

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Patience and Perseverance	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Unity	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



Climbing the Branches of Success

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th January 2018

MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD

Happy New Year to you all! It is so lovely to see the children back after the holiday and looking so refreshed and ready for an exciting new term. It has also been lovely to welcome our new Deputy Head, Mr Venus, to Maple Tree. He will be in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays so please do stop and say hello to him on your way through the gate in the mornings, or join us for coffee at our Parent Drop-in from 9am – 10am next Wednesday morning.

You will remember there were a few members of support staff we had to say good bye to last year for a variety of personal reasons and budget restraints caused by cuts in budgets nationally, so where staff have left we are currently not in a position to replace them. This means that, for the moment, we have a number of adults less than we did have, and consequently there have been changes across the school where staff have been redeployed to different Key Stages. What I can assure you is that the children are still getting the very best care from the staff here, and that we do have more than enough adults. The Early Years team has seen the biggest change and I am sure the teachers will communicate with you as to who your child's Key Worker now is, if they haven't already done so. Please do ask them if you are unsure.

School is always looking for volunteers who might like to help out with various things from supporting children in the classroom to carrying out tasks for the teachers so if this is something you might be interested in then please do ask for a leaflet and form from the school office.

There are plenty of exciting opportunities for the children this term and we look forward to sharing your child's progress with you at Parents' Evenings on 7th/8th February. Separate letters about these will be sent out nearer the time.

I also want to remind you that next Thursday is the whole school pantomime. We were lucky enough to have them visit us last year, and we are excited to see what they do this year, but we are still waiting for a large number of payments and permission slips and without these returned it may mean the pantomime can't go ahead; it would be a great shame for the children to miss out. If you have any difficulties in paying the amount required, then please do speak confidentially to Mrs Martin in the office.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.



Please remember that there is no parking on the school site unless you have permission from the school office. Please also be aware of our residents when parking on the roadside.

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