



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 23rd November

Dear Parents and Carers,

IT seems the evenings are getting darker and there is a bit more chill in the air as we begin to look towards the festive period. Keep a close eye on newsletters and Dojos for the times and dates of important events coming up over the next few weeks.

Read on to find out more about more about all things Mapplewells...

[SUCCESS is in our hands...](#)

SUCCESS Stars of the Week Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their Class Teacher as 'SUCCESS star of the Week'. The children received their certificate in SUCCESS Assembly today.

Ash - Mollie
Birch - Theo
Elder - Ada
Elm - Ethan
Hazel - Maggie
Hawthorn - Kobi
Juniper - Micah
Maple - Lucy-Mae
Oak - Nicolas
Pine - Louie
Rowan - Riley
Willow - Freya



Attendance

The Importance of School Attendance

Our current school attendance after 10 weeks is 96% 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 - 98%

Hazel - 95%

Hawthorn - 95%

Oak - 96%

Maple - 96%

Juniper - 96%

Pine - 96%

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 96%, and strive to achieve 97% attendance.



EYFS visit to Sherwood Forest

We had such a fun day at Sherwood Forest! 🌳

We went on an Autumn scavenger hunt and found lots of different things in the forest. We used our artistic skills to create pictures using leaf rubbings. We went on a walk to find Robin Hood but we think the Sheriff had locked him in the dungeon! 🏰

The children were a credit to Mapplewells and we are all so proud of how not only they behaved whilst on our trip but also their engagement with the activities.

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the parents who volunteered and came with us, we appreciate your support as always. 💙

Well done F2! ⭐

















Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 8th December 3:30-5:30pm. We need of items for the following stalls:

- Toiletries-Bubble bath, shower gel etc
- Tinned and packet food items for hampers (to be in school by Friday 1st December)
- Teddy Bears
- Raffle Prizes
- Tombola Prizes
- Chocolate and Sweets (for tombola)
- Jumble and Books (no clothes or electrical items)
- Bottles of fizz
- Bottle Bags

This year we are introducing “Chocolate and Sweet Tombola” if you are able to, please assist us with this stall through donating any kind of chocolates and sweet. We appreciate anything you are able to donate! If you are able to donate any of the above items, please could you bring them into school by Monday 4th December.

We will have a lot on offer this year, including cones of chips and pizza which will be served from the kitchen. Yum Yum!

If you are able to support us in preparation for the fair beforehand and setting up for the fair from 1pm on Friday afternoon, please see Miss Christie. Any support is always appreciated.

Everyone should have received some raffle tickets. Please put the name and address of the person buying the ticket on the front of the stub of the raffle ticket and your child's name and class on the back of it for **each** ticket. Please go to Reception if you would like to buy more tickets!



The Big Ambition - Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition¹. Further resources are available on their website².

¹<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

²<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>



School Lunch Price Increase

On 6th October I let you know that Nottinghamshire County Council's formal decision to increase school meal prices was being considered under the Authority's call-in process. This process has now concluded, and they are now in a position to implement the proposed meal prices they had originally communicated in early September.

From Monday 4th December, Nottinghamshire County Council will change the price of a school meal for F1 and years 3 - 6 to £2.95.

For F2, Year 1 and Year 2, school meals are still free of charge under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.





Internet Safety



<http://www.netsmartzkids.org>

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday

Gone are the days of Black Friday only existing in the physical environs of the high street. Now, both this retail landmark and its sister event, Cyber Monday, see deals and discounts displayed across almost every online retailer. The array of reductions makes this an ideal moment to treat a loved one (or yourself!) to those treasured items for considerably less than their usual cost.

The frantic dash for the best bargains online, however, also harbours several risks: chiefly, cybercriminals hoping to exploit people's excitement and hoodwink them out of their hard-earned cash.



School Meal on 7th December 2023

On Thursday 7th December 2023 the children are expected back from the theatre slightly later than their usual lunchtime would begin. Due to the time constraints we will be offering a packed lunch as our school meal. The packed lunch will contain a sandwich, a flapjack, a packet of crisps and a piece of fruit

For F2 to Year 6 there will be ***no school hot dinners served on this day*** and all children will need to either order a packed lunch from the school kitchen or bring along their own packed lunch.

F2, Year 1 & Year 2 (and children entitled to income based free school meals): Your child is entitled to a free meals. If your child would like a free packed lunch to be provided by school, please indicate your child's choice by completing this survey <https://forms.office.com/e/UPmLnt60Lw>

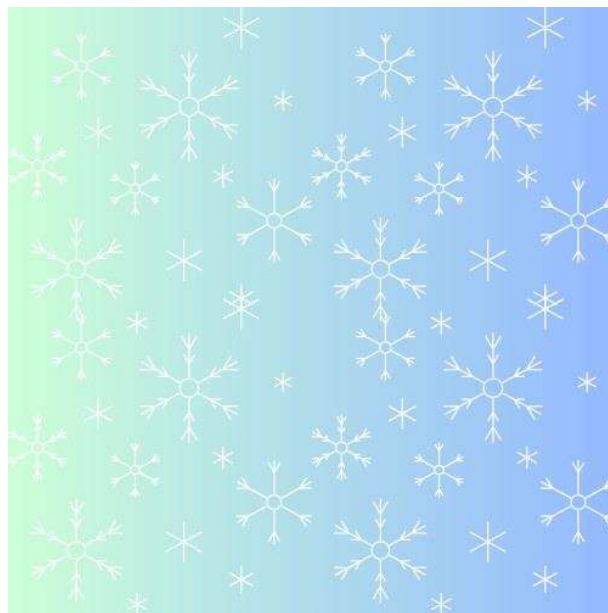
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6: The cost of a packed lunch is £2.95, unless your child is entitled to income based free school meals. If your child would like a packed lunch on this day you can make an online payment via ScoPay, our online payments system and indicate your child's choice of sandwich filling.

The deadline for ordering a school meal on this day is **10am on Wednesday 29th November 2023.**



Inclement weather

In the event that school is closed due to inclement weather we will notify parents and carers via text message. Could I please remind you to inform the School Office immediately if you change your mobile telephone number. Should we have any need to contact you regarding bad weather (fingers crossed this is not the case!) then this is the system by which we do so, therefore it is very important that you ensure that your details are always up-to-date. Our text messages are sent to contact 1 on our system.



Christingle celebrations

On Tuesday 5th December we will be holding our annual Christingle celebrations. Reverend Taylor of St Johns Church will be coming into school to host the special assemblies for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. As with previous years we will be providing the decorations for the Christingles, however we would ask if you could send your child to school with an orange to decorate on Monday 4th December.

Many thanks in advance - the Christingle celebrations are always very much enjoyed by the children and make a fabulous start to our school festivities.



Key Dates

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

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
December	
Tuesday 5 th	Christingle for EYFS , KS1 & KS2
Thursday 7 th	F2-Year 6 Pantomime trip
Friday 8 th	Christmas Fair
January	
Tuesday 9 th	KS2 VR workshop
February	
Monday 26 th	INSET day
March	
Thursday 28 th	school photos
Thursday 28 th	Last day of spring 2 term
April	
Thursday 18 th	Year 4 residential
May	
Thursday 9 th	Year 3 residential
Monday 20 th	Year 5 residential
Friday 24 th	INSET day
June	
Monday 3 rd	Year 6 residential
July	
Friday 26 th	Last day of summer 2 term

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Whittle

Headteacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher