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MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

The buzz in the school today is infectious. Our key stage 2 pupils are immersed in life during the Second World War. I don't want to spoil their enjoyment in retelling their experiences to you this afternoon but I do want to express my gratitude to you for making their costumes and promoting this special day.

Please may I also remind you that our car park is closed to parents during busy times to ensure the safety of our pupils. If you have a blue badge or a parking permit from the office then this does not apply to you. The gates will be closed during busy times and a member of staff will be on duty to check passes. I know you will happily support us in safeguarding your child and to prevent any accidents from occurring.

We need your help!

We have 2 surveys out at the moment – the one regarding the additional funding for 3 and 4 year olds which finishes on Friday 26th May and can be filled in here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SQGY9QF>

and, of course, our consultation to become a Primary Plus school from September 2018.

At the moment this is only a proposal and we are really keen to have your opinions on what you would like to see happen in the future for Maple Tree.

Please take the time to fill in the consultation documents which can be found on our website following this link:

<http://www.mapletreelowerschool.com/page/?title=Consultation+Documents&pid=66>

If you have any questions about either of these then please contact the school office.



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Sports Day



We would like to invite parents to stay and bring a picnic lunch to have with the children after Sports Day on Friday 7th July.

There will be a separate letter coming out regarding arrangements nearer the time.



IMPORTANT DATES

Summer 1

Thursday 18th May Cinema Night- Moana
Friday 19th May Quiz Night

Half Term

29th May – 6th June

Summer 2

Monday 5th June INSET day Children not in school

Tuesday 6th June Children return to school

Friday 23rd June Non-uniform treat donation day

Saturday 24th June Camp out

Friday 30th June Summer Disco

Friday 30th June Shuffle Up Day

Friday 7th July 9.30am -12pm Sports Day

Little Saplings and Nursery 10 – 11am

Saturday 8th July Summer Fayre

Tuesday 18th July Year 4 Leaver's production
 9.30am and 6pm

Friday 21st July Term ends

Attendance Award

The best attendance award is presented to:

Little Saplings 93.8 %	Lime 97%
Ash 99.2%	Beech 91.3%
Chestnut 100%	Willow 98.2%
Sycamore 97%	Oak 97.5%
Elm 99.5%	Cedar 98%

Be in the line by 5 to 9!



Active Kids Vouchers

Please keep the Active Kids vouchers coming in. The deadline is June 30th but we need as many as we can to buy resources for the children. There is a box in the school entrance or they can be handed to the class teacher.



House Point Winners

Congratulations to



Swallows

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Uniform Reminders

Staff have noticed that school uniform recently has become a little relaxed! Please ensure that your child is wearing smart school shoes and not trainers/canvas shoes. Trainers/Plimsolls are to be worn for outdoor PE only.

Could we also please ask you to check your child's plimsolls as there are some children who are struggling with them as they are too small/too worn out which makes them a safety hazard.

Trousers should also be worn and not jeans please.

Second hand uniform can be bought for as little as 50p. Please ask in the school office.

Jewellery and nail varnish is also not to be worn and earrings should be small studs and not hoops.

You can find a full list of uniform in the Parents section on our school website.

Playground Reminders

Please remember that bikes and scooters are NOT to be ridden in the school grounds. The children need to get off them and push them as soon as they get to the school gates.

The school field and play equipment are also NOT to be used before school as we do not have the staff out there at that time to watch over the children.

Thank you for your support in keeping the children safe.



Watch out for the frog on a Friday!



Message from Friends of Maple Tree

Leaflets for the Cinema Night showing 'Moana' have been sent home. If you have not received a leaflet spares are available from the school office or alternatively details can be found on our website. The event is open to all children from nursery to year 4. 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 Tuesday 16th May. If you pay after this date we cannot guarantee that there will be space for your child.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to respond to our questionnaire. We want to ensure that we are focusing our efforts on events that will be popular and well attended but we cannot do this without your feedback. The questionnaire can be found here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KZSXMRG> but if you would rather have a paper copy please let us know.

Friends of Maple Tree Committee

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