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



MAPLE TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Climbing the branches of success

Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

It has, without doubt, been a week of highs and lows. The decisions we make on a daily basis in the current climate have been tested this week with the temporary closing of two bubble groups on Tuesday; I am grateful to all parents for the speed at which you adapted to keeping your children at home, and whilst we are extremely relieved that we were able to reopen the bubbles quickly, I do want to take a few moments to reinforce what we are doing in school to protect the children, staff and the wider community.

I cannot stress highly enough how importantly we take Health and Safety at Maple Tree. You trust us enough to send your children to us and we do everything we can to ensure they stay safe. The moment the staff and children arrive they wash their hands. There are expectations with this and guidance has been provided from the NHS as to how we wash our hands for maximum effect. The children are monitored during the hand washing and if staff feel they have not been rigorous enough they are asked to wash again. The children have access to soap and water in all the classrooms and in the toilets and there is never a shortage of these.

Children are kept in their class bubble groups during classroom time and are as key stage bubbles at break-times and lunchtimes if outside. This is because the risk of transmission is less outside and the type of contact the children have with each other is different. We do give them reminders that they should not be touching each other and they are having to be quite creative at coming up with alternative games to play!

All the rooms are cleaned on a daily basis and high-contact touch points such as door handles, toilets and taps are cleaned regularly throughout the day too. Where we have any concerns about illness within the class group then these classrooms are deep cleaned.

These are just some of the measures that are in place constantly at Maple Tree. The children are very used to these procedures and to them it is now normal. All of this is done to ensure that the children are kept in limited contact with others. I would remind you please that attendance for your children is mandatory. If they are well enough to be in school but are not, this will be marked as an unauthorized absence.

It is hard some days to remember that there is more to life than Covid but that has also been very apparent in school this week. It was lovely to see some of the children in their 'other' uniforms this week as we commemorated Remembrance Day. There is some beautiful art work across the school that the children have done in recognition of this. Our children show great respect for others, as was evident in their joining in of the 2 minutes silence on Wednesday. And of course, today we are raising money for Children In Need. This fits in so well with our values this month of Friendship and Sharing - thank you for your support in enabling these things to happen.



I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher Awards

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| This week the award is for... | | fantastic art work! | Fir Class: ★ Parker |
| Birch Class: ★ Finley | Yew Class: ★ Emi | Aspen Class: ★ Lottie | |
| Poplar Class: ★ Paddy | Rowan Class: ★ Jessica | Hawthorn Class: ★ Rosalie | |
| Juniper Class: ★ Lewis | Cherry Class: ★ Ruby | Elder Class: ★ Billy | |



Congratulations!



Parents' Evenings

You should all have received a letter on Wednesday about the virtual parents' evenings that we are holding next week. With the letter there was a guide to explain to you how to log on to the call.

If you have not had this communication then please contact the school office ASAP.



House Winners



Congratulations!

Dates for your diary

November 2020

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

February 2021

Wed 10th/Thurs 11th Parents Evening