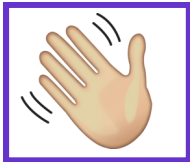


Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Patience and Perseverance	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Unity	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



## A Message from Mrs Bainbridge



### To all the children at Maple Tree

Hello to you all! I cannot tell you how pleased I am to be writing to you today. I am missing you all so much - school is very quiet without you!

I hope you are all well and are getting used to the new ways of working at home at the moment. I am sure it feels very strange to not be able to be in school seeing your friends and teachers but you are in the right place to keep you safe.

We have put things on the website for you to do but from next week your teachers will be sending you tasks to do on something called Google Classroom which you can do and then send back to them so they can check on how and what you are doing. There will be a video and a fact sheet to help you work out what to do and your parents will be able to ask school for help if they need it.

We have been really lucky that the weather has been so good; I hope you have been able to enjoy some fresh air even if you cannot go very far. I have loved seeing photos of things that you have been doing, in and out of the house, when your parents send in photos. Keep them coming!

I have been thinking about the things we find important in our lives everyday and am so pleased to think of the values that you are showing right now - patience, courage, hope, responsibility and so on - and it got me thinking about this month's value of Unity. If you were in school I would ask you what that meant and I know I would see lots of hands go up! Unity is working together. And then I realised that that is one of the most important values that we are showing at this time. Who has been out clapping at 8pm on a Thursday night for critical workers? Who has drawn pictures of rainbows and stuck them in their windows? This is how we are all showing unity and working together.

### Weekly Challenge

I am going to set you a weekly challenge and this week I would really like you to send in something that shows you demonstrating 'unity'. It could be a picture you have drawn with another member of your family, it could be a story or a poem that you write that demonstrates unity, it could be a video clip of you showing unity. Ask your parents to send them to me at [homelearning@mapletreepriamaryschool.com](mailto:homelearning@mapletreepriamaryschool.com) and I will put my favourites on the website next week so we can celebrate us all working together even though we are apart for now.

### Thought for the week

'A rainbow is beautiful not because it has different colours. It is beautiful because these different colours shine together. They don't go away from each other. They don't boast about how much better they are than others. They don't try to outdo each other. They complement each other to create beauty through a gloomy sky. That's the power and magic of unity in diversity!'



Have a lovely weekend. Keep being your fantastic selves!