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Climbing the Branches of Success

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD

Well I think this week may just have been our busiest yet – and certainly one of the hottest! It was lovely to see so many of you at Sports Day on Tuesday morning – the children were a real testament to you and the way they engaged with both the activities and each other was good to see. The cheering and supporting was loud and it was a great example of inclusivity at its best.

The Reception children also had a lovely day at Whipsnade yesterday and were full of what they had seen when I spoke to a few of them about it this morning.

And then, of course, this morning the children have spent time in their new classrooms with their new teachers. The teachers put a lot of effort into ensuring that time was spent getting to know their new classes though where they are situated is going to take a while for me to work out as this is one of our biggest move arounds to date!

We have made the decision that all classes will have new names this year so that children who perhaps end up not moving classrooms will still feel different. The trees have been well chosen and there are no repetitions from previous years so we now have: Pre-School/Nursery – The Mulberries, Year R – Fir and Pine, Year 1 – Yew and Birch, Year 2 – Aspen, Year 3 – Poplar, Year 4 – Juniper and Rowan, Year 5 – Cherry. A lot to get my head around but am sure the children will help me!

I want to take this opportunity to wish both Mrs Dawson and Miss Boddy well as they leave us today after completing their teacher training. I am sure that they will be missed and we wish them lots of luck as they embark on their own teaching careers.

It is also with sadness that we say good bye to Mrs Black at the end of this term as she moves to Australia. I don't think she could have moved further away but we wish her well and I am sure, with the wonders of technology, that we will be able to keep in touch.

We did, however, welcome Miss Howley to Maple Tree this morning; she is our new Year 5 teacher and will be in a couple more days between now and the end of the term so the children will know who she is before September.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

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| Attendance Award                           |               |
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| The best attendance award is presented to: |               |
| Little Saplings 91.7 %                     | Lime 95.9 %   |
| Chestnut 98.1 %                            | Beech 92.7%   |
| Ash 97.5 %                                 | Willow 98.9 % |
| Sycamore 94.4%                             | Oak 98.9%     |
| Cedar 95.4 %                               | Elm 99%       |

| IMPORTANT DATES  |
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| Summer 2   |
| 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 1-4pm               |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July Big Furniture Shuffle 6.30-8.30pm |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July Year 4 Production              |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July Term ends                         |



## Open Afternoon

Next Friday you are invited to come and celebrate your child's achievements this year. The doors will open at 2.30pm. If you have children in more than one year group you are welcome to visit them all but please leave the children in the classroom until you are done. Should you wish to take the children home once you have finished looking at their work then there will be a signing out sheet available.

## Attendance

As the Summer holidays approach we always notice a dip in our attendance as families start to go away on holiday. I totally understand this is because accommodation and flights are cheaper however we do have set targets that we expect the children to achieve. Only on rare occasions/exceptional circumstances will attendance for holiday be authorised and individual attendance against this overall target will be considered. Unauthorised holidays may incur a fine so please do check before you book.

## The Big Furniture Shuffle!

### We still need more volunteers!

If you are available to help at our 'Big Furniture Shuffle' on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30 – 8.30pm please do let the teachers or Office staff know, or you can email in, so we can work out numbers and put teams together to help move furniture from one classroom to the other ready for the move around which is necessary for September.

Thank you to all of those who have volunteered so far. All help will be gratefully received. Refreshment will be provided to willing volunteers!

## Message from Friends of Maple Tree



The Summer Fete is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1pm-4pm. Please return any sold raffle ticket stubs and unsold raffle tickets by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like more tickets to sell please let us know.

Thank you for your donations last week on non-uniform day. We are still looking for donations of teddies and bottles for games that we have planned at the fete. If you have anything suitable it would be gratefully received. Thank you in advance for your generosity.