

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



**MAPLE TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Climbing the branches of success

## Newsletter

Friday 16th July 2021

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

As I write my last newsletter of the year, I am struck with just how much everyone has collectively achieved this year; this has certainly been a year of disruption for us all and yet we stand resolute to continue facing whatever comes our way!

There have been huge challenges in our day-to-day schooling, especially with increasing numbers of children and staff self-isolating, but the expectation in our ability to 'keep calm and carry on' has won out and we end the year full of positivity and celebration for what we have achieved.

I met with the governing body last night and we looked back at the progress and achievements that we have made over the last 12 months and the list was long. We know that there are a number of things we need to continue to focus on and our school improvement plan for next year is well underway. There is a copy of the full Head's report to Governors on our [website](#) that you are welcome to read along with a [PowerPoint](#) which addresses the main points of our discussions.

As part of our self-reflections, we are keen to have feedback - this is useful as it gives us an insight into your thoughts and ideas as well as helps us to celebrate successes and identify areas for improvement. I would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to answer the questions in our [parent survey](#). All responses would be welcomed by 6pm on Wednesday 21st July and detailed feedback will be on our website and shared in a newsletter at the start of the next academic year.

As expected at the end of the summer term, you should all have received your child's report yesterday; if your child did not bring theirs home, please contact the school office. With the report was a letter which contained further information as well as a link to fill in a quick feedback form to show that you have read and received the report. This form can be found [here](#). We appreciate your support.

Over the summer, we are not expecting children to continue accessing a full curriculum and complete daily work. However, as always, I want to stress the value of regular reading at home in all its forms, whether that's reading alone, to an adult, or listening to stories read by someone else. This will be, without question, the most valuable activity your child can do during the holiday to help them 'keep up' rather than 'catch up' when school restarts.

As always, at the end of this year we have to say some goodbyes and we are sorry to be losing Mrs Evans, Miss Lintott and Miss Doran from our Teaching Assistant team. Thank you all for your hard work and support of the children - you have made a difference to them all. We will miss you and we wish you all the very best for the future.

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We are aware that the government restrictions ease from Monday and whilst we have asked that we all continue to adhere to our measures until the end of term, it is really difficult to predict at this stage what we will need for September. I am sure that we will keep a few procedures initially to see us all settled into the start of a new term but we hope to be able to adapt once returned. An updated risk assessment will be shared with you on our INSET days in September to make you aware. We are, however, extremely grateful to you for adhering to all the measures in place this year, we know that some of these have made things trickier for you but it has certainly enabled us to get through the year with a relatively small numbers of positive cases within our school community.

And finally, I cannot end this term without some thank yous:

- Firstly, to the staff at Maple Tree - you should be very proud of your achievements; you have shown extraordinary levels of resilience and adaptability and I am incredibly grateful to you all for all you have achieved this year - you truly are amazing!
- Governors, thank you for your continued commitment during these challenging times. We are looking forward to welcoming you back in person for meetings and learning walks next academic year.
- To Friends of Maple Tree for their continued support and fundraising events at this difficult time.
- To our families, thank you for your support too; for your patience and understanding through the most stressful of times.
- And finally, it would be wrong not to commend our fabulous children who make our jobs easier than they may otherwise be! All in all, It has been a great year with a tremendous amount of hard work throughout but the results reflect the effort and progress that has gone in.

So all that remains is for me to wish you all a very lovely Summer and we will see you in September!



## Leavers 2021



It is always sad when we have to say goodbye to children, but we know, that having worn the Maple Tree uniform, they will be able to be friends with anybody, will work incredibly hard and be whatever they want to be, so we wish lots of luck to the children leaving us this year:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Tegan	Emma	Paddy	Lillie-Mae	Roary
Finley	Lennie		Jarid	Shayla
Samantha				
Year 6				
Lily Rose	Mitzi	Freddie	Cole	
Jake	Flynn	Holly	Violet	
Emily	William	Max	Edward	
Lucca	Chanelle	Ellie	George	
Billy	Nikita	Otis	Harry	
Megan	Grace	James	Jake	
Chloe	Drew	Brandon	Megan	
Alfie	Olly	Lacey	Thomas	
Ayden	Ruby	Savannah	Jaimie-Lynn	
Freya	Charlie	Alex	Monty	



**Good luck and continue to be amazing!**

## Safeguarding Update

Back in April, I wrote a letter to parents explaining how the website 'Everyone's invited' had called for Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE) to investigate the role of sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools. After their investigations, Ofsted produced a report which can be found [here](#) and the DfE has updated their guidance for schools which can be found [here](#). This specialised guidance also feeds in to the main safeguarding guidance that schools follow called [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#), both of which become statutory in September 2021.

In Ofsted's findings it has become clear to the education community that these harmful sexual behaviours are evident in both primary and secondary schools and that school leaders should assume it is occurring, even if there are no reported incidents, and therefore take appropriate action now in order to safeguard all pupils.

At Maple Tree, we take this matter seriously; no incidents are viewed as 'banter' or an 'inevitable part of growing up' and we will not accept a culture of this behaviour at our school. We are passionate that we educate all pupils, of any gender, to understand appropriate behaviours and respect for each other. They must not only act appropriately, but also have the confidence to speak out when something is not right.

Following the guidance given, we will be updating our safeguarding policies and procedures to reflect a whole school approach to peer on peer abuse in its many forms, including outlining how it is reported, recorded and managed. Our behaviour policy will also be reviewed in line with the procedures set out in the safeguarding policy.

As part of our ongoing training for staff, all staff will be trained in more detail on what harmful sexual behaviours might look like, how to report concerns and report allegations and how to challenge victim-blaming and low-level sexual harassment in the moment. Our designated safeguarding leads have already begun undertaking further training on the implementation of the new policies and procedures.

As part of this ongoing review, we welcome feedback and considerations from you, our parent community. We are holding a parent forum to discuss our safeguarding policies and procedures in the Autumn term 2021 and invite you to attend (date to be confirmed).

Miss Hyde.

### Sports Day Winners



# Congratulations!

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Wednesday 21st July** Term ends

**Thursday 22nd July**

INSET day

### NEW TERM

**1/2/3 Sept** INSET days

**Monday 6th September** New

Term Starts



### Overall House Winners 2020-2021



# Congratulations!