



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful this week to see the children in full flow in their learning once again. The children have been presenting their wonderful work and presentation in their books and it has been brilliant to hear them talk with such enthusiasm about 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.



The Importance of School Attendance

Our current school attendance after 17 weeks is 95% which is now above our floor target, well done! We want to work together to continue to improve this figure over the coming weeks. 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 - Evie

Birch - Bertie

Elder - Maeva

Elm - Jasmine

Hawthorn - Brody

Hazel - Harold

Oak - Adam

Maple - Lexi-May

Juniper - Thea

Pine - Daisy

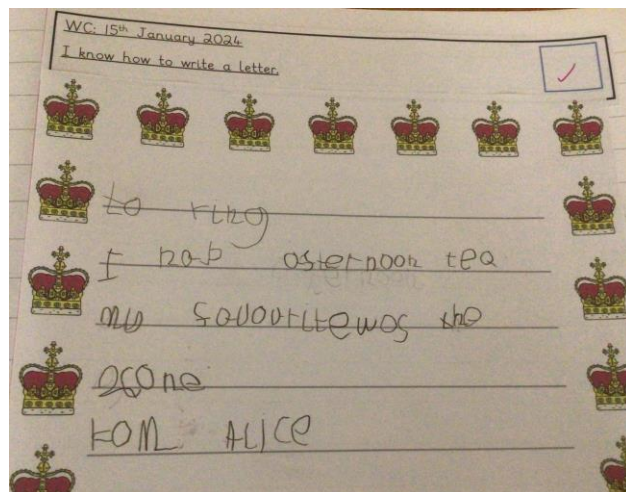
Rowan - Jack

Willow - Shania












EYFS Afternoon Tea



Last week F2 received a letter from the King as he had heard we were learning about our country and were going to be learning more about London. He told us that the Queen used to love having afternoon tea and he thought it would be a good idea for us to have our very own afternoon tea in the hall. We wrote a letter to Mr Whittle to see if we were allowed and luckily Mr Whittle said YES! Hooray! Therefore, on Monday we all had afternoon tea in the hall, we had sandwiches, crisps and scones, it was delicious! This week we have been busy writing a letter to King Charles to tell him all about it.







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 I know how to write a letter. ✓














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 From Lasse. 








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









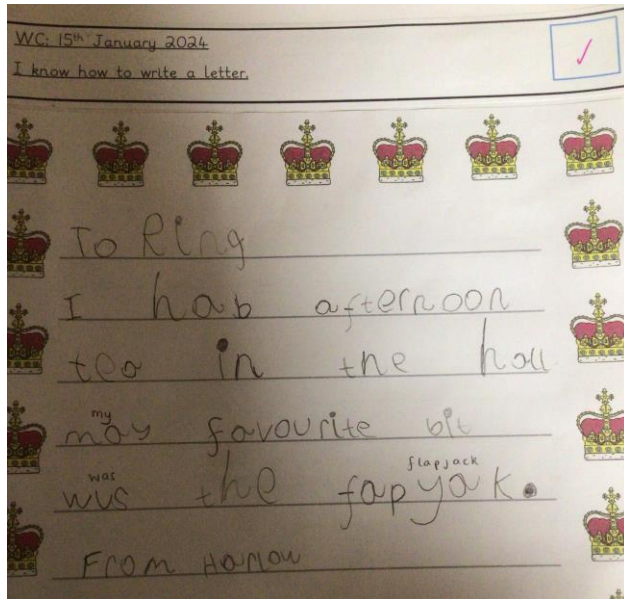

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Sports News

The cross country season began with Mapplewells cross country team entering their first event at the Ashfield District Qualifiers last week. We're absolutely delighted to share that the team enjoyed a truly brilliant set of results.

In a tough contest involving 13 schools from across the district, our amazing team bagged two medals, for a first place finish from Arlo and a third place finish for Maddie, and an excellent 5 top ten finishes that each qualify for the District finals next month.

A huge well done and congratulations to the whole team for such a fantastic set of results and wishing you all good luck in the District finals in February.



