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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

What an eventful week we have had! We have had Anti-Bullying this week which you can read about later in this newsletter, we recognised Children in Need today – it was lovely to see the children in non-uniform and to see how they understood that they were helping other children less fortunate than themselves, and of course on Wednesday we celebrated the official opening of our new pre-school and our primary transition.

It was a great occasion and the children did immensely well – the choir sang beautifully and the Year 5 children who welcomed our visitors to school showed great respect. We were privileged to have the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Fiona Chapman MBE and the Mayor of Sandy, Councillor Michael Scott in attendance and they kindly ‘planted’ our new maple tree which you can see below. They were accompanied by two Year 5 children who filled in the rest of the hole! It is in the corner of the car park and although at the moment it is in its infancy, watching it grow will remind us of how we all strive to ‘climb the branches of success’.

We were also pleased to have one of our former pupils - George Smith – who cut the ribbon on our new building. George left Maple Tree 10 years ago and has gone onto to be a big star – he is one of the members of the band New Hope Club – the children were so excited to see him and it was an honour and a privilege to see how a Maple Tree pupil has gone on to do so very well.

The talents and unique qualities that the children have at Maple Tree are beyond measure – all the children display special gifts and their love of learning and life is infectious. We are always proud to celebrate the things they have achieved and hope that the aspirations they have they continue to strive to fulfil.



**Thank you Mrs
Trainor for the tree.**



**Thank you Mrs
Collins for the cake.**



There were representatives from all aspects of our school community and we were proud to welcome them. I do want to thank all our parents, on behalf of everyone at Maple Tree, for your continual patience during our period of upheaval and for the support you have given us in our transition and continue to show on a daily basis – we are truly grateful.

Have a lovely weekend!



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House Point Winners

Congratulations



Swallows

Attendance Award



The best attendance award is presented to:

Mulberries (Pre-School) 93.4%	Pine (YR) 95.3 %
Fir (YR) 92.9%	Birch (Y1) 97.1 %
Yew (Y1) 100 % ★	Aspen (Y2) 95.7 %
Poplar (Y3) 97.5 %	Rowan (Y4) 91.9 %
Juniper (Y4) 97.8 %	Cherry (Y5) 99.1 %

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



A reminder...

If you have any worries about your child please see the class teacher in the first instance, if you still have concerns following this then please ask to speak to your child's Key Stage Leader. If they cannot help, then please contact Mr Venus or Mrs Bainbridge.

★ ★ ★ HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS ★ ★ ★		
★ Fir Class ★	★ Pine Class ★	★ Yew Class ★
★ Laecie ★	★ Imogen ★	★ Iulia ★
★ Birch Class ★	★ Aspen Class ★	★ Poplar Class ★
★ Olivia ★	★ Jarid ★	★ Pippa ★
★ Rowan Class ★	★ Juniper Class ★	★ Cherry Class ★
★ Ruby ★	★ Grace ★	★ Gracie ★

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Weekly Newsletter

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Anti-Bullying Week

This week the theme has been 'Choose Respect' which mirrors well our value for this month. The children have been discussing how we show respect and how we receive it. Each class has also done some work for display with some really powerful messages.

They have watched short film clips and discussed what bullying looks like. Some children drew pictures at the beginning of the week showing what they think a bully looks like. Children then discussed similarities and differences and came to the conclusion that bullies look just like normal people.

Children have also discussed why people bully others. They have used empathy to use drama and put themselves in the shoes of the bully.

"You should also respect yourself". Year 3

"Bullies are just normal people on the outside" Year 4

"We should be kind to everyone". Year 2

On Thursday children learned about Cyber bullying with the theme 'Stop, Speak, Support' and what to do if they think they are being bullied online.

For further information on bullying and how to support your child you can look on the parents pages of the Anti - bullying alliance at www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk or from the CBBC website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/anti-bullying-week>

Information about cyber bullying can be found from the alliance. We will also put information on our school website in the Parents section.



Children have been learning about the definition of bullying and using the acronym STOP

Several
Times
On
Purpose

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Community News

Message from Friends of Maple Tree

The Early Years Disco is being held on Wednesday 21st November 4pm-5pm. This is open to all children in The Mulberries, Pine and Fir classes. If your child wishes to attend please pay for their space by Monday 19th November.

The Christmas Fete is being held on Saturday 8th December. If you have any items that would be suitable as tombola prizes there will be a donation box by the school office from the beginning of next week. We will also be holding a non-uniform treat donation day on Friday 30th November- more details to follow.

Choose us as your Co-op local cause

We are delighted to be able to tell you that we have been chosen as one of the local charities being supported by the Co-op Community Fund 2018/2019

How you can help

Take up Co-op membership in store or online - it costs £1. When you register your account, choose Friends of Maple Tree School as the cause you would like to support. If you are already a member log in and choose us.

What are the benefits

When you buy selected products from Co-op food stores they will put 5% into your Co-op membership account. They will also put 1% into an account for our school to raise money to improve the ICT facilities in the school.

Friends of Maple Tree

When Members buy Co-op branded products and services, the Co-op will give 1% to a local cause. Your support can help raise more for causes in your community.

Go online coop.co.uk/membership and make us your cause.

Only the purchase price is used for Co-op non-branded goods and services are charged to Co-op Members and are directed to local goods causes as chosen. Membership fees are not used for Co-op non-branded goods and services are charged to Co-op Members and are directed to local goods causes as chosen.

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn 2

Wednesday 21st November – FoMT Early Years Disco
Thursday 29th November Grandparents' Breakfast
Friday 30th November – FoMT Non-uniform day
Saturday 8th December – FoMT Christmas Fete
Thursday 13th December 2.30pm Reception Christmas play
Friday 14th December 11am Pre-school Christmas play
Monday 17th December 9.30am and 5.30pm KS1 Christmas play
Tuesday 18th December 9.30am and 6pm KS2 Christmas carols
Wednesday 19th December 3.30pm Term ends

Christmas Holiday

Thursday 20th December – Thursday 3rd January

Spring 1

Wednesday 2nd January INSET day
Thursday 3rd January Children return to school
Thursday 10th January Whole school pantomime
Thursday 24th January- Cinema Night
Tuesday 5th February – Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th February – Parents' Evening

Half Term Week

Monday 11th – Friday 15th February 2019

Spring 2

Monday 18th February Children return to school
Friday 1st March - KS1&2 Disco
Friday 29th March - Family Bingo
Friday 5th April – Easter Bonnet Assembly

Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April – Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Summer

Wednesday 24th April Children return to school
Saturday 6th July - Summer Fete

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