





Friday 16th June 2017

MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

What beautiful weather we are having at the moment! It is certainly lovely to see the sunshine but it looks like it is set to get even hotter over the weekend and into the beginning of next week. Please ensure that your child has a hat and a water bottle with them every day. When the weather is really hot at lunchtimes we do bring the children into classrooms earlier so that they are not out for very long in the midday heat but a hat is essential. Please also apply sun cream to your child(ren) before you bring them to school.

It is lovely to see the children playing together. The picnic benches that the FoMT have bought are always in use and it is brilliant to see the children playing with equipment or chilling out on the blankets that were bought with money raised by our School Council.

The feelings of contentment are also evident in the classrooms. I did a Learning Walk around the school this week and every child was engaged in what they were doing and the way they spoke about what they were learning was great to hear; their motivation levels appear to be very high at the moment and it is fab to see how well they are doing. It makes me very proud to be part of Maple Tree.

This sunny weather really does make us all feel very positive! Have a lovely weekend!

Message from Friends of Maple Tree

The last discos of the year are being held on Friday 30th June. Please look out for the orange leaflet in your child's book bag. This time we are holding 2 discos. The first is for Pre-school, Nursery and Reception children and the second is for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children. Please pay for your child's ticket, either via the website www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmapletree or by returning the orange slip with payment, by Wednesday 28th June. If you pay after this date we cannot guarantee that there will be space for your child.

Our Summer Fete is fast approaching. Raffle tickets have been sent home, one per family, this week. We would be grateful if you could sell these to friends and family and return the stubbs as soon as possible. If you are unable to sell any tickets please return your tickets so that we may sell them elsewhere. If you would like more tickets to sell please let us know.

Friday 23rd June will be non-uniform day. Children can wear whatever they like to school and in return we would be most grateful if you could donate a treat.

We are also looking for donations of any good quality, clean teddies for a teddy tombola and donations of any items that you find in a bottle. These could be drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), shampoo, tomato ketchup, washing up liquid etc. Please could we ask that these items are all unopened. There is a box by the school office for any donations.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and we hope that you will all be able to attend the fete on Saturday 8th July.

Friends of Maple Tree Committee

Executive Head: Mrs Kim McCamley Head of School: Mrs Cath Bainbridge

 Co-operation
 Honesty
 Freedom
 Understanding
 Hope
 Thoughtfulness

 Quality
 Loyalty and Friendship
 Patience
 Tolerance
 Courage





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Attendance Award The best attendance award is presented to:	
Little Saplings 86.0%	Lime 92.2%
Ash 97.5%	Beech 91.9 %
Chestnut 91.6 %	Willow 99.3%
Sycamore 98.1 %	Oak 97.6 %
Elm 100%	Cedar 100 %



Summer 2 Friday 23rd June Non-uniform treat donation day Thursday 29th June KS2 trip to Shuttleworth Friday 30th June Summer Disco Friday 30th June Shuffle Up Day Tuesday 4th July Reception visit to Wimpole Farm Wednesday 5th July Y2 trip to Hazard Alley Friday 7th July 9.30am -12pm Sports Day and picnic lunch Little Saplings and Nursery 10 - 11am Saturday 8th July Summer Fayre Friday 14th July 3pm Open Afternoon Monday 17th July KS1 trip to the Swiss Gardens Tuesday 18th July Year 4 Leaver's production 9.30am and 6pm Friday 21st July Term ends

IMPORTANT DATES



Reminders Open Afternoon

Come and celebrate the hard work that the children have put in this year at our Open Afternoon on Friday 14th July from 3pm. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to share their successes with them before the end of the year.

Clerk of Governors

We are looking for a new Clerk of Governors at Maple Tree. If you have experience of clerking and would like to be part of a forward thinking team, please contact the school office for further details. Meetings are held during term time only.

Holidays during term time

Parents/Carers wishing to apply for leave of absence need to fill in an application form (available from the school office) in advance and before making any travel arrangements. If term-time leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be unauthorised and if the number of sessions of absence reaches the thresholds in Central Bedfordshire Council Penalty Notice Code of Conduct (10 sessions of absence on 12 school weeks), parents/carers may be issued with a penalty notice or other legal action in accordance with the code.

Taking holidays in term time will affect your child's education as much as any other absence and we expect parents to help us by not taking children out during school time.

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