



# Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter is just around the corner, the weather is starting to get a bit nicer and daffodils are starting to bloom. We are well into the spring term, with not long left before our Easter breaks; however, it doesn't stop at Mapplewells with lots taking place this week and lots to come in the upcoming weeks.

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 24 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 - 94%

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.

## Staffing Changes

We are very sad to be announcing that Mr Binnion will be leaving Mapplewells at the end of the Spring term. Mr Binion has enjoyed two wonderful terms at Mapplewells and has made a great impact. However, due to a change in family circumstances, he has made the very difficult decision to pursue a different career path.

In more positive news, Mrs Binch will be leaving us to have a baby! She will begin her maternity leave mid-April. Enjoy your maternity leave and make the most of these precious moments with your baby. Sending Mrs Binch and her family all the best as they expect the new arrival to their family.

We are currently in the process of recruiting for both positions and will be able to update you shortly.

## SUCCESS is in our hands

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 - Hudson

Birch - Jacob

Elder - Jake

Hawthorn - Stanley

Hazel - Joel

Oak - Amelia

Maple - Rowan

Juniper -Rowan

Pine - Alex

Rowan - Andrew

Willow - Dylan



## EYFS Opening Evening

IT was great to see so many children and families attend our EYFS open evening on Tuesday. Both F1 and F2 have had makeovers during the Spring term and the environments look amazing. The children have been extremely excited to use the provision in place for them and were even more eager on Tuesday to show their parents and carers.

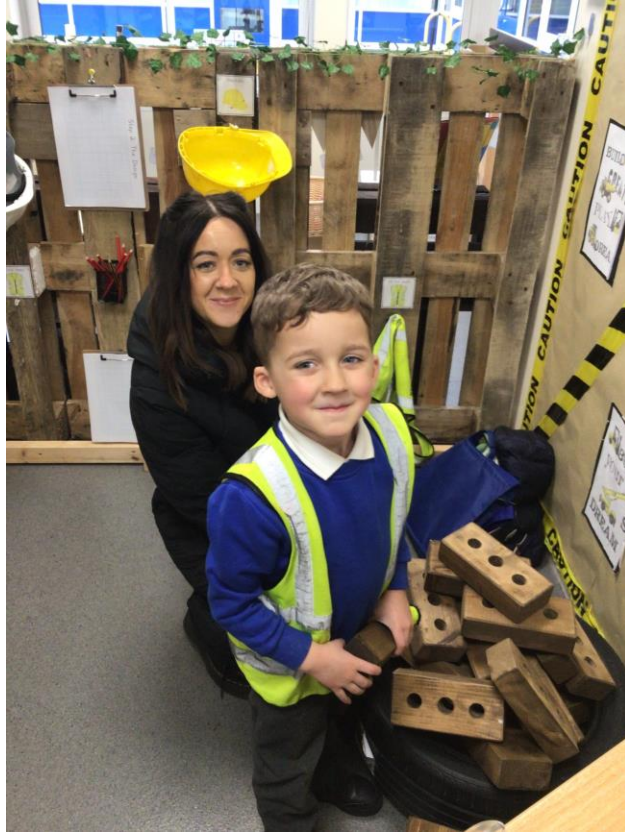
The changes and makeover in EYFS would not have been possible without the generous donations of our Mapplewellian family, who have gone above and beyond donating pallets and cable reels. Also, the **Friends of Mapplewells** have bought a range of furniture that have further added to the environment. Finally, non of this would have been possible without the hard work of the staff to bring all of this together. Thank you to everyone.

However, we haven't finished and during the opening, thanks to generous donations and a raffle, we have raised a further £85.00 which go towards making further improvements to the learning space.













# Internet Safety



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## **What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Data Backup and Storage**

Most of us have experienced it at some point: the distressing discovery that we can't open one of our most important or treasured files – usually because of corrupted data, infection by malware or accidental deletion. A useful solution for keeping valued content safe is backing up files to another location, such as an external hard drive or a cloud-based account.

Keeping 'spare' copies of our essential information or precious pictures and videos is good digital practice, but it's not totally without risk. From inadvertently copying sensitive or infected files to cloud accounts being targeted by cyber-criminals, there are plenty of considerations to bear in mind. Check out our #WakeUpWednesday guide to data backups and storage.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guidance, tips and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DATA BACKUPS AND STORAGE

Making backup copies of files and other content is very useful for avoiding issues (such as hardware failure, software problems or accidental deletion) that could cause the loss of important information or treasured images and videos. While backing up files is considered good practice, it's also essential for adults and children alike to stay aware of the risks which can potentially result from saving these extra copies of your data - particularly if your original backup version uses cloud storage services.

## BACKUP BASICS

Consider how valuable different types of files are and what the impact would be if they were lost. Family photos and videos might be irreplaceable, for example, whereas emails or messages tend to be less important. This thought process can help you decide what to back up.

