

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Patience and Perseverance	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Unity	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



**MAPLE TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Climbing the branches of success*

## Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2020

### A Plea from Early Years...

If any of you have had a clear out and are able to donate any of the following once we return to school we would be really grateful: e.g. small cars (diecast); wooden trains/tracks; small world play e.g. happy land; plastic animals, bugs, dinosaurs etc; roleplay food; lego; puzzles and games. Thank you!

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

I hope you are all keeping well and have had a good week. It is not always easy to remember what day it is at the moment but writing this newsletter is a good reminder that it is Friday!



I am hoping you will all have been able to access Google Classroom this week and thank you for your patience as we sort out teething problems - this is obviously a new system for school staff and takes some getting used to but I am incredibly grateful to them all for their hard work in getting this up and running. It will evolve over time but is a good way to strengthen the connection between teachers and children at this time. There are still activities which can be found on our website but these will not be changed so regularly moving forwards as Google Classroom is now our main platform of setting work. As such we would be expecting the majority of children to be accessing the learning sent home and we will be checking on those children who are not to see if we can help with anything. If you are unable to access Google Classroom either due to technological issues or not having the equipment, then please let us know as soon as possible by emailing us at [homelearning@mapletreepriamaryschool.com](mailto:homelearning@mapletreepriamaryschool.com)

Next week there will be a theme to some of the learning sent home as, of course, next Friday is a Bank Holiday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day. Had we been in school there would have been lots of things going on and we would like to think there are still things we can do together, even in lockdown. There is a list of ideas which accompanies this newsletter and the children will also have it on the back of their weekly newsletter too. Please do share my newsletter with the children. I have had some lovely emails this week showing the children taking up my weekly challenge and would like to think we can be united from a distance. Next week we are asking you all to dress in red, white and blue on Friday and send your photos in to show how you are marking VE day. We will be creating a display in school of these for when the children come back so they can see the united front we have put on as a school community.



I hope you are all managing ok. I know times are really tough and we are all doing what we can to protect each other but your time as families will be completely different to what you are used to. Please know that we are here. If you haven't had a call from a member of staff this week you most certainly will next week. We care about our families and want to know that you are ok. If you don't want to talk to us we also understand that and respect your privacy but we need to know all our children are safe and well.

Please do contact us if you need to using the email addresses at the bottom of this letter.

Stay safe and well.

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