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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2017

MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

It is lovely to see the children return after the half term holiday and it has been an incredibly busy week with many activities going on in school. Yesterday I joined KS1 for some of their History off the Page day as they learnt about life during the Great Fire of London. They looked amazing in their costumes and we are very appreciative of your help in arranging this.

We recognise that this is an expensive time of the year, especially with Christmas on the horizon, and there are still trips that are booked. With regards to paying for these, unless we are able to collect the majority of the cost then the trip may have to be cancelled. If you are struggling with making these payments, then please do ask to speak to the office in confidence to arrange help with this. There is also advice for applying for the Pupil Premium Grant on our website which offers financial help with things like trips, visits and uniform etc. Again, if you need further assistance with this then please ask the office or you can make an appointment to speak with Mrs Vickery-Cox who is our Pupil Premium champion and she can give you more information.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

A plea from Reception

Next week the Reception children are hoping to make junk rockets for Firework night but they need empty tubes – empty kitchen roll tubes, toilet rolls or wrapping paper rolls would be ideal please as the children will need enough for 1 each.



Reminders from Friends of Maple Tree



Please pay for the Cinema Night by Tuesday 7th November.

If you want to buy Christmas cards, gift tags or wrapping paper designed by your child please pay for them at www.apfsorders.co.uk by Thursday 9th November.

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AWARDS

Attendance Award

The best attendance award is presented to:

Little Saplings 87.9%	Lime 92.9%
Chestnut 98.1%	Beech 98.2%
Ash 100%	Willow 98.9%
Sycamore 96.8%	Oak 96.4%
Cedar 96.2%	Elm 100%

House Point Winners

Congratulations



Kingfishers

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn 1

Autumn 2

Wednesday 8th November Parent drop-in 9-10am
Thursday 9th November – FoMT Cinema Night
Thursday 30th November Grandparents' Breakfast 8.15 – 10.30am
Friday 1st December – Non-uniform Day – treat donation for the Christmas Fete
Wednesday 6th December Parent drop in 9-10am
Saturday 9th December – FoMT Christmas Fete
Wednesday 13th December Reception Performance 2.30pm
Friday 15th December Nursery Performance 11am
Monday 18th December KS1 Performance 9.30am and 5.30pm
Tuesday 19th December KS2 Performance 9.30am and 6pm
Wednesday 20th December Term Ends 3.30pm

Christmas Holiday 21st Dec – 3rd Jan

Spring 1

Wednesday 3rd January INSET day
Thursday 4th January Children return to school
Wednesday 7th February Parents evening
Thursday 8th February Parents evening

Half Term 12th – 16th February

Spring 2

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

Easter Holiday Friday 30th March – Tuesday 17th April

Summer 1

Parent Drop-in

Please join us for our next parent drop in session which is next Wednesday (8th November) from 9-10am when we will be interested in your thoughts and views on our Sex and Relationships policy.

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Book Fair



Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Come and join us!

WHEN: 22nd November – 28th November

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try our discounted Gift Vouchers available at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents. They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school!

Weekly SMSC Snapshot

This week the children have been discussing the new value of the month which is Friendship and Sharing. KS1 and 2 had assemblies to introduce the new theme and KS1 made links with Harvests of old where people shared their food with each other.



KS1 History off the Page – Great Fire of London Experience

Yesterday Key Stage 1 had an amazing day learning more about the Great Fire of London.

They were transported back to Sunday 2nd September 1666.

They tried lots of new jobs and gained skills required by workers from the time.

Some of them were bakers. Others were chandlers, tanners and perfumers. Some of them were even barbers – the doctors of the time - and had to cut off patient's arms and legs to make them better!

They learned some interesting facts and some really disgusting facts! Did you know that people of the time had to throw their toilet 'waste' out of the window to the street below? The gong farmer pulled a cart around the streets to collect it – Yuk!

They all agreed that they had a great time and will have lots of memories of the day. Although they all agreed they would not like to live at that time!

Thanks to Craig from HotP and all adult volunteers for your support.



There are more photos to be seen on our website.

Be in the line by 5 to 9!

