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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th July 2017

MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

I decided to write my weekly article to you whilst lying on my blow up bed, in a tent, in the middle of a school field. It is 23:43 and the year 4 pupils are still wide awake after many hours playing games and enjoying camp fire stories. Official bedtime was 9pm!

Mrs Champion, Mr Rowland (chair of governors) and myself, volunteered to starve ourselves of sleep so the children can stay up until the wee hours sharing jokes and funny stories; experiencing the pleasures of sleeping outside.

It has rained since this morning but we are all determined to sleep outside. It has now been raining for 13 hours and is forecast to continue that way until the morning.




All has gone quiet after Mrs Champion raised her voice from her tent, she even made me jump! It is 23:54 and not a sound can be heard, will we get some sleep?

1:15am rain is still very heavy, pupils are passing my tent in a constant flow to visit the toilets, I am trying desperately to ignore the giggling and just sleep.

Wellies back on, umbrella up, coat soaking and patrolling outside the tents again at 2:35, just had to shout at pupils in two tents. They are up out of their sleeping bags talking at the top of their voices, I am amazed the neighbours haven't complained.

All is quiet, well not really, the A1 is very noisy, a train can be heard in the distance and someone is snoring! Just had to zip up my sleeping bag and put on a fleece, I am freezing and I think I have cramp in my right leg. It is 3:32am and every tent is silent, finally I can get some sleep.

5:21am and pupils are up again going back and forth to the toilet, we only gave them a cup of hot chocolate at 9pm **and** insisted they all went to the bathroom before they retired to their beds, sorry tents. Wellies back on, fleece still damp and off I go again appealing to their better natures. 'Please use your whisper voice, the rest of the world is still asleep.' Well not if you live near our school! Time to make a strong coffee, I feel it may be needed for the long day ahead.

 Attendance Award 	
The best attendance award is presented to:	
Little Saplings 72.9%	Lime 88.6 %
Ash 97.4 %	Beech 93.8%
Chestnut 95.9%	Willow 99.3%
Sycamore 99.3%	Oak 100% 
Elm 95.2 %	Cedar 99%

IMPORTANT DATES
Summer 2
Monday 17 th July KS1 trip to the Swiss Gardens
Tuesday 18 th July Year 4 Leaver's production 9.30am and 6pm
Friday 21 st July Term ends
Tuesday 5 th September Term Starts

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Governor Update- July by Jo Cleary (Parent Governor)

I can't believe we are already approaching the end of another school year.

I have been a Parent Governor since September 2016 and I also volunteer on a weekly basis where I am privileged to see first-hand the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment from members of staff.

Over the last year, new initiatives have been put in place to help drive standards which the staff have worked so hard to implement. The new Accelerated Reader system has encouraged and enthused children across the school with their reading. The system helps our children to enjoy reading at the appropriate levels and questions their understanding of what they have read. This improvement in comprehension has also benefited other areas across the curriculum. A great example of something that can be both fun and key to improving standards.

I am very proud of Maple Tree Lower School and the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to provide a happy and safe learning environment for our children. During the recent consultation it was very encouraging to also see parents who are equally passionate in helping to steer the future for our school and the wider community.

Finally, I'd like to wish our year 4 leavers all the very best of luck as they move to their new schools.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer holiday.

British Values and Maple Tree Elections

There is a buzz in the air this week as the Year 3 children prepare themselves for Election day next week when they will have the opportunity to share their reasons for wanting to stand to be a House Captain and then to be duly elected by the rest of their House. There are posters up around school and children have been seen keenly reading them to understand better why they should vote for them!

All of this is a great example of how we teach British Values at Maple Tree and the children will see democracy at work first hand! We will bring you the results in our next newsletter!



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Are you interested??

The hit **BBC One prime time series 'Eat Well For Less?'** which is currently casting for the **fifth series**, are currently on the lookout for fun and lively families who would like to save some money on their weekly shop and eat more healthily.

*The show follows **Masterchef's Gregg Wallace** & award winning greengrocer **Chris Bavin** on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.*

Eating healthily and to a budget is something they feel affects most of us and would love to hear from you if you are interested in taking part.

Get in touch to apply or find out more!

0117 970 7661

Or e-mail: eatwell@rdftelevision.com

www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess

Twitter: @EatWellForLess



Treats and Rewards

Next Tuesday will be the reward for the children who have been Green all year. There will also be certificates coming out next week for all those children who have been Green all term. These will be given out in assembly at the end of next week. There are lots!



It is also the reward for our overall House Point winners. Who will it be...Kingfishers?? Robins?? Doves?? Buzzards?? Swallows??



A Reminder

Please remember that we break up next Friday. It would be worth sending your child in with a carrier bag as they may have extra stuff to bring home with them.

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



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