

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



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

## Newsletter

Friday 21st January 2022



### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week we have had a number of positive Covid cases amongst pupils and staff and therefore would ask that you all continue to be extra vigilant. We recommend that you carry out lateral flow tests on a regular basis to ensure that children who test positively, but do not have symptoms, are self-isolating to avoid spreading it to others. To those parents who have had to test and report to the office, we thank you for your continued support; we appreciate it is not easy for you but we are grateful to you for your assistance.

The children are doing all they can to prevent the spread in school and continue with rigorous handwashing as well as sitting in well-ventilated classrooms. We have CO<sup>2</sup> monitors in the classrooms which identify to staff (and pupils) when levels are rising, at which point they ventilate the rooms rather than the children sitting continually in cold spaces - especially at this time of the year.

Work is progressing well on our toilet refurbishment in Lower Key Stage 2 and I hope to be able to share photos with you next week so watch this space. Next week, we are also beginning work to improve lighting around the school building. This is going to take a while and children may need to be out of their classrooms whilst this work is taking place, though we will do all we can to minimise the inconvenience to all, but please watch out for communication via Marvellous Me next week as you may be asked to drop off or pick up your child from the hall.

As I am sure you will gather, we are making some improvements/updates to our school site at the moment but there is always more to do. As the weather turns warmer, we will be turning our attention to other projects, such as sprucing up the woodwork in the back playground, and we would love some support with this. If you would like to be included in a working party at some point then please do let the office know and once we have firm dates we will contact you.

I hope you all have a good weekend.



#### Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.



Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

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Head: Mrs Cath Bainbridge Deputy Head: Miss Amy Hyde

# Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for... showing perseverance



<b>Fir Class:</b> Chloe D ★	<b>Yew Class:</b> Bodie ★	<b>Aspen Class:</b> Amelia ★
<b>Hawthorn Class:</b> Luke ★	<b>Rowan Class:</b> Thomas William ★	<b>Poplar Class:</b> Dexter ★
<b>Cherry Class:</b> ★ Daisy	<b>Elder Class:</b> Finley ★	<b>WELL DONE!</b> ★

This week's House Winners



**Congratulations!**

## SAFEGUARDING UPDATE—HUGGY WUGGY

We have heard some of our younger pupils discussing a character called 'Huggy Wuggy' this week. This is a scary looking character with lots of teeth from an online game. They would most likely come across it when watching YouTube videos of others playing the game. Please do not discuss this with your child, as we do not want them to search it out but if you need any support from any concerns raised please speak to Mrs Pond or Miss Hyde. If we hear individuals discussing it at school, staff will let you know.

## Attendance Awards

**Our target is 97%**

The best attendance award is presented to: **Fir Class!**

<b>Mulberries (Pre-School)</b> Blossoms 93.1 % Berries 92.5%	<b>Fir (YR)</b> 98.5% ★★
<b>Yew (Y1)</b> 98.3%	<b>Aspen (Y2)</b> 80.1%
<b>Hawthorn(Y3)</b> 93.8%	<b>Poplar (Y4)</b> 84.1%
<b>Rowan (Y4)</b> 97.6%	<b>Cherry (Y5)</b> 98.2%
<b>Elder (Y6)</b> 96.5%	<b>Overall School inc preschool</b> 93.3%

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Week beg 31st January - Year 6 Mock SATS**

**Week beg 7th February Children's Mental Health week**

**Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February – Parents' evenings**

**Week beg Monday 14th February Half Term Week**

**Thursday 3rd March World Book Day**

**Friday 1st April Term Ends**

**Easter Holidays Monday 4th - Tuesday 19th April**

**Tuesday 19th April INSET day**

**Wednesday 20th April Children return**

