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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017

MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

It has been so lovely this week to welcome children both new and old to a new year at Maple Tree. It is great to see how they have all grown over the holidays and how very smart they look in their new uniform. Thank you for your support in this.

There is so much planned for this year and next week I am hoping to share the dates for the year with you so you can put dates in your diaries to attend parent evenings and performances and family events etc. It is going to be a very busy year!

This week's newsletter is full of reminders and information which you may find useful at the start of the new year. If some of this is new to you then please do ask if you need further information.

It was good to meet with some parents at our drop-in on Wednesday morning. This will be a monthly event and will be an opportunity for you to come in and chat to both Mrs McCamley and me, sometimes on topics of our choosing and sometimes yours. Our next drop-in will be Wednesday 4th October at 9am. Communication is something we want to work really hard at this year to keep you informed of everything that is going on, with plenty of notice.

I shall also, in the next couple of weeks, feed back the findings from the parent survey that so many of you contributed to in July. Your thoughts were much appreciated.

If you do have any concerns or questions then please see your child's teacher in the first instance.

Have a good week!



KS1

This year your child will be involved in Forest School lessons. Please ensure that you send your child in with wellies in a named carrier bag.



A Reminder

No dogs should be brought on site please. Please leave them at the gate. Thank you for your support in this.



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 Attendance Award 	
The best attendance award is presented to:	
Little Saplings 96.4 %	Lime 100 % 
Chestnut 98.9 %	Beech 89.8 %
Ash 91%	Willow 97.2 %
Sycamore 99.5 %	Oak 98.2 %
Cedar 99.4 %	Elm 90.4 %

Each week we report class attendance and Heddy (Here Every Day) Bear then spends the week with the winning class.

We would remind you please that it is in the best interests of your child if appointments are made out of school time so that they are in school every day. There is lots of evidence to show that the greater the attendance the better the academic progress of your child.

Where appointments are essential then please let the office know.

Date for your diary

KS1 and KS2 will be having '**Meet the Teacher**' mornings to give you the opportunity to find out more about what goes on in the school day and the expectations and responsibilities the children have as well as having the chance to talk to the class teacher about any worries or concerns you may have or to ask those questions which pop up on the day. The session will start with a short presentation from the teachers followed by refreshments and a time to chat.

KS1 Friday 22nd September 9am – 9.45am

KS2 Friday 29th September 9am – 9.45am

We hope that you will be able to make these times but if you are unable and would like to speak to the teacher then you can catch them on the playground before school or make an appointment to see them at the end of the day.



Macmillan Cake Sale

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

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For those of you who are new to our school or who need a reminder...

Our school catch phrase is:

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



There are 2 bells rung on the playground before school. The first goes at 8.53am and signals the time the children need to walk to line up in their right places. The second bell goes at 8.55am and is the signal for the teachers to bring the children in ready to start the school day. Please make sure you are on the playground in readiness for the first bell. If you need to speak to the teachers then they are on the playground daily from 8.50am. The back door will close at 9am. If you arrive after this time, then please walk your child around to the main school office where you can sign them in and they will be taken to their classes.

Good to be Green!

I thought I would take this time to remind you of (or introduce you to) our reward system at Maple Tree called 'Good to be Green'. The main idea of this system is that we always look for the positives, give opportunities to the children to enable them to make better choices and allow regular 'fresh starts' through praise, encouragement and rewards. It is an effective way of promoting positive behaviour and allows for recognition for pupils who behave appropriately whilst allowing us the opportunity to support those who sometimes find this difficult.

All classes have their own class charters which they agree with the children at the start of the year but we have a set of 5 Golden Rules which were created by a group of children and which all children are expected to follow during their time at Maple Tree. These rules are discussed in lessons and reminders are given visually around the school.

Maple Tree Golden Rules



1. Listen to everyone and don't shout.
2. Co-operate and do your best.
3. Always be polite and nice.
4. Follow instructions.
5. Respect all equipment and others.



When children are seen to be following these rules then they are rewarded. We know that not all children recognise what they have done as being especially good so on Friday children will be given a 'Good to be Green' sticker so that you can also see how well they have done during the week. Certificates are awarded to children who are 'Green' each half term and at the end of the year there will be a reward for those who have managed to be 'Green' all year.

Watch out for the frog on a Friday!

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