After School Sports Clubs

Our clubs this term are as follows:-

Monday F2 & KS2 sports

Tuesday Year 3/4 Football

Wednesday Year 3/4 Cross country

Thursday Year 5/6 Basketball

Friday Year 5/6 Football



Hot snacks

The following hot snacks are available to purchase at morning break time:

Toast (with or without jam) 25p

Pizza muffin 40p

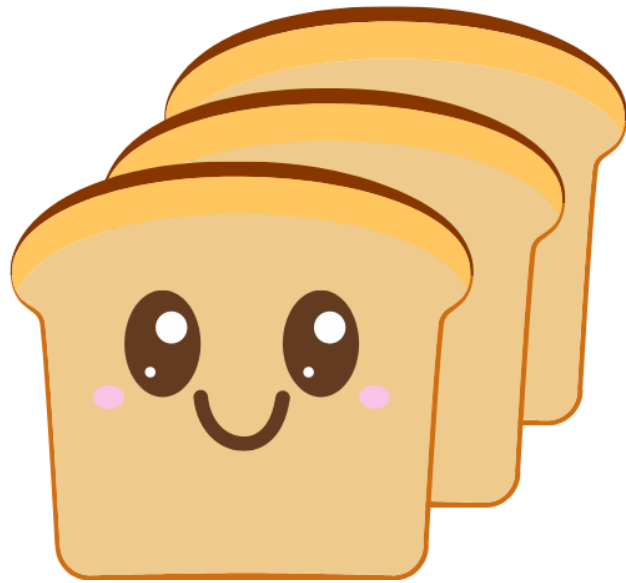
Half a toasted teacake 25p

Crumpet 35p

Also available: Juice carton 45p

Purchasing of a snack is completely optional and children are only permitted to purchase 1 food item and a drink each day so that they are not too full at lunchtime.

Please ensure that money is placed in a purse/wallet clearly labelled with your child's name.



Online Safety



Internet Safety



<http://www.netsmartzkids.org>

What children need to know about Free Speech Vs Hate Speech

Freedom of expression is enshrined in international law. Some individuals, however, misunderstand the right to share their opinions as a license to target others with the most horrendous prejudice. So how do we balance people's prerogative to have their voice heard against everyone's right to live in a respectful, inclusive society?

This conflict frequently unfolds in the digital world. Online posters can be falsely accused of hate speech, while actual hate is often defended as merely being 'free speech'. To help children and young people learn to identify the boundaries and recognise genuine hate speech when they see it, our #WakeUpWednesday guide provides some helpful definitions and guidelines.

What Children & Young People Need to Know about FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly, being respectful and inclusive to others, whether online or offline. Communication attacking or discriminating against groups or individuals (because of protected characteristics like race or religion) is hate speech, not free speech.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely - even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's ideas were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin's theory today. Freely exchanging ideas promotes progress.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy - while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights - such as women being allowed to vote or decent working conditions - couldn't have been achieved without it.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for - or singing - the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal.

Hate speech refers to any communication - like talking, texting or posting online - which displays prejudice against someone's identity. Derogatory, demeaning and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of who they are - including but not limited to aspects such as race, sexuality, religion or a disability - and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on those same attributes, referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying one's glorifying those actions.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way.

Making up or repeating insults about a person or group because something about their identity is different to the person who's posting.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are.

Meet Our Expert
The National Online Safety (NOS) team is a community of experts who work together to help children, young people and their families stay safe online. We have a range of resources and guides to help you understand the risks and how to stay safe online. Visit www.nationalonlinesafety.org for more information.

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The National College

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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F2 Trip to Sutton

This term our enquiry question is 'What makes Britain great?'. To kickstart our enquiry, we walked to Sutton to see what important places we could find. We saw St. John's Church, the Sundial, The Old Town Hall and we ended our route with a visit to the Library. It was lovely to see Kerry there again and have a story together.







Recruitment Event

If you would like to learn more about the Flying High Partnership, why not attend our Virtual Recruitment Event on Thursday 1st February 2024 (6 pm – 7:30 pm). Visit [Flying High Partnership Recruitment Event 2024 \(canva.site\)¹](https://flyinghighpartnership.my.canva.site/recruitmentevent24#workshops) to find out more! Whether you're dreaming of a fulfilling career in teaching or exploring the possibilities in support services, Flying High has curated sessions to align with your unique goals and aspirations. Get ready to embark on an exciting journey tailored just for you!

