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# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD

It has been great to see the children use a different set of skills this week as they have engaged with Art Week. I have seen so many different media in use from paint to clay to textiles. I have witnessed some of our youngest children in the school create their very own 'art attack' on a large scale and have seen children at the other end of the school demonstrate dexterity with fine motor skills and paint brush control. I am sure the art gallery which takes place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March will be a great showcase for all their hard work and efforts. I am also sure we shall have some budding artists later on in life and I look forward to watching out for them!

Have a lovely weekend!



### World Down Syndrome Day 21st March 2018 #lotsofsocks

Help us to celebrate awareness of Down syndrome and show that it is ok to be different by encouraging your children to wear lots of socks on Wednesday 21st March but not just any socks....

Wear brightly coloured socks, long socks, printed socks, odd socks, 1 sock or even 3 socks for 3 chromosomes. The choice is yours so please join us to spread the word about World Down Syndrome Day. Parents you can join in too. No need for fundraising this time. We just want to get you talking.

### Go on. Show us your socks!

For more information about this special international day and information about Down syndrome please visit <https://worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks>

### Sport Relief

On Friday 23rd March we will be holding a mini Olympics to raise money and awareness for Sports Relief. One of the activities is to 'Walk a Mile'. The children are invited to come to school wearing sports clothing - they could come in their jodphurs or rugby kit for example for a £1 donation. We are also selling wristbands for £1. You can get these from the office on a first come first served basis from Monday. We will take lots of pics and put them on our website for you to look at.



**17-23 March**

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## Easter Bonnet Assembly



**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Easter Bonnet Assembly 9.10am** for morning Nursery children and Reception to Year 4. All welcome.  
The children are encouraged to make Easter bonnets at home which they will wear on the day and they will sing for your entertainment!

## Easter Egg Hunt



### Message from Friends of Maple Tree

Easter Egg Hunt leaflets were sent home this week. If your child would like to take part, please pay online or return the orange slip by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. No late bookings can be taken for this event.



## Attendance Award

The best attendance award is presented to:

Little Saplings 92.9%	Lime 94.2%
<b>Chestnut 100%</b> ★	Beech 92.6%
<b>Ash 100%</b> ★	Willow 94.4 %
Sycamore 94.8%	<b>Oak 100%</b> ★
Cedar 99%	Elm 97.8 %

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



A reminder to our younger children that they need to be in the line when the 1<sup>st</sup> bell goes please so they are ready to come into school when the 2<sup>nd</sup> bell rings.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

**Spring 2**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March World Down Syndrome Day**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** Parents' Evening 5.30 – 7pm (Chestnut class from 4.30pm)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Sport Relief Mini Olympics**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** Art Exhibition in the hall 3.30 – 4.15pm

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** Easter Bonnet Assembly 9.10am

FoMT Easter Egg hunt 3.30pm

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

**Summer 1**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** INSET day – no Kids Club

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** Children return to school

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** FoMT School Disco

**Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Summer 2**

**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

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July** Summer Fair

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** Year 4 Leaver's Production

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** Term ends

## Consultation reminder

Our consultation closes on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at noon**, not 16<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised. 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](mailto:chairofgovs@mapletreelowerschool.com)  
Additional copies can be found on our website.

## DOGS ON SITE

A polite notice that dogs are not allowed on the school site at all, this includes the playground. Please leave them outside the gates if you need to.  
Thank you.



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## House Point Winners

### Congratulations



**Kingfishers**

## British Values Weekly Snapshot

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March is St Patrick's Day. The children have been learning how St Patrick rid Ireland of snakes and how Irish people celebrate. They have found out where Ireland is and made some shamrocks.



Happy St Patrick's Day everyone!

## Parking on Site

Cars should not be brought into the car park unless you have a disabled badge or have requested permission at the school office in which case you will have been given a parking permit. Disabled bays should only be used by blue badge holders.



## Guitar lessons



If your child is interested in learning the guitar, then there are a couple of places available.

Please contact Jack Muir on 01767 226495 for further details.

It has been brought to our attention that parents are walking with their children in the middle of the road in Hawk Drive rather than on the pavements. Whilst we don't allow cars to drop off on site in the morning there are still vehicles that will need access and therefore the road needs to be kept clear in order to guarantee safety. We would be grateful if you would also keep to the pathways in school rather than cutting across the car park to instil good habits in the children with regards to road safety.

Thank you for your support in this.

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