



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful break over the festive period. It has been great to see the children back in school with such great enthusiasm and eagerness to continue their learning and see their friends and teachers.

Around school, staff have been working hard to prepare the learning environment so that everything is ready for their new enquiry and this term's learning.

Read on for all things Mapplewells...

Attendance

The Importance of School Attendance

Our current school attendance after 16 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 - 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.



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 - Luca S

Birch - Savana

Elder - Bill

Elm - Toby

Hawthorn - Matilda

Hazel - Norah

Oak - Callum

Maple - Scarlett

Juniper - Alex

Pine - Ellie

Rowan - Madison

Willow - Gracie



Curriculum Update. New Term = New Enquiry

We are really excited about the new curriculum enquiries the children will be studying during the spring term. Our curriculum driver for this term is Geography, meaning all of our enquiries have this as a focus. All of the enquiries have been carefully planned and thought out by the school staff based on our curriculum principles of Memory, Opportunity, Vocabulary, Equality & Equity (MOVE).

Children will take part in a 'hook' event to introduce them to their new enquiry, have access to experts, read a range of informative and key texts and have a range of experiences to support their learning before presenting their new knowledge in their authentic outcome at the end of the enquiry.

Each of the enquiries is supported by a Knowledge mat. This contains all the new vocabulary, sticky knowledge and key facts the children will need to know for their enquiry journey. These can be found on the class pages¹ along with details of the autumn enquiries.

This term's enquiry questions are:

EYFS: What makes Britain Great?¹

KS1: What makes the UK unique?²

Yr 3/ 4: How can our planet show us anger?³

Yr 5/ 6: Is human need greater than others?⁴

Spring Newsletters

EYFS, KS1, Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 have now produced their Spring term newsletter. This contains a range of information relating to your children's classes.

This will include updates on what the children will be taught in all areas of the curriculum, home learning updates, PE days, forest school, swimming as well as information specific to each year group. Please take the time to read these carefully and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

A copy of each newsletter will be sent out on Class Dojo and will also be available on the class page on the school website. Follow the links above for this. If you would like a paper copy please contact your children's teacher.

¹<https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/f2-birch-elder/>

²<https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/year-12-elm-hawthorn-hazel/>

³<https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/year-3-4-oak-juniper-maple/>

⁴<https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/year-5-6-rowan-pine-willow/>



Internet Safety



<http://www.netsmartzkids.org>

Top Tips for Setting for Managing Screen Time

From using them for communication, work, shopping and entertainment, devices such as smartphones, laptops and the rest are now deeply ingrained into modern society. Small wonder, then, that young people – who've grown up surrounded by such gadgets – can sometimes struggle to put them down, switch them off or keep themselves occupied without them.

While limiting our screen time may require a great deal of restraint, the effort can be rewarded with significant benefits to our physical and mental health. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has simple tips for helping to manage the amount of screen time in your household – encouraging the whole family to spend more quality time together and live in the moment.



First admissions to school - September 2024

Monday 15 January 2024 - Closing date for applications for a school place for September 2024 for Reception (F2) to Year 3.

You may apply for a school place through Nottinghamshire County Council, even if the schools you want are outside Nottinghamshire.

Please visit their website for more details and to apply for a school place -

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/applying-for-a-school-place-september>



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)⁵ 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!



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.

⁵<https://flyinghighpartnership.my.canva.site/recruitmentevent24#workshops>



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.



Key dates

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

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
January	
Monday 15 th	Foundation afternoon tea
February	
Thursday 8 th	Valentine discos
Friday 9 th	Last day of Spring 1 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