



# Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 7th 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 32 weeks is 95.46% 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 - 96%

Pine - 93%

Rowan - 96%

Willow - 96%

Well done to **Birch, Elm, Hawthorn, Maple, Juniper, 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 - Evie

Birch - Jack

Elder - Zara

Elm - Hugo

Hawthorn - Mia

Hazel - Olly

Oak - Joey R

Maple - Noah

Juniper - Alfie

Pine - Joshua

Rowan - Xanthe



## Staffing News

We sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Pepper today, who is leaving Mapplewells to spend more time with her family. Miss Pepper has worked closely with a number of children during her time here as well as

within numerous classes and has had a wonderful impact on all of them. Miss Ward will be taking over Miss Pepper's position for the remainder of the Summer term.

In addition, we will be saying good bye to our PE and sports lead, Mr Murray, who has decided to explore new opportunities and has taken up a position working with adults within the NHS. Mr Murray's last day will be Friday 14th June and I am sure that you will join us thanking Mr Murray for all he has done to continue to grow and support PE and sport at Mapplewells over the past two years. We are extremely grateful for all Mr Murray has done for the children of Mapplewells.

PE provision and after-school clubs will continue as normal for the remainder of the summer term.

We wish both Miss Pepper and Mr Murray the very best in their new adventures.

## 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.

## Nursery places available for September 2024

Applications are open for a place in our Nursery from September 2023. We offer 15 hours or 30 hours places.

F1 is open 5 days a week. 15 hours sessions are either morning or afternoon. The morning session is from 8.35am to 11.35am, and the afternoon session is from 12.35pm to 3.35pm. We also now offer 30 hours funded childcare. These sessions are 8.35am-3.35pm which are broken down into two 3 hour sessions with an hour lunch in between.

If you would like a place for your child then please contact the school office for an application form or visit our website. Further information about admissions to Nursery and Reception can be found on the school website <https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/admissions/>

Please note, a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception



## Online Safety



# Internet Safety



<http://www.netsmartzkids.org>

### **What Parents and Carers need to Know About Palworld**

Releasing in January 2024, Palworld took the gaming scene by storm, selling over five million copies in just three days. A new take on the survival genre – blending mechanics similar to games like Minecraft with the ability to catch and fight alongside creatures reminiscent of Pokémon – it saw plenty of coverage from games journalists and influencers alike.

However, despite its lower age rating and popularity with young gamers, Palworld has been criticised for its reliance on shock humour – touching on topics including animal abuse and sweatshop labour – and as a game featuring online multiplayer, one can expect certain safety concerns to arise. Our Wake Up Wednesday guide dives into the risks of Palworld, offering expert tips on how to safeguard children who simply want to enjoy the game.

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**  
 In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

**MATURE CONTENT** (18)  
 While Palworld may look cute and colorful, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, it features a level called 'Dark Forest' where the game depicts a child being eaten and the player must witness the creature's death. The game also features a level called 'The Factory' where players can see a character being killed by a machine.

**VIOLENCE** (12)  
 Palworld has been referred to as 'Pokemon gone wild' and 'Angry Birds' on wheels. The game features a level called 'The Factory' where players can see a character being killed by a machine. The game also features a level called 'The Factory' where players can see a character being killed by a machine.

**ONLINE PLAY**  
 Palworld can be played with other players online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their network. On PC, however, you can play with anyone in the same game, meaning you can be quite easily compromised by call-up threats or other players. It's important to be aware of the risks of online play and to use a secure network.

**DIFFICULTY**  
 Despite its cartoonish aesthetic, Palworld can be a very difficult game to play, especially for younger players. The game features a level called 'The Factory' where players can see a character being killed by a machine. The game also features a level called 'The Factory' where players can see a character being killed by a machine.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

**WATCH GAMEPLAY**  
 Watching a game play can help you see if Palworld is a good fit for your child. It can also help you see if your child is enjoying the game. There are plenty of videos of people playing the game on YouTube and Twitch. You can also watch the game on the official Palworld website.

**LEND A HAND**  
 If learning the basics of the game is difficult for your child, you can help by watching the game with them. You can also watch the game on the official Palworld website. You can also watch the game on the official Palworld website.

**SET CONTENT LIMITS**  
 It's important to set content limits for your child. You can do this by using parental controls on your console or PC. You can also use the game's own parental controls. You can also use the game's own parental controls.

**PLAY TOGETHER**  
 If you're playing Palworld with your child, you should be aware of the risks of online play. You should be aware of the risks of online play. You should be aware of the risks of online play.

**PLACE BOUNDARIES**  
 It's important to set boundaries for your child's online play. You should be aware of the risks of online play. You should be aware of the risks of online play. You should be aware of the risks of online play.

**Meet Our Expert**  
 Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site Dot Esports, Lloyd Coombes has written the game's introduction for this guide. He's played every version of the game since it first launched in 2018. He's also written about the importance of online safety, writing about child abuse and threats. His articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

**Wake Up Wednesday**  
 The National College

**Follow us on social media:**  
 @wake\_up\_weds, /www.thenationalcollege, @wake.up.wednesday, @wake.up.weds

© 2024 The National College. All rights reserved. This guide is for informational purposes only. The National College is not responsible for any damage or loss resulting from the use of this guide.

## Car parking

In response to concerns from local residents, please can I ask parents and carers to be considerate when parking if you are driving to school, please do not to block driveways or pavements when parking.

We ask that parents do not park on Mapplewells Crescent or Henning Lane as we need to ensure that access to school is clear and that children are able to walk safely to and from school.

We highly recommend that where possible children and parents walk to school. This is to ensure the safety of all our fellow Mapplewellians.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and co-operation in this matter.



## 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.uk](mailto:roadsafety@viaem.co.uk)<sup>1</sup>.

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/>

---

<sup>1</sup><mailto:roadsafety@viaem.co.uk>

via in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council



# School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

**WE NEED YOU**

For more information on pay, hours, and other benefits please contact the Road Safety team at [roadsafety@viaem.co.uk](mailto:roadsafety@viaem.co.uk) or 0115 977 4373

## Sunflowers in F1

We planted sunflowers in F1 and have been patiently waiting for them to grow! Our gardening links to our work on lifecycles and how we can find beauty and art in nature.





## Key Dates

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

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos & year 6 leavers photos
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 residential
July	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sports day – EYFS & KS1 am and KS2 pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Summer fair
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	F1 trip to Tropical Butterfly House & Wildlife Conservation Park
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Robin Hoods Wheelgate Park
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Flying High Partnership Awards Evening
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent picnic
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Summer discos
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 treat night
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of summer 2 term & non uniform day
2024-25	
September	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Autumn term

Mr Whittle

Headteacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher