

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



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

Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year! Whether you are a current parent, or a new parent, I hope that you will find the information here useful as it is my intention to keep you up to date with things happening in and around school. If you know of parents who have not signed up for parentmail and are therefore not receiving this, please ask them to contact the school office. If you are new to the school and are unsure of how things work then please also contact the school office for further information.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to us and to see them settling into their new classes so quickly has felt a very positive start. Over the course of the next few weeks there will be lots of information we want to share with you so that you have a full understanding of our expectations and the learning that will go on in the classrooms. We will share curriculum information with you and I also want to look at our current methods of communication so that information is shared in a timely manner. We have our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for KS1 and KS2 which will give you a good head start- dates and times can be found over the page - and we look forward to seeing you then.

It has, understandably been a week of two halves; the bright positive start to the week and the quiet, poignant end as we mourn the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. We had a lovely assembly this afternoon where the children shared letters and prayers they wrote this morning to the Royal family. We will aim to share some of these with you in next week's newsletter too. The quote attributed to her below very much reflects the coming year for us all!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

"Giant leaps often start with small steps." HRH Queen Elizabeth II

Uniform

It has been wonderful seeing the children return looking smart wearing their Maple Tree uniforms with pride. We encourage all children to wear uniform at Maple Tree, as we believe that it creates a sense of belonging and identity for the children.

All the children are expected to wear navy trousers, shorts or skirts with a royal blue knitted jumper or cardigan. In Mulberries only, we also accept navy joggers or leggings. From Reception to Year 2 the children wear white polo shirts under their jumpers whereas from Year 3 up the children wear white shirts with a clip on tie. Across the school, yellow or blue checked summer dresses are allowed in the warm weather. All children should be wearing smart black school shoes: no heels, trainers or strappy sandals allowed. Velcro fastenings are much appreciated in the younger years where pupils can't yet tie their own laces.

Our PE kit consists of: a yellow t-shirt, navy shorts, plain navy/black jumper and joggers and trainers for outdoor activities. Children should come to school in their PE kit on the day that they have PE or a PE club, as this maximises the learning time and decreases the amount of lost uniform.

If the children are not in correct uniform, in the first instance, teachers will have an informal conversation with the parents on pick up/drop off (or phone call) to discuss expectations. Personal circumstances are considered and there is support from the school available, if needed. After this, teachers will send home a pre-written letter, outlining the correct uniform procedure from their key stage leader.

To find out more details on our school uniform rules, please see our [website](#).



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Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for... ..a positive attitude at the start of the term.



Fir Class: Will start next week ★	Yew Class: Alana ★	Aspen Class: Elliott ★	Rowan Class: Whole class ★
Poplar Class: Whole class ★	Juniper Class: Charlie Tyler	Cherry Class: Whole class ★	Elder Class: Robert ★



This is an opportunity for you to come along and hear about the expectations on your child(ren) during their school day and to see what they are learning this year.

KS1 Monday 19th September 9.00 – 9.45am

Year 6 Monday 19th September 6-7pm (to include information regarding Y6 SATs)

LKS2 Tuesday 20th September 9.00 – 9.45am

Year 5 Wednesday 21st September 9.00 - 9.45am

These will be held in the school hall.

Further information will be provided nearer the time.

The presentations will be uploaded onto the website following these meetings for parents who are unable to attend due to work commitments.

Attendance Awards

Our target is 97%

The best attendance award is presented to:

Rowan, Juniper and Cherry class!

Blossom (Mulberries) Starts next week	Berries (Mulberries) Starts next week
Fir (YR) Starts next week	Yew (Y1) 90%
Aspen (Y2) 95.4%	Poplar (Y3) 95.8%
Rowan (Y4) 100% ★	Juniper (Y5) 100% ★
Cherry (Y5) 100% ★	Elder (Y6) 95.9%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 19th September 9 - 9.45am KS1 Meet the Teacher

Monday 19th September 6-7pm Year 6 Meet the Teacher and SATs info evening

Tuesday 20th September 9-9.45am LKS2 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 21st September 9-9.45am Year 5 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 19th October Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th October Parents' Evening

Friday 21st October 9.15 - 9.45am Harvest Assembly KS2

Term dates for next year can be found on our [website](#).

