts towards making Maple Tree the fab school that it is. It really is a great place to work and I am immensely proud to be part of it.

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

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Attendance Award	
The best attendance award is presented to:	
Little Saplings 87.7%	Lime 87.0 %
Chestnut 92.1%	Beech 84.8 %
Ash 93.1%	Willow 95.6 %
Sycamore 93.2%	Oak 96.3%
<b>Cedar 99.0 %</b>	Elm 91.9 %

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



IMPORTANT DATES
<b>Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Spring 2</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February Children return to school <b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Parents evening</b> <b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Consultation meeting for parents 6pm</b> <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March Parents evening</b> Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March Year 4 PGL residential Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March FoMT Cinema Night Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March Family Fun session 2.30pm Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Easter Bonnet Assembly 9.15am FoMT Easter Egg hunt 3.30pm
<b>Easter Holiday Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Summer 1</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April INSET day Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April Children return to school Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May FoMT School Disco
<b>Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>
<b>Summer 2</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June INSET day Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June Children return to school Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July Reports out Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July Open Afternoon 2.30pm Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July Year 4 Leaver's Production Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July Term ends

### Parents' Evenings

Don't forget parents evening!

Parent's Evenings will now be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 4-6pm and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 4.30 – 7pm.

Our intention is to keep to the same times you were given for this week. Please contact the school office if this time is no longer suitable for you or if you need a reminder of your time.

### A Reminder

There is no parking for parents in the school car park at the beginning or end of the day unless you have a permit from the office. We have disabled bays which are being used by non-disabled users. We appreciate your support in this.



**Class photos and Year 4 Leavers pictures Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**



**Thank you and Good Luck to Mr Renzi who has been with us as a student teacher in Sycamore class for the last few weeks. We wish you all the best for the rest of your training.**