



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very busy week at Mapplewells with lots taking going on. It has been wonderful to see the amazing learning taking place throughout the school. The children are making fantastic progress and should be very proud of how far they have come in a short space of time.

Read on for 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 from Mr Whittle in SUCCESS Assembly today.

Ash - Cole

Birch - Esme

Elder - Chester

Elm - Casey

Hazel - Shayla

Hawthorn - Kaison

Maple - Finley

Juniper - Abigail

Oak - Scarlett

Pine - Daisy-Rose

Rowan - Sophie

Willow - Luca

Attendance

The Importance of School Attendance

Our current school attendance after 5 weeks is 95.89% 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 - 94%

Oak - 95%

Maple - 97%

Juniper - 97%

Pine - 94%

Rowan - 97%

Willow - 95%

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.



Autumn Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our Autumn Parents' Evenings from 10th to 12th October 2023.

Appointments will be allocated for 10 minutes per child and give you the valuable opportunity to discuss all aspects of your child's progress, to ask any questions that you may have and also for the teachers to explain how you can support your child with their learning at home.

We are offering meetings as follows:

Tuesday 10th October - meetings in person at school

Wednesday 11th October - online meetings via Microsoft Teams

Thursday 12th October - meetings in person at school

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

For Year 5 and Year 6 you will see that there are 2 'events', please chose 1 event and 1 time slot only. This is so we can accommodate all pupils.

Should you have any queries please contact the Office.



School Lunch Price Increase - update

Last week I let you know that Nottinghamshire County Council would be changing the price of a school meal for F1 and years 3 - 6 to £2.95 from Monday 16th October.

This week they have written to advise that the formal decision of their Cabinet Member to increase school meal prices is now being considered under the Authority's call-in process. This means that at the moment they are not in a position to implement the decision to increase prices while they go through their governance processes. They are unable to say exactly when this matter will be resolved but will keep me updated on its progress.

What I can now confirm is that implementation of the price increases will not happen before the half term break.



Year 3/4 Stone Age settlement

On Tuesday, Year 3 and 4 became immersed in a replica Stone Age settlement. We learnt how to make dens to survive, identify which food Stone Age people ate, learnt about the Skara Brae settlements, and developed our knowledge of how they communicated through cave paintings. We also made Stone Age jewellery out of natural resources we could find, just like the Hunter-gatherers did.







Sports News

The new season got underway last week with our first football fixture of the season, a tough away game versus Kingsway School for our Year 5 & 6 Boys team.

Entertainment was high in an end to end game full of goals, including two excellent goals from Owen, an excellent goal by Harry, and some absolutely brilliant saves by Evan in net. The final score finished up at 5-3 to Kingsway, but although we didn't walk away with the points this time, the boys can all be proud of how brilliantly they played, the competitiveness they showed throughout, and the quality of football and teamwork they showed for the whole game. Here's looking forward to the reverse fixture in Spring back here at Mapplewells and the rest of the season ahead.

A big thank you also to all the parents who came to support the boys and help out with providing transport to and from the match.



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



Online Safety

What Parents Need to Know About Among Us

Created in 2018 by a small indie studio that (at the time) had only four employees, Among Us has become one of the gaming world's biggest breakout hits of recent years. In 2020, for example, it was the world's most-downloaded mobile game. Its simplicity helped Among Us to resonate with younger players in particular: the game's second largest audience slice is the 13–18 age bracket.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, please complete and return a registration form available from the school office.



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).



Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

What a fantastic day for MacMillan Cancer Support! We received lots of cakes and donations and it was lovely to see families and friends enjoying coffee and cake on Friday morning. Thank you to everyone who support this event today.



F2 & KS1 Phonics Coffee morning

On Wednesday 18th October, we will be holding a phonics coffee morning at 9am. This will be a chance for you to come into school and have a chat with the early reading team about all things phonics. We will be sharing the learning resources that we use in school and talking through how you can support your child at home with phonics and reading.

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



Harvest Festival 2023

Thank you for all the kind donations towards our Harvest Festival. We were very fortunate to be joined by Simon from ATFF who was blown away with the amazing donations we received. All of the collection has now been bagged up and is on its way to the local food bank.

Thank you once to our Mapplewellian community - your generosity is amazing.



Harvest Festival Assembly

F2 had a lovely morning learning about Harvest Festival. We talked about why we donate food to food banks and how this helps others. We ended the assembly by singing our harvest festival song 'Big Red Combine Harvester'.

