



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Thursday 28th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wonderful week at Mapplewells, with so much happening and so much to look forward to. It has been brilliant walking around school, talking to the children and seeing how much pride they are taking in their learning and work.

We have a busy INSET planned for tomorrow, so we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Read on for all things Mapplewells...

Attendance

The Importance of School Attendance

Our current school attendance after 4 weeks is 95.98% 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 - 97%

Elder - 94%

Elm - 99%

Hazel - 96%

Hawthorn - 95%

Oak - 94%

Maple - 96%

Juniper - 96%

Pine - 94%

Rowan - 98%

Willow - 94%

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 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 Friday 29th September 2023.** You will receive an email from Primary Site, our web host, inviting you to book your slot.

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.



KS1 at Newstead Abbey

Last Friday KS1 had an amazing day at Newstead Abbey exploring what life was like in the Victorian era. We experienced what a Victorian classroom would be like, learning about the back straightner, the dunce hat and what kind of lessons they would have learnt. We also headed to the kitchen where we helped the cook to make butter. Then finally we went under the stairs with the servant maid who

showed us how to make herb bags that were used when people were feeling poorly. The children really were engaged in the day and took away lots of interesting learning.













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



School Lunch Price Increase

From Monday 16th October 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.



INSET Day - 29th September 2023

A reminder that due to staff training, school is closed on Friday 29th September



Online Safety

What Parents Need to Know About Data Storage and Backup

Most of us have experienced it at some point: the distressing discovery that we can't open one of our most important or treasured files – usually because of corrupted data, infection by malware or accidental deletion. A useful solution for keeping valued content safe is backing up files to another location, such as an external hard drive or a cloud-based account.

Keeping 'spare' copies of our essential information or precious pictures and videos is good digital practice, but it's not totally without risk. From inadvertently copying sensitive or infected files to cloud accounts being targeted by cyber-criminals, there are plenty of considerations to bear in mind. Check out our #WakeUpWednesday guide to data backups and storage.

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, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DATA BACKUPS AND STORAGE

Making backup copies of files and other content is very useful for avoiding issues (such as hardware failure, software problems or accidental deletion) that could cause the loss of important information or treasured images and videos, while backing up files is considered good practice. It's also essential for adults and children alike to stay aware of the risks which can potentially result from saving these extra copies of your data - particularly if your original backup version uses cloud storage services.

BACKUP BASICS

Consider how valuable different types of files are and what the impact would be if they were lost. Family photos and videos might be irreplaceable, for example, whereas emails or messages tend to be less important. This thought process can help you decide what to back up.

For your most irreplaceable files, follow the 3-2-1 rule: keep 3 backups of your data (your original plus two copies) using different media (such as a USB stick, cloud storage or a hard disk drive), with 1 copy held at a physically separate location. This reduces the chance of an issue affecting more than one of your backups.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

DISAGREEABLE DUPLICATES

Because we tend to back files up to cloud storage for very easy access, we can inadvertently end up with multiple copies of the same files in the saving process - causing a duplicate that we don't expect. If it's a file we want to delete, it's a bit of a mess. If it's a file we don't want to delete, it's a bit of a mess. If it's a file we don't want to delete, it's a bit of a mess.

HIDDEN IN THE CLOUD

It's not uncommon for children and young people to make use of cloud backup services to effectively 'hide' content that they know their parents or carers won't expect to find. Carers should be aware of this, as something could be hidden in the cloud that they don't expect to find. It's not uncommon for children and young people to make use of cloud backup services to effectively 'hide' content that they know their parents or carers won't expect to find.

THE WEAKEST LINK

If any of our backups are insecure, then - in the event of a breach - the weakest of our backups will be the one that is most vulnerable to compromise. Other criminals are aware that, by default, backups tend to be insecure and so they will target them - which makes them a popular (and potentially lucrative) target for cyber-attacks.

RANDOM RECOVERIES

When restoring data from one of our backups, we may find that some data is recovered which we haven't backed up. This doesn't necessarily mean that a backup has been tampered with, but it could potentially cause a problem if the files were there (either by accident or by design) and we weren't aware of them.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE ORGANISED

Try to keep on top of what backups you and your children have in place - including where your files are saved (on the cloud or on an external storage device, for instance) and how they can be accessed. It can also be helpful to stay aware of what data isn't being backed up, which could save you the time and the stress of looking for something in your backup that was never actually there.

KEEP THINGS TIDY

Where possible, curate your backups by learning how to edit or remove content selectively. The former will save you from having to carry out a complete backup on every occasion (which can be time-consuming), while being able to prune individual files can be extremely useful if a small number of unwanted - or possibly sensitive - items have been copied over and saved accidentally.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Find out how to recover files and information from backups until you're fully confident with the process. You could help your child practice with their own (or use a test) files, so they're able to restore items to their device if they need to. It's intensely frustrating knowing that your (or your child's) important files or cherished photo albums are there somewhere, but you can't get to them.

SCRUTINISE YOUR SECURITY

It sounds like obvious advice, but it's absolutely vital to ensure that your backups are secure. This includes appropriate technical measures - like encryption, strong passwords and multifactor authentication - and, where possible, physical security to prevent the media being stolen. If you're backing up to a hard drive or an external storage device, you should ideally use password protection.

Meet Our Expert

Only members of the Director of a large boarding school in the UK, Nicky has worked in IT for over 20 years. He has a wealth of experience in data backup and recovery, and is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars on the subject of data backup and recovery.

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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).



Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We will be celebrating the exemplary work of MacMillan on Friday 6th October. This will be a whole day of fundraising for this outstanding charity. Look at what your help can support:

£71 could help run their Online Community forum for over 3 hours. Typically, that would give nearly 198 people affected by cancer both emotional and practical support by providing a safe environment to share their experiences and emotions.

£100 could pay for a person affected by cancer to attend a health and wellbeing event, providing them with skills to improve the management of these areas in their lives.

So here is what we are doing on the day:

- Non – Uniform Day. You can pay a voluntary £1 donation in school or on your 'Scopay' account – please visit www.scopay.com/mapplewellspri¹ Log on to your child's ScoPay account (please contact Reception if you need a Link Code). The MacMillan fundraiser is listed under Trips and Events.
- Coffee Morning in school – we would love you to join us for coffee, cake and a biscuit with your friends and family. Please come along between 9:00 and 10:00am to the school hall. The Friends of Mapplewells are busy getting everything ready for what we are sure will be lovely morning.

¹<http://www.scopay.com/mapplewellspri>



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 - donation request

Simon Martin from ATTFE and the Let's All Eat foodbank has very kindly offered to come into school on Thursday 5th October to speak to the children about Harvest, the work of the foodbank and send a message out about removing the stigma of food poverty.

If you would like to contribute to our Harvest Festival collection supporting those in need, we are asking for donations of food to arrive in school from Wednesday 4th up to 12:00 midday on the Thursday 5th.



Key Dates

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

Diary Dates	
2023-24	
September	
Friday 29 th	INSET day
October	
Wednesday 4 th	(& up to 12:00 on the Thursday 5 th) Harvest Festival food donations
Friday 6 th	Macmillan's Coffee Morning
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
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
Friday 24 th	INSET day
July	
Friday 26 th	Last day of summer 2 term

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Whittle
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher