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Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

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 so lovely to see the children adapting to their new routines so quickly and I am very impressed with our very youngest children who are taking things in their stride. The sunny weather has helped but the children do seem to be very content which is great and puts them in the right mindset to kick-start their learning and this year will, undoubtedly, be another full year.

The children have started the new school year with opportunities to look at our new school vision: *Maple Tree is a kind and positive school that models respect and embraces diversity - where everyone feels safe and is encouraged to be the best they can be.* To support this, the children have been looking at our new acronym L.E.A.F. which encompasses **L**earning **E**quality **A**chievement **F**riendship. I will share more of this with you next week but it is so good to see them talking positively about our aims already.

We, again, have a large number of parent events this year and accompanying this newsletter is a planner which will give you advanced notice of some of these so that you are able to plan accordingly. Our first event that you are invited to is our Meet the Teacher session where the teachers will share with you the expectations for the year and provide you with key information. Our class website pages are also currently being updated and I will let you know once these are ready but you will also find information there too about our curriculum. If you have questions that you cannot find the answers to then we have a dedicated email address: teacher@mapletreepriamaryschool.com which you are welcome to use to ask questions or share information with the class teacher. If your enquires are more general or are regarding absence then you should call into the office or email office@mapletreepriamaryschool.com.

There will be plenty more information coming out in the next few weeks so please do watch out for this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend - enjoy the sun!

PARKING ON SITE

Please be advised that parking in our school car park is not permitted at drop off and pick up times (including pre-school parents) unless agreed by the office or you own a blue badge. If you do need to enter the school car park in between these times, then we would be grateful if you could ensure the main gate is closed on your way out. This will enable us to ensure that our site is safe for our pedestrian users.

Please do not use the Co-op car park and be mindful of local residents if parking on the streets. Thank you for your support in this.

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School 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.

Our current uniform expectations are that all the children 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.

It has been brought to our attention, however, that navy trousers/skirts are quite difficult to come by and can be more expensive so we will, therefore, accept black as an alternative colour this year in order to allow parents to keep costs down and to purchase trousers and skirts more easily.

Parent Forum

Our parent forum meet 6 times a year (once per half term) to take part in discussion surrounding whole school issues such as vision or anti-bullying as well as being an opportunity to raise relevant and pertinent questions about things such as pick up and drop off, communication, uniform, general questions etc. The meetings are run by the Head and Deputy Head and are attended by a parent representative from each year group. These parents nominate themselves and are agreed by the rest of the parents in that cohort. The reps collect questions and topics for discussion from the parents and feedback after the meeting - though formal minutes are also circulated to all parents following the meeting. If you would like to stand as a class rep this year (and we would really like to include parents from the upper end of the school as well please) then talk to the rest of the parents of your child's class and contact Miss Hyde through the teacher@mapletreeprimaryschool.com email address. The date of the first meeting is listed below.



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.

Year 6 Tuesday 12th September 6-7pm (to include information regarding Y6 SATs)

LKS2 Monday 18th September 9.00 – 9.45am

Year 5 Tuesday 19th September 9.00 - 9.45am

KS1 Monday 19th September 9.00 – 9.45am

These will be held in the school hall apart from Year 6 which will be in the classroom.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 12th Sept Year 6 SATS info evening

Week beg 18th Meet the teacher sessions - see above

Macmillan Cake Sale Wednesday 27th September

Parent Forum Friday 6th October 9am

Parents' Evening Tuesday 17th /Thursday 19th October

Half Term week Monday 23rd October

Anti-Bullying Week 13th-17th November

Anti-Bullying Open Afternoon 17th November

Grandparent's Breakfast Thursday 30th November

Parent Forum Friday 8th December