For your most irreplaceable files, follow the '3-2-1 rule': keep 3 backups of your data (your original plus two copies) using 2 different media (such as a USB stick, cloud storage or a hard disk drive), with 1 copy held in a physically separate location. This reduces the chance of an issue affecting more than one of these backups.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### DISAGREEABLE DUPLICATES

Because we tend to back files into cloud storage for our safety, for convenience and to get redundancy swept up in the saving process - creating a duplicate that we expect to be identical. It's not always clear what we recover our data from the backup, so we may end up with two versions of the same file on our computer, phone or tablet.

### HIDDEN IN THE CLOUD

It's not uncommon for children and young people to make use of cloud backup services to effectively 'hide' content that they know their parents or carers won't see. It can be as simple as something like a photograph, for example. They can then delete the content from their device, and in the knowledge that they can easily retrieve it from the cloud at a later convenient moment.

### THE WEAKEST LINK

If any of our backups are insecure, then - in the event of a breach - the content of our copy might be accessed, either by cyber criminals or other malicious individuals. Cyber criminals are aware that, by default, backups tend to contain important or valuable files that people want to keep safe - which makes them a popular (and profitable) target for cyber-attacks.

### RANDOM RECOVERIES

When restoring data from one of our backups, we may find that some data is recovered which we never backed up. This doesn't necessarily mean that a backup has been tampered with, but it could potentially cause a problem if the files were there (either by mistake) suddenly become available to our devices, where others might see them.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE ORGANISED

Try to keep on top of what backups you and your children have in place - including where your files are saved (on the cloud or on an external storage device, for instance) and how they can be accessed. It can also be helpful to stay aware of what data isn't being backed up, which could save you the time and the stress of looking for something in your backup that was never actually there.

### KEEP THINGS TIDY

Where possible, curate your backups by learning how to edit or remove content selectively. The former will save you from having to carry out a complete backup on every occasion (which can be time-consuming), while being able to prune individual files can be extremely useful if a small number of unwanted - or possibly sensitive - items have been copied over and saved accidentally.

### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Find out how to recover files and information from backups until you're fully confident with the process. You could help your child practice with their own (or use a test) files, so they're able to restore items to their device if they need to. It's intensely frustrating knowing that your (or your child's) important files or cherished photo albums are there somewhere, but you can't get to them.

### SCRUTINISE YOUR SECURITY

It sounds like obvious advice, but it's absolutely vital to ensure that your backups are secure. This includes appropriate technical measures - like encryption, strong passwords and multi-factor authentication - and, where possible, physical security to prevent the media being stolen. If you're backing up to a hard drive or an external storage device, you should ideally use password protection.

### Meet Our Expert

Only members of the Director of a top leading school in the UK, have provided insight into their experiences in relation to the topic. With a passion for digital education and online safety, he believes it's essential for adults and children alike to have more control of their data and to be aware of the risks of not having backups.

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## Cyber Bullying

Attached is a guide to Cyber Bullying. This is part of a national campaign from the safeguarding association.

### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

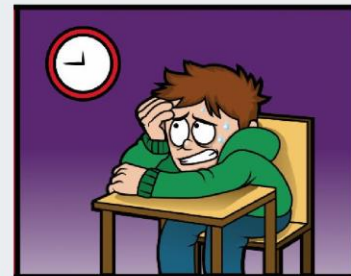
They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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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.



## Easter celebrations

### **Decorated Eggs**

Our annual Easter Egg competition will take place on the Thursday 28th March. Each child will therefore need to bring a HARD-BOILED egg to school on that day please. The children are also welcome to bring in any resources which they would like to use to decorate their egg or they can decorate their egg at home.

### **Easter Bonnets**

Our annual Easter bonnet parade will also be held on Thursday 28th March during the Easter Assembly. As in previous years this is an opportunity for you and your child/ren to spend some creative time designing and making a bonnet at home. The children can then bring their bonnets to school.

Please see your child's class teacher if you have any further questions regarding the Easter celebrations.



## Copper Challenge

Friends of Mapplewells have arranged a Copper Challenge for March. Each class will be allocated a jar and during March the children are being asked to bring in as many copper coins as possible to fill it (English currency only please!). The class who raises the most money by the end of the month will be rewarded with a prize.

The jars will be available daily in the classrooms for children to make their deposits from Friday 1st March up until Thursday 28th March.

We would be very grateful if you could please support our school by saving your loose change for your child's/children's class to collect – thank you!





## Flying High Partnership Awards Evening

We are proud to announce that we will be hosting our annual Flying High Partnership Awards Evening on Thursday 18th July, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Our awards evening will be held at the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham.

During the evening there will be music, speeches and most importantly recognition and celebration of children, staff, families, governors, and community members across all 33 schools. To identify the winners to be invited to receive their award, we need your help.

