



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 26th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been. At the end of last week, Year 4 returned from their residential looking tired but full of amazing stories from their time away. The children (and staff) had an amazing time and jumped into the activities with great enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In addition, this week the children have begun their new enquiries for the summer term. The driver subject this term is art.

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.



The Importance of School Attendance

Our current school attendance after 28 weeks is **95%** but we want to aim for over 97%. With your continuing support we believe that this remains achievable for this academic year, and we will continue to provide your children with enriching educational opportunities every day.

Additionally, some children are missing out on part of their education by arriving late to school. The gates are open from 8:30am. Please make sure your child arrives before 8:50am when the gates close. We are monitoring punctuality very closely and may contact you if we have a concern

Our current attendance by class is:

Birch - 96%

Elder - 94%

Elm - 97%

Hazel - 94%

Hawthorn - 95%

Oak - 95%

Maple - 96%

Juniper - 96%

Pine - 94%

Rowan - 96%

Willow - 96%

Well done to Elm class 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 - Jack

Birch - Harry

Elder - Elijah

Elm - Jasmine

Hawthorn - Ted

Hazel - Toby

Oak - Max

Maple - Teddy

Juniper - Sofia

Pine - Hollie

Rowan - Elsie



Year 6 SATs

The children in Year 6 have been working hard to prepare for their SATs which take place from Monday 13th May. As part of their preparations, they will have breakfast, provided by school (free of charge), each morning before their tests take place. Year 6 children will need to arrive at school for 8:10am to take part in the breakfast. Please remember them in your thoughts over the coming weeks

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 Shopping Platforms

Long gone are the days where eBay and Amazon were the only means of buying quality items online. The rise of user-friendly, accessible shopping apps has meant that getting clothes, gadgets and other goodies delivered direct to your door can be accomplished with a few touches of your phone's screen while you're on the go.

These apps aren't without their issues, however, and users still run the risk of scams, data breaches and other online safety concerns. Being aware of these dangers will go a long way to keeping your money and information safe, so you can still enjoy what these shopping apps have to offer. Our guide has some top tips to help protect young people on these purchasing platforms.

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and Digital Citizenship. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit thenationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Wish and Dropi, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Wish, Dropi and Temu have reported not receiving their product despite payments being taken. Users must therefore contact the seller to clarify if missing items, and they have sometimes to wait a long time (sometimes over 10 days) to see the seller's email. This happened, however, since the money has reached the supposed vendor, it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling payment or asking once the payment has been processed or asking to complete the order and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the app's protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to let you use an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Some, certain apps have been ordered to stop using app users to track their movements, however, not all of them, the user's consent to this practice has been taken away in the same and occasions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's primarily not unusual of low-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or false reviews. These items are often sold at low prices, but this is not always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of being a 'big sale' can lead to them not being able to afford the usual price will outweigh any savings they may gain.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for cost of things (such) that can be a long time to be without the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's price and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading practices, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's best to advertise one thing and sell another, it's equally important to use clear wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them. To ensure that you covered by buyer protection, this means users can't receive support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – unless they've used the app in question. If you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers. To ensure they're legitimate and credible. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as requesting for items of the seller. Report any suspicious messages to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase on items, for example, then proceed to claim to ensure they're legitimate and credible. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberworks, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government concerning internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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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.



Eco Team

Children from each key stage will be working together with Miss Joy to look after our environment and to innovate ways to keep Mapplewells as eco friendly as possible. Every Friday, the Eco Team will look around the classrooms to decide which class is being the most eco friendly and looking after their environment the best! The winning classes will receive a certificate in SUCCESS Assembly to display in their classrooms.

Eco Team winners this week are all of Elder & Maple classes.

New member this week is Arthur - welcome to the team!



Scholastic Book Fair

Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing. To encourage this we'll be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in the hall from from 29th April to the 13th May from 3:20pm - 3:45pm. You'll be able to browse over 200 books that children really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices and for all ages.

Card payments only using the QR code at the fair. Books will be 3 for 2 with the cheapest free.



Key Dates

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

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
May	
Thursday 9 th	Year 3 residential
Monday 13 th	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 20 th	Year 5 residential
Thursday 23 rd	last day of Summer 1 term
Friday 24 th	INSET day
June	
Monday 3 rd	First day of Summer 2 term
Monday 3 rd	Year 6 residential
Monday 10 th	Class photos & Year 6 leavers photos
Thursday 27 th	Year 2 residential
July	
Monday 1 st	Sports day – EYFS & KS1 am and KS2 pm
Thursday 18 th	Flying High Partnership Awards Evening
Friday 19 th	Parent picnic
Friday 26 th	Last day of summer 2 term & non uniform day

Thank you for your continued support - SUCCESS is in our hands.

Mr Whittle

Headteacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher