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MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

It has been a busy week in classes this week and it is always good to see the children taking a break from their learning at lunchtimes; I was given a presentation on Wednesday lunchtime by a couple of KS1 children who were making a castle out of blocks. They then went onto inform me that it was a castle from the Great Fire of London...and belonged to Charles II...and the fire started in Pudding Lane...and his visitor was Samuel Pepys...who wrote a diary! So much learning and built into their play...it was excellent to see and I learnt so much!

Things that made us smile this week...

As well as hearing great things on the playground there have also been a number of really lovely moments across the school this week which have put smiles on our faces, so since the weather is not looking sunny I thought I would share some of these with you in the hope that they brighten your day as they did ours.

Children were asking adults on the playground if they had seen the Big Bad Wolf following on from an English lesson where they created 'Wanted' posters. 😊

Conversation between 2 children in Reception about glue sticks. "We only have 2 glue sticks and we need to share. Patience is one of our school values!" 😊

In Lime this week they have been reading The Little Red Hen and the children discussed whether it was right for the Little Red Hen to eat the bread all by himself. The majority of children decided that they thought the Little Red Hen was right as the other animals did not help her but most also said that they WOULD share the bread because in Nursery we always share with our friends! 😊

SMSC snapshot

Black History Month is this month which is when people celebrate the contribution that black people have made to the UK.

It started 30 years ago because, throughout history, black people have been discriminated against and treated badly because of the colour of their skin.

This week the children have been talking about this in assembly which links in with the value of appreciation and respect for others.



A reminder from Friends of Maple Tree

Please pay for the Family Fun Night by Wednesday 18th October.

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AWARDS

Attendance Award	
The best attendance award is presented to:	
Little Saplings 95%	Lime 92.6%
Chestnut 94.1%	Beech 94.5 %
Ash 89.4%	Willow 93.9%
Sycamore 98.8%	Oak 100% 
Cedar 97.1%	Elm 99.2%

House Point Winners

Congratulations



Robins

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that next Wednesday and Thursday are Parents' Evenings. Your child should have come home with an appointment for you. If this is not the case, please contact the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES
Autumn 1
<u>Wednesday 18th October</u> Parents' evening 4-6pm
<u>Thursday 19th October</u> Parents' Evening 5-7.30pm
<u>Friday 20th October</u> Harvest Assembly 2.30pm
Half Term 23rd – 27th October
Autumn 2
<u>Friday 20th October</u> FoMT Family Fun Night
<u>Thursday 2nd November</u> KS1 History off the Page
<u>Wednesday 8th November</u> Parent drop-in 9-10am
<u>Thursday 9th November</u> – FoMT Cinema Night
<u>Thursday 30th November</u> Grandparents' Breakfast 8.15 – 10.30am
<u>Friday 1st Decemeber</u> – Non-uniform Day – treat donation for the Christmas Fete
<u>Wednesday 6th December</u> Parent drop in 9-10am
<u>Saturday 9th December</u> – FoMT Christmas Fete
<u>Wednesday 13th December</u> Reception Performance 2.30pm
<u>Friday 15th December</u> Nursery Performance 11am
<u>Monday 18th December</u> KS1 Performance 9.30am and 5.30pm
<u>Tuesday 19th December</u> KS2 Performance 9.30am and 6pm
<u>Wednesday 20th December</u> Term Ends 3.30pm
Christmas Holiday 21st Dec – 3rd Jan
Spring 1
<u>Wednesday 3rd January</u> INSET day
<u>Thursday 4th January</u> Children return to school
<u>Wednesday 7th February</u> Parents evening
<u>Thursday 8th February</u> Parents evening
Half Term 12th – 16th February
Spring 2
<u>Monday 19th February</u> Children return to school
<u>Friday 9th March</u> Family Fun session 2.30pm
<u>Wednesday 28th March</u> Easter Bonnet Assembly 9.15am
<u>Thursday 29th March</u> Term ends
Easter Holiday Friday 30th March – Tuesday 17th April
Summer 1

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