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**MAPLE TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Climbing the branches of success

# Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2020

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

In response to the recent Government information regarding the Coronavirus, I want to share with you the plans that we have in place to ensure that the children continue to receive a quality education.

As the media has shown, there are new cases rising everyday and therefore it is really difficult to plan for any major development as the guidelines change on a regular basis. We do take the health and safety of all children, staff and parents at Maple Tree seriously and have a risk assessment in place which we update alongside each guidance change.

### At Maple Tree we are/have:

- discussed with, and demonstrated for, the children, how to wash their hands as per the guidance issued
- increased opportunities for handwashing for all
- staff checking that the children have washed their hands at snack time and before lunch in accordance with the guidance given
- limiting the amount of contact situations throughout the school day, such as assemblies and carpet time
- sending children who present as unwell at school home as a precaution
- asking all visitors to wash their hands on arrival
- planning for staff absence to ensure children are well looked after whilst at school
- updating you on changing situations and sharing general information about sickness with you
- monitoring reasons for absence to put preventative measures in place if necessary
- taking advice from the Local Authority, the DfE and Public Health England
- carrying out additional cleaning where needed
- notifying you of next steps needed if/when we have confirmation of the virus within school

### What you can do:

To support us with this, we ask the following of you:

- all children must have a named, plastic water bottle in school as we are no longer providing shared cups for the children to drink from (we have a few disposable cups in school for emergencies)
- reinforce hygiene expectations with your child(ren)
- notify the office if parents/family members have been out of the country in the past 4 weeks
- let the office know if anyone in the immediate family has tested positive or is self-isolating
- keep your child off if showing signs/symptoms of illness

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## Message from the Head continued...

We would ask that you strictly adhere to our absence policy and following any illness that your child is kept home until 48 hours clear. Should a child return to school too soon then they will be removed from the classroom and we will contact you to collect them. This is to ensure the health and wellbeing of all our children whilst ensuring that your child really is well enough to return to school.

At the moment, there are no plans to close schools in the UK and we are grateful for this, however, we are also aware of the growing number of people who are presenting with one, or both, of the two main symptoms which are:

- a 'new' continuous cough and/or
- elevated temperature

This may have an effect on staffing as well as children. In the instance where we do not have enough staff to care for the children, then we may have to consider partial closure of some classes or in extreme circumstances, the whole school.

Should this be the case then we would notify parents using our school SOS system, which is the same procedure we use for 'snow days'. It is therefore imperative that you sign up for this so that you do not miss out on urgent updates. <https://apps.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS/>

We will, of course, keep you up to date with any changes that we need to make with as much notice as we are able to provide. Please be rest assured that we are doing all we can to maintain an air of 'business as usual' to ensure consistency for the children.

Have a good weekend.



### **Diamond Diners**

Children chosen by the MSAs this week for great behaviour/manners at lunchtimes:

Luca, James, Alex, Emily B,  
Megan T, Jamie B



### **Hall of Fame**

Children who have performed brilliantly this week in the Battle of the Bands:

Georgia	Aidan B
Summer	William
Amelie	Jacob
Megan G	Athena
Otis	Jessica C
Lily Rose	Evie MB

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### House Point Winners

**Congratulations to**

### Diary Dates

**Spring 2 2020**

Friday 20th March- Mothers Day Gift Shop  
 Tuesday 24th March - Year 5 trip  
 Friday 3rd April - EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet assembly  
 Friday 3rd April- Easter Egg Hunt

**Summer Term**  
**Monday 20th April - Friday 17th July 2020**

Monday 20th April - INSET day  
 Saturday 2nd May- Colour Run  
 Friday 8th May - Bank Holiday  
 Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May Year 6 SATS  
 HALF TERM WEEK Monday 25th - Friday 29th May  
 Saturday 4th July- Summer Fete



### Attendance Award

The best attendance award is presented to:

Mulberries (Pre-School) 92.3%	<b>Pine (YR) 98.9%</b>	Fir (YR) 98%
Birch (Y1) 93.7%	Yew (Y1/2) 97.4%	Aspen (Y2) 94.7%
Poplar (Y3/4) 93.1%	Rowan (Y3/4) 93.6%	Cherry (Y5) 98%
Juniper (Y5) 86%	Elder (Y6) 93.4%	<b>School target is 97%</b>

**Be in the line by 5 to 9!**



<b>Headteacher Awards</b>	<b>For being a fantastic helper to others</b>	<b>Pine Class</b> Toby
<b>Fir Class</b> Abigail	<b>Birch Class</b> Sophia	<b>Yew Class</b> Ellis
<b>Aspen Class</b> Dolceanna	<b>Rowan Class</b> Jessica U	<b>Poplar Class</b> Lilah
<b>Cherry Class</b> Mitzi	<b>Juniper Class</b> Ellie	<b>Elder Class</b> Athena