Please can you use the link below to submit any nominations you wish to put forward – you can put forward as many nominations as you wish

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4MQ8K0TtE06j7kRzuVcCGkYpzlhZHZKlcr4-Vg9ieFUOExCMTVXMUtVNFdYQTNVSDNNTko5OFRKNy4u>

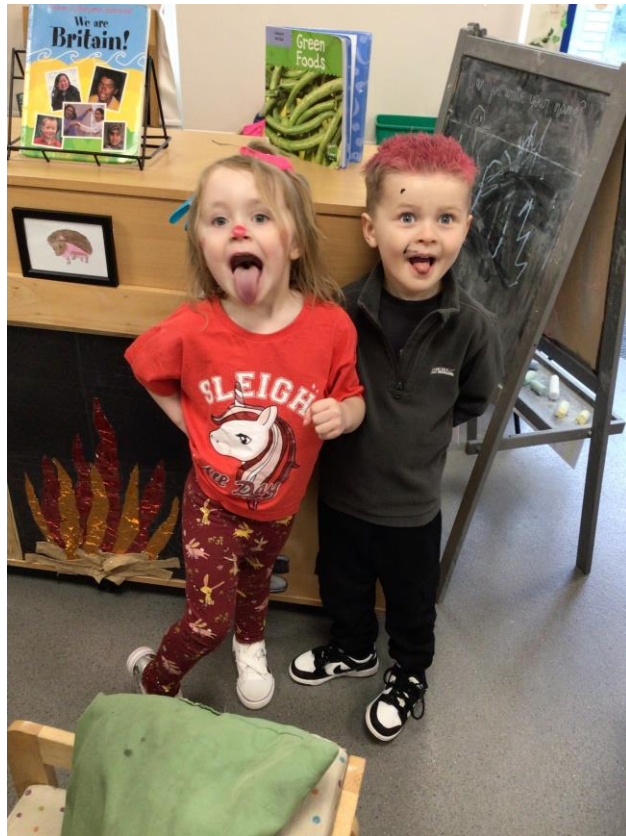
Please see the dojo post for further details



## Red Nose Day 2024

It has been wonderful to see the children do something funny to raise money today! We've heard lots of jokes and seen some creative crazy outfits and hair too! It's not too late to make a donation via our Just Giving page -<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-mapplewells-primary-and-nursery-school>! At the time of writing we have raised £261! Thank you to everyone who has donated.







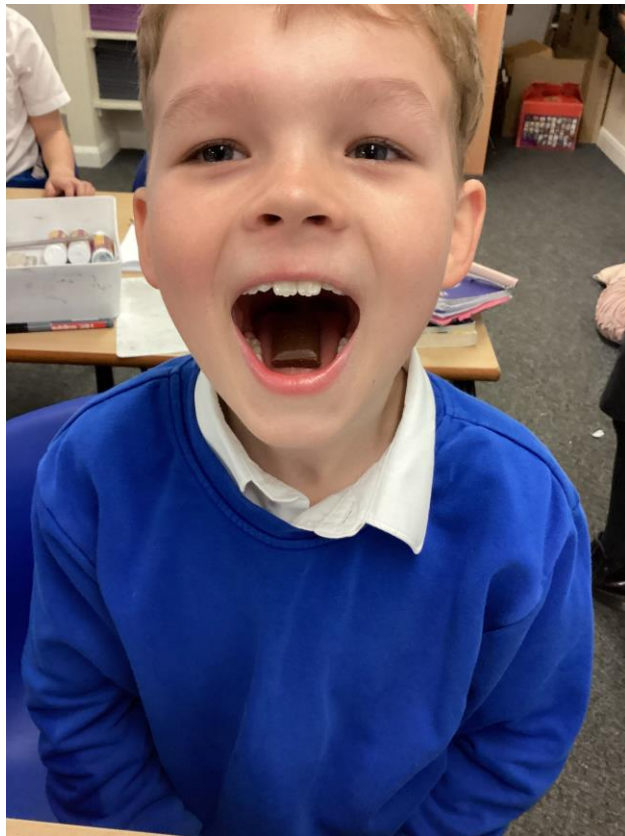
## School photos - date change

Jane Stapleton Photography will be in school on Thursday 25th April to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children, not at the end of March as previously communicated.

## British Science Week

This week was British Science Week. The theme this year is 'time' and to celebrate the 30th anniversary of British Science week at Mapplewells, all year group have taken part in a practical investigation based on the theme.

In Year 4, the children were investigating the time it takes for chocolate to turn into a liquid. The children were observing if chocolate is a reversible change. They discovered that chocolate can be turned back into its original state.



## Key Dates

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

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
<b>2023-24</b>	
<b>March</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Spring 2024 Parents' Evenings – in school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spring 2024 Parents' Evenings – online
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spring 2024 Parents' Evenings – in school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter celebrations & non uniform day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of spring 2 term
<b>April</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Summer term
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 residential
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	school photos
<b>May</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 residential
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 residential
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	last day of Summer 1 term
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
<b>June</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Summer 2 term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 residential
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 residential
<b>July</b>	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Flying High Partnership Awards Evening
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of summer 2 term

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

Mr Whittle

Headteacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher