

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 18th September 2020

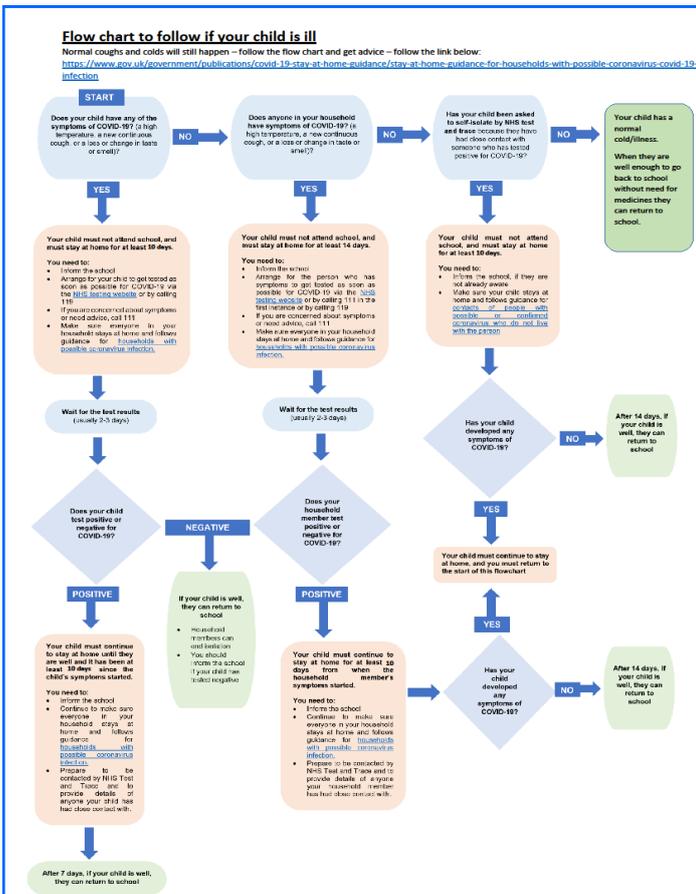
MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

So, the first thing I need to share with you this week, is just how amazing your children are! I am sure you already know that but I have been so very impressed with how they have returned. We, as adults, may have found the lockdown period trying but at least we understand the reasons for this; the children on the other hand, have spent time away from friends, have not been able to play outside and have not had the daily routines they have from going to school, but the adaptability and resilience that they are showing is fantastic. I have walked around school and seen children engaging with their teachers, supporting each other and taking pride in what they are doing. I have seen the youngest children playing and making new friendships, heard Year 2 children talking about digraphs and trigraphs in a phonics lesson and seen some beautiful cursive handwriting in Year 1. The older children are showing respect for each other and for the learning opportunities and have engaged well with our Here We Are topic. I really couldn't be more pleased with how they have returned and I know this is, in no small part, down to the positive messages that you are giving them at home and the reinforcement by staff in school.

Of course, the one thing that children love to do is share and that is not always a good thing when it comes to germs! We have a large number of children who have started the term with a cold which is totally understandable and I really feel for them..and for you... as we are all hyper vigilant of coughs and sniffles right now.

This is the term when the bugs appear and I understand that it could be really difficult to make the decision as to whether it is ok to send your child to school or not. Last week I sent out a flow chart of what would happen if your child displayed symptoms in school, this week I am sending information on what to do with different symptoms that may present themselves (please see separate attachment). Hopefully this will help to make things clearer as to the steps you need to take if your child has symptoms of coronavirus through to those of a common cold. We, of course, do not want to elevate any risk for the children and I can assure you we are also being vigilant in school, but with guidance that we have I think we could all do with some consistency to get us through the coming weeks and months. If you are unsure please do talk to the office staff.

Have a lovely weekend!



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Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for...

showing a positive attitude at the start of term.

Fir Class:



Ralphy

Birch Class:



Tegan

Yew Class:

Ronnie



Aspen Class:

Ronny



Poplar Class:



The Whole Class!

Rowan Class:

The Whole Class!



Hawthorn Class:

Brendan



Juniper Class:



The Whole Class!

Cherry Class:

Ruby



Elder Class:

The Whole Class!



Congratulations!



Contacting Teachers

Whilst the school office is closed to visitors and parents are not able to meet face to face with the teachers, we are asking you to either ring or email. If you prefer to email a teacher, then please send your email to office@mapletreepriamaryschool.com marked 'For the attention of...' and the office staff will pass the email on to the class teacher. The office staff will then email you to say that they have done this. Please then allow 48 hours for a response. The class teacher will send the response back to the office who will forward this on to you. If your query cannot wait for 48 hours then please ring the office instead. Class teachers do not always have the opportunity to check their emails during the day and this will ensure that your message is dealt with efficiently at this time.



Thanks for your continued support.