¹<https://flyinghighpartnership.my.canva.site/recruitmentevent24#workshops>



RECRUITMENT 2024 EVENT

LEARN MORE

Thursday 1st February 2024 | 6pm - 7.30pm

#weareflyinghigh | #jobswithpurpose

Chinese New Year menu

Chinese New Year 2024 is the Year of the Dragon according to the Chinese zodiac. To celebrate the festivities this year we will be having a special menu on Friday 9th February. Please log in to Scopay to let us know what your child would like for their lunch on the last day of term. Full details of how to book have been sent via email.

We require ALL meals to be pre-ordered for this day. No orders can be taken after the cut-off date so it is important that you select a meal on ScoPay and make payment by **3.30pm on Thursday 25th January**.



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.



Free Safer Internet Day Webinar for Parents

The East Midlands Cyber Protect Network are holding a free webinar on February 6th 2024 at 7pm for Safer Internet Day. The webinar is aimed at parents and its purpose is to educate parents around keeping their children safe online. They have 1000 spaces and if demand is higher may offer another date.

You can sign up through their website below:

Webinars | EM Cyber Secure ([eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk](https://www.eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk))²

Or the below direct link:

Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams³

²<https://www.eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk/webinars>

³<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/04ed8c6c-828a-470a-ac87-0511fdf217aa@15f7eba6-616e-465b-a3ad-912e8a6bbc5a>



Valentine Disco

Our Valentines discos this year will be held on **Thursday 8th February**. There will be a charge of **£2.50** for the discos, the children will be provided with sweets, a large cookie and a drink of squash which will be served during the discos (please note the cookies may contain traces of nuts. If this causes any concern please let us know).

On this day children can come to school wearing red and pink clothes or non- uniform. Whatever makes them happy!

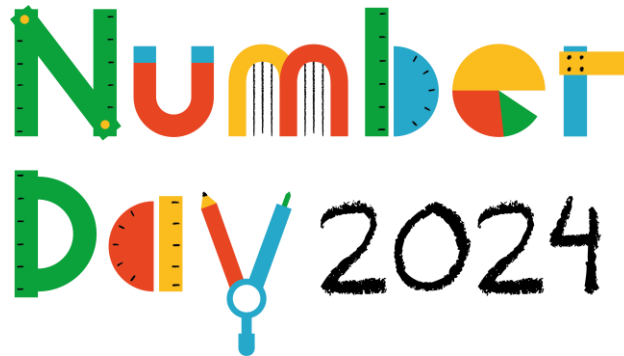
Please ensure you arrange for your child to be collected after their disco. Children are not permitted to walk home alone.

If you are able to support us in decorating our school hall ready for the disco please do let us know, Friends of Mapplewells will be decorating from 9:00am on this day.



NSPCC number day

We are taking part in activities, games and Dress up for Digits while raising money to support NSPCC services such as Speak out Stay safe and Childline on Friday 2 February 2024. Look out for more details on Class Dojo next week.



Spring 2024 Parents' Evenings

We have sent you an email regarding Parents' Evening. Please ensure you have received this email. If not, do call the Office to check your details.

We will be using an online booking system on our school website so you can choose the slot that suits you best. The booking slots will be released at 6pm on Monday 4th March. You will receive an email from Primary Site, our web host, inviting you to book your slot. Please ensure you book by Monday 17th March at the latest.

We are offering meetings as follows:

- Tuesday 19th March - meetings in person
- Wednesday 20th March - Online meetings via Microsoft Teams
- Thursday 21st March - meetings in person

On each day the time slots will be from 3.30pm to 5.20pm.



Parents' Evenings

Key dates

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

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
February	
Friday 2 nd	NSPCC number day
Thursday 8 th	Valentine discos
Friday 9 th	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 19 th	First day of Spring 2 term
Monday 26 th	INSET day
March	
Tuesday 19 th	Spring 2024 Parents' Evenings – in school
Wednesday 20 th	Spring 2024 Parents' Evenings – online
Thursday 21 st	Spring 2024 Parents' Evenings – in school
Thursday 28 th	school photos
Thursday 28 th	Last day of spring 2 term
April	
Monday 15 th	First day of Summer term
Thursday 18 th	Year 4 residential
May	
Thursday 9 th	Year 3 residential
Monday 20 th	Year 5 residential
Friday 24 th	INSET day and last day of Summer 1 term
June	
Monday 3 rd	First day of Summer 2 term
Monday 3 rd	Year 6 residential
July	
Friday 26 th	Last day of summer 2 term

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

Mr Whittle

Headteacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher