



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of our first half-term already. It has been so busy and there has been so much happening. Once again, we are extremely proud of the children and how much progress they have. Looking at their wonderful work and seeing how much they enjoy their learning is amazing to see.

Please read on for the latest instalment of our newsletter...

Attendance

The Importance of School Attendance

Our current school attendance after 7 weeks is **95.54%** 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 - 94%

Elder - 94%

Elm - 98%

Hazel - 94%

Hawthorn - 94%

Oak - 95%

Maple - 95%

Juniper - 96%

Pine - 96%

Rowan - 96%

Willow - 96%

Well done to Elm class on their fantastic attendance this week and throughout this term.

Let's keep striving to improve our attendance, to continue to exceed that figure of 95%, and strive to achieve 97% attendance.



Punctuality

At Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School, we monitor punctuality as well as attendance. The law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as irregular attendance and parents may be prosecuted by the Local Authority if late arrival is not resolved. The school gates open daily at 8:30am. Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day



Foundation Illustrator visit

Last week F1 and F2 were very fortunate to have an illustrator come to visit. Karin Littlewood came into school and shared her illustrated story 'Immi' with the children. The children then worked alongside Karin to create their very own story necklaces. It was a very fun day!









Online Safety

What Parents Need to Know About Sharing Photos Online

One of the more heartwarming, life-affirming aspects of social media is being able to share special moments in our children's lives with family and friends: from the first day at school or blowing out birthday cake candles to smiling holiday selfies and cute Hallowe'en costumes. Is there, however, such a thing as too *much* sharing – and can it actually put children in danger?

With potential risks such as accidentally displaying identifying details (images showing where a child lives or what school they go to, for example) and photos being seen and saved by strangers, perhaps we need to take a little more caution over what we post and where we post it. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide runs through some safety considerations when sharing images

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

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, so they're better prepared. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips and top tips for adults.

Schools often have check-lists of milestones for your child and you may well be eager to share their achievements online. But before you do, it's important to think about the risks of sharing photos of your child online. This guide will help you understand the risks and how to keep your child safe when sharing photos of them online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY
Even with the right settings in place, uploading photos online to social media and apps where you can view your photos could take screenshots and screenshots can be shared elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important though, as it always helps to ensure your child's photos are not shared to people you don't want to see them. In this guide, you can learn more about how to control who can see your child's photos.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS
Social media is popular with kids, and your child could be encouraged to share photos of their school life, sports, hobbies, and other activities. It's important to be aware of what your child is sharing online, which could reveal personal details about their school and personal life. It's important to be aware of what your child is sharing online, which could reveal personal details about their school and personal life.

MISUSE OF IMAGES
Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can also be downloaded, copied, shared, and used without your consent. There's a potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases isn't legal) or even more inappropriate uses, such as impersonating or various forms of harassment.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could give an online predator with the kind of information they can exploit to get a child's trust. They might be able to convince the child or to take to another child. Remember, anyone a predator knows about a young person, the more likely it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE
When their parents or carers share photos of their child's achievements in a child's life, it can create pressure on the child to share photos of their own achievements. It's important to be aware of what your child is sharing online, which could reveal personal details about their school and personal life.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT
Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's digital footprint can be used to identify their interests and personality. It's important to be aware of what your child is sharing online, which could reveal personal details about their school and personal life.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location. Only family and trusted friends, family members, and settings should be family members. But there do make sure you check your settings regularly. It's also a good idea to talk to your child about their settings and how to manage their own social media when they're online.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be other children in the photo who you don't want to share their photos online. It's important to be aware of what your child is sharing online, which could reveal personal details about their school and personal life.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school, even if it's a house number, street name, or a car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, etc. If you really want to share a photo online, you could post a watermark or use a watermark, which can help to discourage people from using your photos without your permission.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Avoid any photos that could be used to identify your child. Once your child is online, you can't take back their photos. It's important to be aware of what your child is sharing online, which could reveal personal details about their school and personal life.

Meet Our Expert
Charlotte Baxendale is a parenting consultant with over 10 years' experience working with children, young people and families. She is a member of the National Online Safety team and has been featured in various media outlets.

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Foundation open evening

If you or someone you know has a child approaching school age, we would like to invite you to come to explore our fantastic Early Years Foundation stage on Thursday 16th November from 3.30 – 5.30 pm.



Is your child approaching school age?

If so, we would like to invite you to come and explore our fantastic Early Years Foundation stage.

There is no need to book to join us for this event. Simply arrive at our school office at Henning Lane where you will be greeted by our staff.

You are welcome to bring your child with you to explore the setting.

We look forward to meeting you!

Tel: 01623 455949
office@mapplewells.notts.sch.uk



Thursday 16th November from 3.30 – 5.30 pm

Car Parking

I would like to take the opportunity to inform our new families and to remind families who are already aware that parents should not park in the staff car park during pick up and drop off times. We have had instances of staff being unable to get in and out of the car park and there are only just enough spaces for staff to park.

Only parents or carers whose children have a blue badge can use the two allocated spaces within the staff car park.

Please do pass this information to on any family or friends who drop off or collect your child(ren).



Friends of Mapplewells

We are looking for new members to become part of the group to help with organising and attending fund raising events.

We meet once a month (a notice will go out for the next meeting) and we would really like for you to come along and meet us if you get the chance.

It is a great opportunity for you to get involved and meet other parents and also get to know the wonderful staff at Mapplewells School.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas Fair on 8th December. Please do let Miss Christie know if you can spare any time.



F2 & KS1 Phonics Coffee morning

Thank you so much to all the parents that attended the Phonics Coffee Morning this week. We talked everything phonics and even practised some sounding out and blending together. It was great to see everyone really engaging in the workshop and we hope it helpful tool for you supporting your child's reading at home



KS1 Phonics Open morning

We are really excited to inform you that we will be holding phonics open morning after the October break. This will be a chance to come into school and experience a phonics lesson with your child which we hope will be beneficial in supporting your child at home. We know the children will be so thrilled to show off their learning with you all so we hope you are able to attend.

Year 1: 15th November 9am

Year 2: 16th November 9am



Autumn Disco

Our Autumn discos this year will be held on **Thursday 9th November** and on this day children can come to school wearing a Halloween/Autumn costume or non- uniform.

There will be a charge of **£2.50** for the disco. If your child would like to attend, please make an online payment via ScoPay. **ALL** payments **MUST** be returned by **Wednesday 8th November at 9:00am**.

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 Friends of Mapplewells in decorating our school hall ready for the disco please see Miss Christie, they will be decorating from 9am on the day.



Instagram

You can now follow us on Instagram @mapplewellsprimaryandnursery



Key Dates

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

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
October	
Monday 16 th	F2 – Year 6 flu vaccinations
Wednesday 18 th	F2 & KS1 Phonics Coffee morning
November	
Monday 6 th	INSET day
Tuesday 7 th	First day of Autumn 2 term
Thursday 9 th	Autumn disco
Wednesday 15 th	Year 1 Phonics Open morning
Thursday 16 th	Foundation open evening
Thursday 16 th	Year 2 Phonics Open morning
Friday 17 th	Children in Need – dress in spots or pjs
Monday 20 th	F2 trip to Sherwood Forest
December	
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
May	
Thursday 9 th	Year 3 residential
Monday 20 th	Year 5 residential
Friday 24 th	INSET day
July	
Friday 26 th	Last day of summer 2 term

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Whittle
Headteacher

Mr Latkowski
Deputy Headteacher