

### **Newsletter**

Friday 22nd March 2019

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**

This year we are taking part in a project to look at raising the attainment of disadvantaged youngsters, a national focus in education, and as part of this we had a monitoring visit on Wednesday to see what specifically we are doing to support the needs of these children and the opportunities that we give. The feedback indicated that the RADY Lead was really pleased and impressed with the work that we are doing to ensure that **all** the children are being set high expectations and that measures are in place to help those identified as disadvantaged to achieve both socially and academically.





In today's society, where money is extremely tight, I would urge you to just take a minute to review the criteria over the page to see if you are eligible for Pupil Premium - this additional funding makes all the difference to your children and helps to support with non-academic costs too such as uniform or attending clubs etc. It takes one quick phone call and is confidential but the benefits are totally worth it.





Have a good weekend!



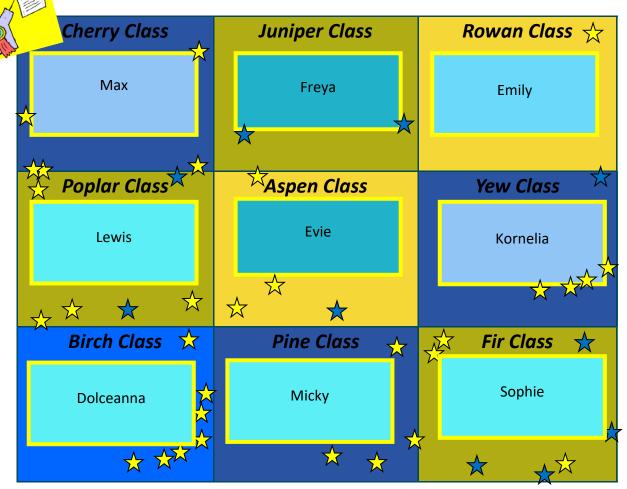
# Attendance Award The best attendance award is presented to: Mulberries 93.0 % (Pre-School) Fir (YR) 93.3 % Birch (Y1) 98.2 % Yew (Y1) 93.6 % Aspen (Y2) 97.9 % Poplar (Y3) 99.0 % Rowan (Y4) 97.1 % Juniper (Y4) 97.1 % Cherry (Y5) 95.2 %

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#### **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**



# Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural

During Circle Time the children in Poplar class have been talking about the meaning of Peace and what makes them feel peaceful inside.

I feel peaceful when...







# **Diary Dates**

#### Spring 2

Friday 29th March - Family Bingo

#### Monday 25th March—Big Pedal event

<u>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</u> – Easter Bonnet assembly 9.15am FoMT Easter Egg Hunt

# Easter Holidays

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

#### Summer

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Children return to school Thursday 9th May—FoMT Cinema Night Saturday 6th July - Summer Fete

#### The Big Pedal

The Big Pedal starts on Monday for **two weeks.** Parents and children are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Please remember to dismount as you enter the school gates. Bikes and scooters should be placed neatly in the shelters at the front of the school. Thank you!



# Community News

#### **Pupil Premium**

You could be entitled if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Family member in the Services
- Child Tax Credit
- Have a household income not exceeding £16,190

It's so easy to check your eligibility. You just need to call the number and answer a couple of questions.

#### Ring today 0300 300 8306



#### **Easter Trail**

Children from Lower Key Stage 2 went to Sandy Baptist Church on Thursday to learn more about the Easter story. They were transported back 2000 years ago to Jerusalem at the time Christians believe Jesus was alive. Some ladies from the churches of Sandy and Beeston told us about what happened during this time. The children were, as usual, fantastic ambassadors for our school as they listened carefully and knowledgeably answered questions.



The Last Supper

The Garden of Gethsemane





The Tomb

#### Message from Friends of Maple Tree

There is still time to get tickets for the Chocolate Bingo on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. If your family would like to attend please ensure you have paid by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.



Our last event of the term is the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. If your child would like to take part in the Egg Hunt please ensure that you have paid for their place by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. This is a strict deadline and <u>no</u> <u>payments will be accepted after this date</u>. Siblings are welcome to take part in this event and all children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

# Community News continued...



# Vacancy for 4 x Governors

# Could you make a positive contribution to the School?

- Do you care about improving children's education and want to be able to contribute to the School and the local community?
- Are you willing to challenge and ask questions objectively?
- Would you enjoy working as part of a team and value contributions made by others?
- Are you willing to listen and make informed judgments?
- Are you open to new ideas, willing to learn and to undertake training to understand the role?
- Can you spare time for 4 Full Governing Body meetings each year, held during mid-week evenings, plus sub-committee meetings?

## **Desirable (But Not Essential) Attributes**

- Experience in Finance / HR / Estate management or Procurement
- Experience of a school and the curriculum

Being a governor can be rewarding, enjoyable and stimulating and can offer you the opportunity to develop new skills and to strengthen existing ones. You will have a real feeling of adding value and giving children the best opportunities in life.

To express interest, or for further information, please contact Leanne Lane, Clerk to the Governing Body at <a href="mailto:clerk@mapletreeprimaryschool.com">clerk@mapletreeprimaryschool.com</a>