



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 14th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We are in our final summer term here at Mapplewells and as usual it will be filled with lots of learning and experiences. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so eagerly and getting stuck into their learning.

Read on for all things Mapplewells...

Attendance

Children must attend school every day, on time (unless they are too unwell to do so). As you know, I am not permitted to authorise holidays in term time and leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis.

Our current school attendance after 33 weeks is 95.36% We want to work together to continue to improve this figure over the coming weeks. Our current attendance by class is:

Birch - 96%

Elder - 94%

Elm - 96%

Hazel - 95%

Hawthorn - 96%

Oak - 95%

Maple - 96%

Juniper - 95%

Pine - 93%

Rowan - 96%

Willow - 96%

Well done to **Birch, Elm, Hawthorn, Maple, Rowan and Willow classes** on their fantastic attendance this week. Let's keep striving to improve our attendance, to continue to exceed that figure of 95%, and strive to achieve 97% attendance.



Stars of the week

SUCCESS stars of the week congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their class teacher as 'SUCCESS start of the week'. The children received their certificate in assembly today.

Ash - Oliver

Birch - Bertie

Elder - Maeva

Elm - Emmeline

Hawthorn - Lilly

Hazel - Daniel

Oak - Henry

Maple - Oscar

Juniper - Andy

Year 5 - Elsie R & Jack G



Behaviour Hub Visitors

Once again we were joined by Senior Leaders and teachers from around the country for this terms Behaviour Open Day. Staff from Hertfordshire, Bradford and Lincolnshire came to look around Mapplewells and spend some time finding out what it means to be a Mapplewellian. All of our visitors were blown away by the children's behaviour for learning, how calm and polite they were in and around

school and even more so by the high standards of work the children demonstrated across the school. Well done to all involved.

Forest school & the foundation playground

A reminder that the play equipment in the Foundation play area should not be used at all before or after school as the staff work very hard to set up activities for the session which are often spoilt if the resources have been used or moved.

The same applies for Forest School - this area should not be used before or after school session times.

Online Safety



Internet Safety



<http://www.netsmartzkids.org>

What Parents and Carers need to Friendly Competition

With football's European Championships about to kick off, it's likely that young fans will be inspired to take to the pitch themselves – or perhaps they're naturally sporty already. High-profile tournaments

such as this can be a great opportunity to teach children and young people about what constitutes being 'a good sport' – not just in terms of technique, but also attitude.

This guide collates our expert's tips for encouraging fair play and friendly competition between children. It will help you to ensure that they can relish an enjoyable game of football, rugby or something else entirely – without unhealthy approaches to winning and losing polluting what could be an uplifting experience for all.

Sources

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/taking-part/joining-competitions/reframing-competition/>

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/taking-part/joining-competitions/reframing-competition/aac/>

<https://www.fairplayinternational.org>¹

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<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/school-support/free-resources>

¹<https://www.fairplayinternational.org/>



Multiplication Times Table Check

Well done to all of our Year 4s, who have this week undertaken their Multiplication Check. They have been practising hard throughout the year and put in huge amounts of effort. All of the children tried their best and we are sure that they have done fantastically.

We are very proud of them all. Well done! We are very proud of their efforts 😊

The multiplication tables check is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies, including free schools, in England. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help us to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

Can you help F2?

The F2 staff are wanting to improve the writing area within the unit to encourage children to do more independent writing and we need your help! If you have any of the following items, please could you give it to a member of the EYFS team:

- *notebooks
- *coloured/fancy paper
- *pencil crayons
- *range of pens/pencils
- *cards/envelopes

*to do lists/shopping lists

*party invitations

Thank you for your continued support, we really do appreciate it!

Breakfast Club

We are delighted that Breakfast Club has become increasingly popular provides a valuable service to our Mapplewellian children and families.

Recently there has been a sharp increase in the numbers attending and this means that on occasions we have reached the supervision limit set within our Breakfast Club Policy. Owing to this, we will be reinforcing the pre-book/pre-pay system that the club was initially set up with. **Starting from Monday 13th May** your child will need to be booked into Breakfast Club by the Thursday prior to the week they are attending in order for us to be able to make appropriate supervision arrangements. **Children will not be accepted to Breakfast Club without prior booking unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

Parents/carers need to pre-book and pay for their child's place prior to them attending in order to maintain the correct staff/pupil ratio and first aid administration. As attendance was low, children were occasionally admitted on a daily basis without prior booking as there was no concern over reaching the supervision limit.

Bookings should be made via ScoPay up to 48 hours in advance, we understand with busy lives there may be an occasional need to book with less than 48 hours notice, if this is the case you will need to call the office team so we can book this for you.



School Crossing Patrol vacancy

Via East Midlands is looking to recruit a School Crossing Patrol (Lollipop Person) to the site outside our school. The role is term time Mon - Fri £12.03 per hour. If you would like to find out more information, you can use the link below, or contact Via on 0115 9774373, or by email: roadsafety@viaem.co.uk².

To find out what current patrols like about their role in the community please visit Via's YouTube – Working for Via as a School Crossing Patrol – YouTube

<https://www.viaem.co.uk/services/road-safety/school-crossing-patrols/>

The advertisement features a cartoon illustration of a yellow lollipop person with blonde hair, holding a red stop sign with a black 'X' on it. Two children, a boy and a girl, are standing on a road next to the lollipop person. The background shows a sun and a blue sky. The text 'via' is in the top left, with 'in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council' below it. The main text reads 'School Crossing Patrol Vacancy' in bold black and red letters. Below that, 'WE NEED YOU' is written in a stylized, bold font. At the bottom, it says 'For more information on pay, hours, and other benefits please contact the Road Safety team at roadsafety@viaem.co.uk or 0115 977 4373'.

Friends of Mapplewells events

Non uniform day on Friday 21st June.

²<mailto:roadsafety@viaem.co.uk>

This term in lieu of a £1 donation they have asked for families to contribute an item towards a savoury hamper. These could include items such as crisps, chutneys, biscuits, olives, cider and beer or breadsticks for example. **No nuts** or perishable items please. Any donations can be handed to class teachers that Friday.

Summer Disco

Summer discos this year will be held on Friday 19th July on the school field. This event is weather permitting. The letter with full details of the discos and how to pay is on Class Dojo.



F2 trip to see Ruby's Worry

We had a fantastic time at Sutton Library yesterday watching the performance of 'Ruby's Worry'. Based on the book Ruby's Worry, written by Tom Percival the story was told through live music, song, puppetry and physical theatre.

The children behaved exceptionally well and were true Mapplewellians throughout.

A huge thank you to all of our parent helpers, without you the trip couldn't have gone ahead!



Key dates

Please keep updated with our key dates as we will add to this over the coming weeks.

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
Friday 21 st	Non uniform day – please bring a savoury item for a hamper
Thursday 27 th	Year 2 residential
July	
Monday 1 st	Sports day – EYFS & KS1 am and KS2 pm
Friday 5 th	Summer fair
Thursday 11 th	F1 trip to Tropical Butterfly House & Wildlife Conservation Park
Friday 12 th	Year 1 trip to Robin Hoods Wheelgate Park
Thursday 18 th	Flying High Partnership Awards Evening
Friday 19 th	Parent picnic
Friday 19 th	Summer discos
Friday 19 th	Year 6 treat night
Friday 26 th	Last day of summer 2 term & non uniform day
2024-25	
September	
Monday 2 nd	INSET day
Tuesday 3 rd	INSET day
Wednesday 4 th	First day of Autumn term

Mr Whittle

Headteacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher