



# Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at Mapplewells comes to an end and what an exciting week it has been. Along with welcoming a range of visitors from the Flying High Partnership and the Behaviour Hub programme, the highlight of the week was most definitely World Book Day. The children and some of the staff (Mr Hill for certain) looked amazing in their book character costumes and pyjamas, and really celebrated reading throughout the day.

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 23 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 - 95%

Elm - 97%

Hazel - 94%

Hawthorn - 95%

Oak - 94%

Maple - 96%

Juniper - 95%

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.

## 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 -

Birch - Isaac

Elder - Oliver

Elm - Harper

Hawthorn - Eden

Hazel - Daisy

Oak - Olive

Maple - Poppy

Juniper - Elissa

Pine - Kieran

Rowan - Darcey

Willow - Julia



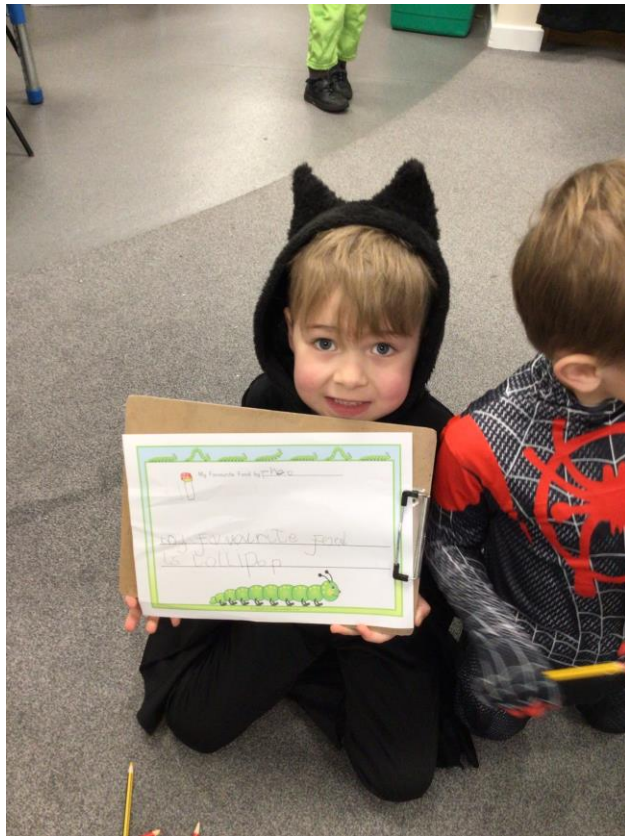
**Stars of the week**

World Book Day

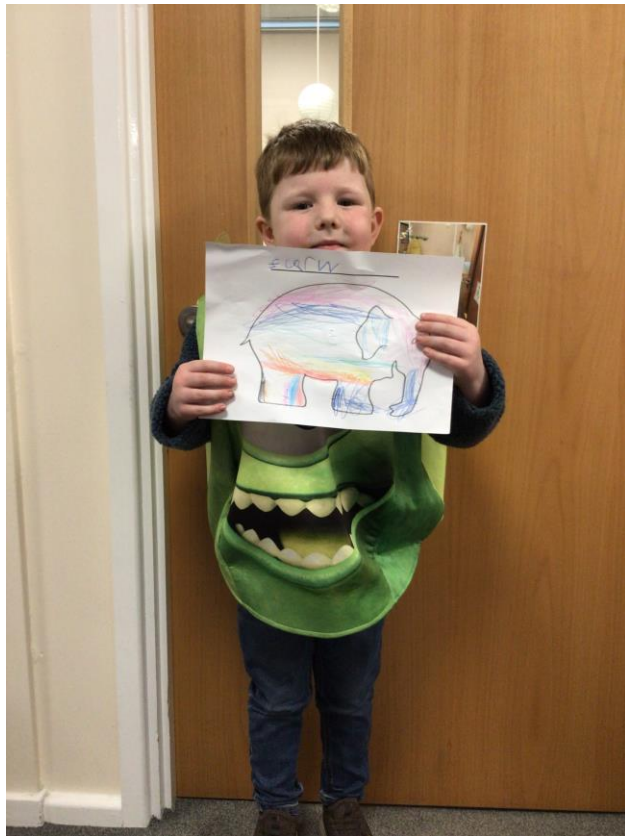
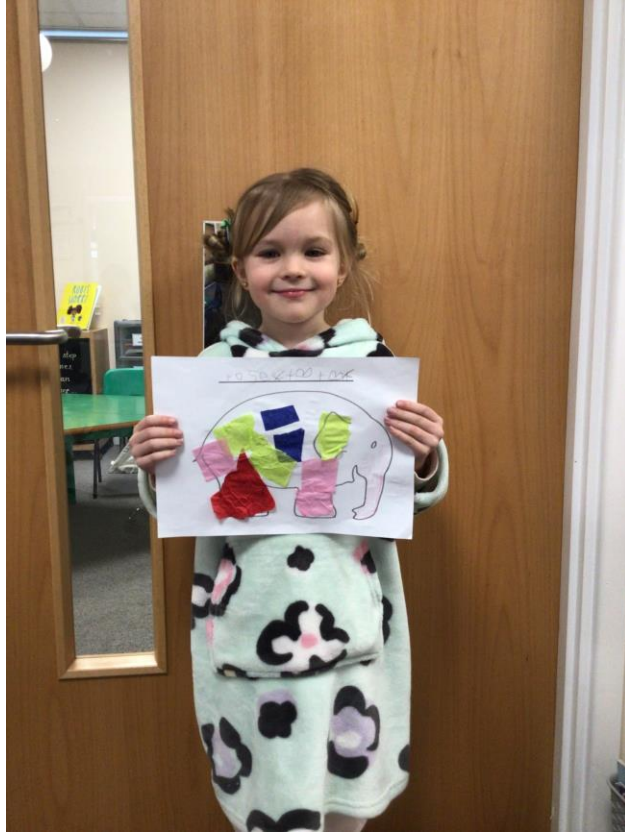
WORLD  
**BOOK**  
DAY

Wow, what an amazing day the children had on Thursday for World Book Day. Thank you to everyone for the brilliant effort with outfits and all the wonderful books that children bought in to share. The theme this year was 'READ YOUR WAY!' so children spend the day writing their own stories, creating reading spaces and developing their understanding on books they enjoy reading. In the morning, we joined 308 other schools for a virtual author visit with Ian Eagleton and got to learn all about his journey to becoming an author. All children got to visit the Mapplewells Book Shop too where they got to choose a new book to take home. It was a fantastic celebration of reading which all the children enjoyed.





















# Internet Safety



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## **What Parents and Carers Need to Know about You Tube**

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they need it. This guide focuses on one of many apps that an active trusted adult should be aware of, those with [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, tips and top 10 calls.

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### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as age-restricted (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18). But children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content engages children to other content. Hashtags and sharing from Instagram, videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone on the web.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they come across. It's also possible they could be contacted directly, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and dares that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these fun and easy to do, but might not realise that many others who are copying. The potential for low-level challenges, which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to a never-ending 'rabbit hole' of video, especially if auto-play is activated. Users watching on TV are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Regular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer at the bottom of comments, attempting to lure users into clicking on suspicious links. Scammers often promise to help users by changing their names and profile images and sometimes offer cash prizes for 'quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these scammers are who they claim to be.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, or sexual abuse) to anyone viewing a video. To prevent your child from changing access to Restricted Mode, you need to turn on Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

#### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended clips. In particular, a new tool called Family Link for YouTube helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

#### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos to 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they can be shared exclusively with family and friends, or not shared at all. Comments on private and unlisted videos can be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only occasionally using YouTube, it's best to make sure they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

#### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Untrusted content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. It's an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to have a conversation about it. It also opens up a particular creator or channel. It also opens up a particular creator or channel. It also opens up a particular creator or channel. It also opens up a particular creator or channel.

#### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people. Many of them children. Young children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube, and if on YouTube, what content is recommended to them based on the types of videos they are interested in.

#### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch for a while. If you're not comfortable with your child exploring content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Most parents have a card on file to their card details, so it's best to limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Most parents have a card on file to their card details, so it's best to limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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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=4MQ8K0TtE06j7kRzuVcCGkYpzlhZHkIcr4-Vg9ieFUOExCMTVXMUtVNFdYQTNVSDNNTko5OFRKNy4u>

Please see the dojo post for further details



EYFS Open

**For parents of F1 and F2 only** - Please come to our stay and play afternoon on 12th March!



## Red Nose Day 2024

Do something silly. Do something daft. Raise a smile, a laugh and a whole load of cash for people who really need it. This Friday 15 March we are Doing Something Funny for Money.

It's non-uniform day and we are asking the children to tell us a joke! They could bring a joke in, wear it by decorating an old T-shirt with jokes or funny pictures, they could dress up or create wacky hair. The sky's the limit but let's see if we can get everyone laughing!

Donations can be made via our Just Giving page - [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-mapplewells-primary-and-nursery-school?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=rnd24-mapplewells-primary-and-nursery-school&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=22120b2f44f943b59de5d5a5084cc2b9](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-mapplewells-primary-and-nursery-school?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rnd24-mapplewells-primary-and-nursery-school&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=22120b2f44f943b59de5d5a5084cc2b9)



## 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.

## Key Dates

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

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
March	
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
April	
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
May	
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
June	
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
July	
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