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Hope and Peace	Unity	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



MAPLE TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Climbing the branches of success

Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

I hope you all had a good half term. It is nice to have the children back and settled in so quickly. We have, of course, returned to the news of the National lockdown and our focus for this week has been on Health and Safety as we had a visit from an HM Inspector for Health and Safety on Tuesday morning. Our risk assessment was shared with the inspector ahead of his visit, he asked a lot of questions and was given a tour of the school. As part of his feedback he wrote 'I can confirm that I inspected the school and discussed the issues surrounding COVID 19 with you and toured the building. I was confident that in the areas we looked at you were doing everything reasonably practicable to manage risk and had understood government guidelines and implemented appropriate risk controls.' We are pleased that our current measures stand up to scrutiny and that they are recognised as appropriate for our current situation.

In light of the fact that there has been new guidance and we are now in another national lockdown, I want to share a few reminders with you as well as mention some additional protocols we would like to see in place to support safety within the Maple Tree community and beyond.

- The staggered drop offs and picks up will continue. There seems to be a bottle neck occurring between some groups. **Please stick to the times you have been given.**
- **All parents need to observe social distancing within the school grounds** - and we would also advise this beyond the school gates.
- **Only 1 adult per family is permitted** to drop off/pick up unless a member of the leadership team has agreed otherwise.
- No children must be allowed to play on the school equipment either before or after school.
- Year 5 and 6 will be encouraged to go straight home and not play in the park at the end of the day as this is considered a **mass gathering** and **is not allowed at the moment.**

The new measure we are asking parents to observe **from Monday** is that you **please wear masks when on the school site.** We appreciate the guidance has said that it is not essential for primary school staff or children to be wearing masks as the risk of passing germs from children to adults is small, but I am sure you understand that, with a change to the national picture, we want to enhance the measures we have in place to mitigate risk from adult to adult and ensure that the staff who are at greater risk are better protected. Senior Leaders on the gate will be wearing visors; you will still be able to talk to them/pass on messages etc but we ask that you ensure you are stepping back to do so. Staff will also be provided with visors to wear at the external classroom doors in case you need to pass on brief messages to them directly.

This measure will remain in place whilst the national lockdown is enforced. Any changes to this will be communicated to you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for... being a brain box!		Fir Class: Finley ★
Birch Class: Ariana ★	Yew Class: Oliwia ★	Aspen Class: Georgia ★
Poplar Class: Roselynn ★	Rowan Class: Brooke ★	Hawthorn Class: Aidan ★
Juniper Class: Announced next week ★	Cherry Class: Monty ★	Elder Class: Flynn ★



Congratulations!



Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are happening on the 18th and 19th November. They will obviously be different this year in that they will be done virtually. You will receive a letter imminently with further details. We are hoping that the majority of parents will be able to log on to a virtual platform for a 'face to face' meeting with the class teacher. If you are unable to do so then we will support you with an alternative option.

We are all very much getting used to the virtual world so will ensure that this runs as smoothly as possible.

We look forward to 'meeting' you soon!



Dates for your diary

November 2020

Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November - Children In Need non-uniform day

Wed 18th/Thurs 19th - Parents Evening
Fri 20th - INSET Day School Closed

Weds 25th Nov 7.30pm - Friends of Maple Tree AGM

December 2020

Fri 18th Term ends

January 2021

Mon 4th INSET Day

Tues 5th Term Starts



Friday 13th November
Non-uniform day
Contribution £1

Children who are part of a uniformed organisation such as cubs/brownies etc may wear their uniform on Remembrance day, 11th November, instead of their school uniform.



Staying safe when celebrating Bonfire Night

Bonfire Night is coming up, and we're sure people will want to celebrate. Due to restrictions in place and the need to maintain social distancing, fireworks displays across the country have been cancelled.

But all is not lost!

There are still plenty of ways you can celebrate Bonfire Night – and the best thing is that you can do all these from the warmth of your own home:

- Your street could have a competition to make the best Guy Fawkes. Display them on your doorsteps so households can spot them!
- Get creative! You could make tissue paper bonfires, pipe cleaner fireworks or paper rockets all from the warmth of your own home
- What about some bonfire night baking? Make gooey S'mores and toffee apples! Most supermarkets have recipe ideas available online
- If you can't see any fireworks from your window, head over to BBC iPlayer where you'll find [London's New Year fireworks display](#) still available to watch.



House Winners



Congratulations!

Curriculum News

Y6 children enjoyed their recent computing/English lessons. They wrote WW2 poems and then created PowerPoints. They learnt how to add text, pictures and animations. They enjoyed editing and improving these which involved investigating different animations, backgrounds, fonts and much more. They also learnt how to save their PowerPoints in a video format so that it could be uploaded to Mrs. Champion's YouTube channel. They are published just in time for Remembrance Day which is celebrated on the 11th November each year. We remember all the sacrifices made in wars for us to have our freedom.

You can view the results of their hard work on our [website](#).