Thank you for your support 🍊 🍎 🥔 🥕 🥬 🍌 🥦 🍌





Children in Need

Look SPOTacular to raise money! We will be joining in with BBC Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Children may come to school dressed in pyjamas or something spotted. You could go head-to-toe in spots or be more subtle with spotty socks instead. Whatever you decide please can pay a voluntary £1 donation in school or on your 'Scopay' account – please visit www.scopay.com/mapplewellspr1 Log on to your child's ScoPay account (please contact Reception if you need a Link Code). The Children in Need fundraiser is listed under Trips and Events.



School admissions consultation 2025-2026

Nottinghamshire's annual consultation on admission arrangements is now open. The County Council, as the admission authority for community and voluntary controlled schools, is required by the School Admissions Code to determine admission arrangements annually. Any changes have to be consulted upon prior to determination.

This year, the consultation for the admission arrangements for 2025-2026 for all community and voluntary controlled schools in Nottinghamshire will be open between **2 October 2023 and 26 November 2023**.

The full proposed arrangements are available on the NCC public website
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation¹

Have your say - It is important that all consultees have an opportunity to comment on the proposed arrangements if they wish to do so, comments can be made up to 26 November 2023 by:

- completing the online response form on the public website
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation²
- emailing admissionsconsultations@nottscc.gov.uk³

¹<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation>

²<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation>

³<mailto:admissionsconsultations@nottscc.gov.uk>



DEP/7955

Key information for 2025-2026

- > review of relevant areas
- > the proposed change to catchment area within the Gedling district (Chase Farm development)
- > the proposed changes to the Published Admission Number (PAN) at: Sir Edmund Hillary Primary and Nursery School and Walesby CofE Primary School



You can also respond by emailing:
admissionsconsultations@nottscc.gov.uk
quoting "Consultation 2025-2026"
in the subject header



REMINDER - flu vaccinations- 16th October 2023

It is now time for your child's yearly flu vaccination! The free seasonal flu vaccination is offered to all children and young people from F2 through to Year 6. Even if your child received this last year it is recommended, they have it again this year or they won't be protected. It is more important than ever, to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS. What do you need to do? You must complete one online consent form for each of your children. It is important every child has a completed form which states if you would like them to receive the flu vaccination or not.

The online consent form can be found through this link - <https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/7f838c0f4>

This link will close on 9th October 2023.



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. Details of the disco are as follows:

- **Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1** children– **2:00 to 3:00pm**- Children will attend their disco during the school day. If your child does not wish to attend, alternative provision will be made within school. After the disco the children will return to their classrooms to be collected at the end of the school day as normal. Children attending the F1 AM session can come back to school ready for the disco at 1:30 and should be collected at 3pm from the F1 gate.
- **Year 3 & 4** children– **3:00 to 4:00pm**- Children attending the disco will be taken on the hall for their disco by the teachers at 3pm. They will need to be collected from the playground at 4pm. Children not attending will be dismissed as usual at 3.15pm.
- **Year 5 & 6** children – **4:00 to 5:00pm**- Children attending the disco should enter through the school reception ready to be registered on the field by an adult, they will need to be collected from the main school hall at 5pm.

⁴<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/7f838c0f>

There will be a charge of **£2.50** for the discos, the children will be provided with sweets, a large cookie and a drink which will be served during the discos (please note the cookies may contain traces of nuts. If this causes any concern please see Miss Christie).

If your child would like to attend, please make an online payment via Tucasi ScoPay www.scopay.com/mapplewellspri⁵ using the instructions below:-

- Log on to your child's ScoPay account (please contact Reception if you need a Link Code)
- The Autumn disco is listed under Trips and Events
- If your child (F1 - Year 2) does not wish to attend the disco, provision will be offered within the classroom as normal. Please complete the consent form to let us know.

Please ensure you arrange for your child to be collected after their disco. Children are not permitted to walk home alone. **ALL** payments **MUST** be returned by **Wednesday 8th November at 9:00am**.

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 10:00pm on the day.



Key Dates

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

⁵<http://www.scopay.com/mapplewellspri>

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
October	
Tuesday 10 th	Parents' evening in person
Wednesday 11 th	Parents' evening virtual
Thursday 12 th	Parents' evening in person
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
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