

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

WELCOME TO THE 1ST NEWSLETTER OF THIS NEW ACADEMIC YEAR (ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE) AND AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARENTS AND CARERS TOO - I HOPE YOU HAVE ALL HAD A GREAT SUMMER HOLIDAYS!!!

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW ME, I THOUGHT I WOULD INTRODUCE MYSELF, PROVIDE AN OUTLINE OF MY ROLE AND HOW TO CONTACT ME. I HAVE WORKED AT MAPLE TREE SINCE 2008 IN VARIOUS ROLES ACROSS ALL YEAR GROUPS, INCLUDING NURSERY TEACHING ASSISTANT, 1:1 TEACHING ASSISTANT AND QUALIFIED TEACHER. I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT WORKING WITH AND ADVOCATING FOR PUPILS WITH SEND (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES) AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS MY YOUNGEST SON WAS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM IN 2006.

THE BARRIERS FACED IN ACCESSING SERVICES/SUPPORT FOR HIM (EVEN NOW) MEANS THAT I EMPATHISE AND UNDERSTAND THE JOURNEY FACED BY PUPILS WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES, BOTH FROM A PARENT AND A PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE.

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE THE SCHOOL'S PART-TIME SENDCO (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS CO-ORDINATOR) HAVING COMPLETED THE POST GRADUATE NATIONAL SEN AWARD IN 2020. MY ROLE INCLUDES CO-ORDINATING PROVISION/SUPPORT FOR PUPILS WITH SEND, LIAISING WITH THEIR PARENTS AND EXTERNAL AGENCIES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES/CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING NEEDS, PLEASE SPEAK TO THEIR CLASS TEACHER OR CONTACT ME. ANY FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS IS VERY WELCOME!

MY CONTACT DETAILS ARE:

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SEND@MAPLETREEPRIMARYSCHOOL.COM

Kind Regards, Mrs. Chris Pond.

*****MAPLE TREE PARENT
GROUP *****

**Next date: Monday 18th
July at 2.30pm for
parents supporting
parents emotional
wellbeing group :)**

Calendar for Sep 2023:

**School Mental Health Focus:
'Exercise'**

**Join in the monthly school activities at
home - follow the link:**

[https://www.mapletreepriamaryschool.com](https://www.mapletreepriamaryschool.com/page/?)

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National Gratitude Day 21st

STOP PRESS!!

**Virtual Autism and
ADHD courses for
parents:**

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ery.com/accounts/UKCB
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**"Today is a good day to try"
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame**

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